

Minutes of the Executive Committee
Meeting of the Air Power League,
held in Room 4002 of the General
Electric Building, 570 Lexington
Avenue, New York City, Tuesday,
November 20, 1945

Present: Messrs. Wilson
Bell
Bierwirth
Carroll
Damon
Jones, W. Alton
Russell
Angus

It was stated that the meeting had been called for the purpose of determining a matter of major policy, namely whether the Air Power League should endorse and support the creation of a department of national defense with the co-equal status of army, navy and airforce. It was pointed out that the strictly political aspects of a unified department of defense were not within the province of the League, except as they bore directly upon the position of the Air Arm. On the other hand, the primary purpose of the League was to assure that the Air Arm, which had so conclusively demonstrated its importance both on land and sea in the present war, should not again be relegated to a subordinate position, but should in any plan of national defense enjoy a status at least co-equal with the army and navy.

After full discussion it was unanimously

RESOLVED, that the Air Power League unqualifiedly endorse the establishment of a department of national defense with co-equal status for Army, Navy and Air Force.

As this decision of the Executive Committee involved a question of major policy, the Executive Vice President was directed, before the announcement of the League's position, to submit the resolution by telegraph to all the directors with the request that they indicate their dissent or approval.

On motion duly made and seconded the following resolutions were unanimously adopted.

RESOLVED, that the Executive Vice President be and hereby is authorized to confer with any committees having for their purpose support of the position of the League.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that an amount not exceeding \$50,000 be appropriated for the conduct of a campaign of education regarding the position of the airforces both land and seaborne in the plan for national defense, provided, however, that all expenditures should be subject to approval of the President and Treasurer of the League in consultation with its counsel.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

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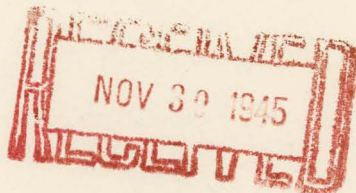
RESOLVED, that the Air Power League unqualifiedly endorse the establishment of a department of national defense with co-equal status for Army, Navy and Air Force.

It was directed that telegraphic approval of this resolution be requested of the directors and that any statement of the League's position be announced after consultation with the Army Air Forces.

On motion duly made and seconded, the executive vice president was directed to serve on any committees of strategy that General Spaatz might designate.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was

RESOLVED, that up to \$50,000 would be spent in support of the campaign for a department of national defense but that all expenditures would be subject to approval by the president and treasurer in consultation with the counsel of the League.



Howard W. Angus
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