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Meeting of the Executive Board of Managers
The Air Power League

A meeting of the Executive Board of Managers was held at 4:30 P.M., Eastern Standard Time at the American Museum of Natural History on January 20, 1947, pursuant to notice.

Present:

Messrs. Bell
Carroll
Davison
Sullivan
Vandeburg
Weatherhead
Wilson

Present by Invitation:

Messrs. Kerlin
Frazer
Miss Swan

Absent:

Mr. Rickenbacker

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

The minutes of the meeting of the Board held November 4, 1946 were unanimously approved.

The secretary submitted a balance sheet and statement of income and expenditures for the period from January 1, 1946 to December 31, 1946, which was, after discussion, approved and ordered filed with the minutes of this meeting.

Mr. Davison then stated that efforts had been made to bring about coordination among the various air

organizations and that to date all efforts had failed. He called upon Mr. Carroll to report on the results of a meeting held in the office of General Spaatz in Washington on January 6th at which representatives of Air Force Association, Air Reserve Association, Civil Air Patrol and Air Power League were present. Mr. Carroll reported that representatives of the foregoing organizations agreed that an Air Council should be instituted to coordinate the efforts of each organization. Mr. Carrol stated that it was the view of the meeting in Washington that General Davison, representing the League, should be the chairman of the Air Council. After discussion it was on motion duly seconded and carried:

RESOLVED, that General Davison represent the Air Power League on an Air Council made up of representatives of Air Force Association, Air Reserve Association, Civil Air Patrol, The Air Power League and such other organizations as may be requested to join the Council, it being the intention that the Council will assist in coordinating all air agencies to the end of securing maximum support of civilian and military aviation.

Mr. Davison stated that the Air Force Association and Air Affairs had each asked him whether it would be possible to have the League advance to them respectively considerable sums of money stated to be required by them to carry on their present activities, repayment to be made

at such time as these organizations became able to meet their expenses from their own resources.

Mr. Davison stated that a representative of the Air Force Association had stated that any loan would be personally endorsed by responsible individuals and the president stated that he could not recommend approval of the proposition without such endorsement. The treasurer of the Air Force Association was to submit a definite proposition for the meeting, but inasmuch as no such proposition was submitted, no action was taken. After discussion it appeared to be the opinion of a majority of the Board that such a loan should not be made at this time under any condition.

Insofar as Air Affairs is concerned, in view of the drastic policy of retrenchment adopted by The Air Power League for the present it was deemed inadvisable to advance the sums requested by Air Affairs, and it was so voted by the Board of Managers.

Mr. Davison stated that Mr. Frazer, Secretary and Assistant Treasurer of the League had tendered his resignation. He stated that Mr. Frazer's services had been of great value to the League and that he had produced much creative work during his period of service with the League. After discussion it was on motion duly made, seconded and carried:

RESOLVED, that Mr. Frazer's resignation to take effect on January 31, 1947 be accepted with regret and with the sincere appreciation of the entire Board for his valued services to the League.

The Secretary submitted a budget as of April 1, 1947 covering the ensuing year's activities of the League. The budget was ordered filed with the minutes of this meeting. Mr. Davison stated that the budget submitted represented a drastically curtailed program which he deemed advisable for the League to pursue for the time being due to the lack of coordination and cooperation among the various air agencies. On motion duly seconded and carried it was:

RESOLVED, that the budget as of April 1, 1947 now submitted to this meeting be and hereby is in all respects approved.

RESOLVED, that expenditures not to exceed \$2,000.00 per month commencing April, 1, 1947 be and hereby are authorized.

Mr. Davison stated that in conformity with the new budget he deemed it advisable to reduce the present paid staff of the League to Miss Jeanne Swann and Mrs. Clare Twombly. He recommended that Miss Swann be appointed to the office of Secretary and Assistant Treasurer and that separation pay in the sum of three weeks salary be allowed to all employees leaving the employ of the League. It was on motion duly made, seconded and carried:

RESOLVED, that Miss Jeanne Swann be appointed Secretary and Assistant Treasurer of the League.

RESOLVED, that three weeks separation pay be granted to all employees leaving the service of the League.

Mr. Davison stated that Hans Christian Adamson, who in the past volunteered his services as public relations counselor, agreed to work on a volunteer basis as Assistant to the President. The Board approved this appointment on a volunteer basis.

Mr. Davison stated that he expected to be absent during the months of February and March and recommended that Mr. Sullivan be appointed Acting Vice President of the League during his absence. On motion duly made, seconded, and carried it was:

RESOLVED, that John Dwight Sullivan be and he hereby is appointed Acting Vice President of the League.

Mr. Davison recommended that consideration be given to the election of Franklin d'Olier and Charles S. Jones to the Executive Board of Managers. After discussion on motion duly seconded and carried it was:

RESOLVED, that Franklin d'Olier and Charles S. Jones be and hereby are elected to Executive Board of Managers of the League to serve in the class of Managers of 1949.

There being no further business the meeting, on motion, adjourned.

C. D. Frazer
Charles D. Frazer
Secretary and Assistant Treasurer