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THE AIR POWER LEAGUE Meeting of the Executive Board of Managers

A meeting of the Executive Board of Managers was held at 10:00 A. M., Eastern Daylight Saving Time at 570 Lexington Avenue, New York, N. Y., on June 2, 1947, pursuant to notice.

Present:

Messrs. Bell
Carroll
Davison
C. S. Jones
Sullivan
Weatherhead
Wilson

Present by Invitation:

Messrs. Echols
Kerlin
Kettering
Squier
Miss Swann

Absent:

Mr. Rickenbacker

Mr. Wilson presided and Miss Swann, acted as Secretary.

The Chairman stated that a quorum was present and that the meeting was duly organized.

The Chairman called upon Mr. Kettering to report on the results of the educational survey conducted by him at the request of the League. Mr. Kettering stated that the survey of the aircraft industries to ascertain the requirements for technically trained personnel and the survey of the technical schools and universities to ascertain their capacity to produce such men had been made and that a presentation had been prepared setting forth the findings and recommendations with respect thereto. Mr. Kettering called upon Mr. Squire to make the presentation and

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concluded that the League could accomplish the following to improve the standards of training of technical personnel, and to coordinate the training of technical personnel with the requirements of the aircraft industry:

1. Produce a statement of the aircraft industry's educational needs from the survey, supported by representatives from industry.
2. Bring about an interpretation of industry's needs to the educators who will in turn examine their curricular to determine if changes are required.
3. Where changes are necessary and new text material is needed, the League might help in the procurement of such text.
4. Promote cooperative education between strategically located schools and the aircraft plants, air lines and research laboratories.
5. Promote "Lectureship" and internship by professional people in aviation with strategically located schools and industries.
6. Provide for scholarships and fellowships in aviation, education and research when such financial aid is considered feasible.

Mr. Kettering pointed out that there was a great need to stimulate the interest of young people in the principles of flight and technical matters related to flight. He stated that it was necessary to keep this interest at a fever heat at all stages of education and in this connection recommended a program to encourage model airplane buildings and operations. He pointed out that the League could foster standardization

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with respect to model building, the preparation of text books and information intelligible to all levels of education and the general fostering of interest in model airplane building. He recommended a program to include the following five points:

1. Sponsorship of local, state and national model airplane contest.
2. Advice and counsel to model builders on construction problems.
3. Promotion of teacher training for model builders' group.
4. Promotion of airplane model builders' club, especially for the younger boys.
5. Provide a means of locating talent which at a later date may be considered for scholarships or fellowships in aeronautical fields.

Thereupon a discussion ensued as to the manner of implementing the recommendations made by Mr. Kettering. It was pointed out that the National Aeronautic Association had a division dedicated to model building and that it was the sense of the meeting that the League should not be put in competition with the National Aeronautic Association, but should assist and supplement the National Aeronautic Association in the development of the program.

On motion duly seconded and carried, it was unanimously

RESOLVED, that the two programs recommended by Mr. Kettering in connection with the training of technical personnel and coordinating the training programs of scientific institutions with the requirements of the aeronautic industries be put into effect.

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RESOLVED, that Mr. Squier be invited to continue as a member of the staff of the League to implement the programs proposed by Mr. Kettering.

The Chairman then called on Mr. Carroll to make a report on the progress made in connection with the affiliation of certain aviation organization with the League. Mr. Carroll outlined the efforts which had been made to affiliate the Aircraft Industries Association of America, Inc., the Air Transport Association and the National Aeronautic Association with the League and stated that there had been general agreement on a proposal for affiliation which provided that each organization retain its own officers and its own functions with the principal officers of the affiliated organizations sitting on the Board of Governors or the Executive Board of Managers of the League. He stated that all concerned had agreed that the name of the League should be changed to The National Air Council. Mr. Carroll called on Mr. Sullivan to report on the meetings which he had had with the heads of the various air organizations and stated that Mr. Sullivan was responsible for bringing about agreement among the organizations which were to affiliate with the League. Mr. Sullivan stated that the present charter and by-laws of the League had been used as a starting point for the charter and by-laws of The National Air Council and that with very few changes, he had been able to get the agreement of the various organizations to be affiliated with the League.

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The Chairman then stated that it was in order to take appropriate steps to elect General Oliver Echols, President of Aircraft Industries Association of America, Inc. to the Board of Governors of the League as a Representative Governor. Thereupon General Echols was nominated and on motion duly made and unanimously carried was declared elected as a Representative Governor on the Board of Governors of the League.

Thereupon, Mr. Wilson withdrew from the meeting and General Davison, the President, took the chair.

The Secretary then presented the balance sheet of the League as of April 30, 1947, which was reviewed by the Board and ordered filed with the minutes of the meeting.

The President then requested the Board to give consideration to possible candidates for the position of Executive Vice President and to be prepared to make suggestions at the next meeting of the Executive Board of Managers.

Colonel Smart was called upon to review the AAF Reserve Training Program. Colonel Smart stated that the Army Air Forces were making efforts to set up air defense units and that industry would be called upon to assist in this regard. He requested that the members of the League ~~be requested to~~ aid in this program.

Mr. Carroll then inquired whether the Board considered it timely to take steps to change the name of the League to The National Air Council and to call a meeting of the members to make appropriate changes in the Constitution. After discussion, it was agreed that this matter should await the approval of the