

THE NATIONAL AIR COUNCIL

Special Meeting of the Executive Board of Managers

A special meeting of the Executive Board of Managers was held on August 4, 1947 at 4:30 P.M. in the Theodore Roosevelt Memorial Hall, American Museum of Natural History, pursuant to notice.

Present

Executive Board of Managers

Messrs. Bell  
Carroll  
Davison  
Pogue  
Sullivan  
Weatherhead  
Wilson

Absent:

Messrs. C.S. Jones  
Rickenbacker

Present

Board of Governors

Messrs. Echols  
Land  
Kettering  
Vandeburg

Present by invitation

Messrs. Newman  
Smart  
Squier  
Miss Swann

Mr. Wilson presided and Miss Swann acted as Secretary. The Chairman stated that a quorum was present and that the meeting was duly organized.

Miss Swann presented to the meeting a copy of the Notice of Meeting and a copy of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Council, containing the proposed amendments to be acted on at the meeting, together with a letter, dated July 22, 1947, signed by the President of the Council, explaining the purposes of the meeting and the amendments proposed to be made in such Constitution and By-Laws, and stated that such Notice, proposed Constitution and By-Laws and letter, had been duly mailed to each member of the Executive Board of Managers and to each member of the Board of Governors on July 22, 1947, and that an affidavit of such mailing would be filed with the records of the Council.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was

RESOLVED that the Notice of Meeting, letter, and proposed Constitution and By-Laws be filed with the minutes of this meeting.

The Chairman called attention to the balance sheet of the Council as of July 31, 1947, which was reviewed by the Board and ordered filed with the minutes of the meeting.

The Board then proceeded to consider the appointment of an Executive Vice-President to conduct the affairs of the Council, and for this purpose, went into Executive Session. Mr. Sullivan, Miss Swann, and the Messrs. Newman, Smart and Squier withdrew from the meeting. The names of a number of candidates and the availability and qualifications were discussed. As several of the candidates proposed were not known to some of the Managers present, it was determined that the appointment of an Executive Vice-President should be delayed until a further meeting to be called on September 8 next. The following resolution was moved and seconded:

RESOLVED that the Chairman be and he hereby is authorized to appoint a Committee of three members of the Board of Managers to further canvass the candidates who might be available for this position of Executive Vice-President, and to report to the Board their recommendations at the next meeting.

In accordance with such resolution, the Chairman appointed General Davison and the Messrs. Pogue and Carroll as such Committee, and instructed them to report to the Board at its next meeting.

Mr. Sullivan and Miss Swann, and the Messrs. Newman, Smart and Squier thereupon returned to the meeting.

The Board then considered the amendment of the Constitution and By-Laws of The National Air Council. A copy of the proposed

Constitution and By-Laws, as mailed to each member of the Boards of Managers and Governors, was presented to the meeting, and the purposes of the proposed amendments were stated by Mr. Carroll and discussed. On motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously

RESOLVED that the amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws of The National Air Council, as proposed in the draft thereof accompanying the Notice of this meeting, be and the same hereby are in all respects approved, and that said Constitution and By-Laws be and the same hereby are amended to read as follows: (Copies previously distributed to members of the Boards of Managers and Governors).

Mr. Kettering was called upon to present his recommendations for educational projects to be undertaken by the League, based upon comments made by the members of the Board after the recommended projects had been distributed for the Board's detailed study. Excerpts of the letters of comment were read by Mr. Squier. Admiral Land stated that the Air Transport Association feels that the plan is sound in intent, particularly if pursued under the proper auspices with a high degree of administrative and technical leadership. He further stated that several of the airlines have first-class education divisions already functioning, as do the CAA and other aeronautical organizations, with the result that a great deal of material is now being turned over to educational institutions throughout the country. He stated that there is undoubtedly considerable duplication of effort and that coordination of effort is of the utmost importance.

Mr. Kettering stated that his recommended program is a framework on which to build and that it would add to, rather than duplicate, programs already in effect. He expressed the belief that because of the impartial status of the Council, the Council's help to the schools would be welcomed rather than resented, as is the case with industrial

assistance.

After full discussion, on motion duly made and seconded,  
it was unanimously

RESOLVED, that full implementation of the educational program be postponed until the appointment of an Executive Vice-President, so that the Board might have the benefit of his advice and suggestions; provided, however, that Mr. Squier be requested to proceed with his work in connection with this program and be authorized to take such preliminary and exploratory steps as might be useful in the further consideration of this program.

At General Davison's suggestion, further discussion of the future program of the Council was also postponed until the election of an Executive Vice-President.

Mr. Sullivan was called upon to discuss the affiliation of Air Force Association with the Council. He stated that he had an appointment with Colonel Fitch of AFA the following day, since General Doolittle had delegated to Colonel Fitch the responsibility of providing for the affiliation. General Echols expressed the belief that General Doolittle is enthusiastic about the proposed affiliation, but that since he is soon retiring as President of the AFA, he believes that his successor should be appointed to the Board of The National Air Council.

General Echols stated that the west coast division of Aircraft Industries Association had approved its affiliation with the Council at a recent meeting and that it was his belief that the eastern division would approve it at a meeting to be held August 15.

General Davison stated that the Air Power Club of Paterson, New Jersey, had been highly successful in its activities, and that

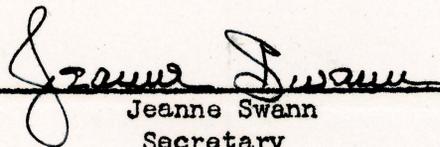
up to the last meeting of this Board, the Council had not been called upon to advance any funds for its assistance. After said meeting, it appeared that the Club would require some assistance in financing the Newark celebration of Air Force Day, and the officers of the Council had granted to it the sum of \$250 for this purpose. He now requested approval of this action.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

RESOLVED, that the action of the officers in granting the sum of \$250 to the Air Power Club of Paterson, New Jersey, to assist in financing the Newark celebration of Air Force Day be and the same hereby is approved.

The date of the next meeting of the Council was fixed for Monday, September 8, 1947, to be held at the same time and place, and it was determined that the date for the annual meeting of members should be fixed at this meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting thereupon adjourned.

  
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Jeanne Swann  
Secretary