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Reports  
on the present situation of the  
"Roerich Pact"  
in the League of Nations

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on the present situation of the ROERICH PACT PROJECT in the  
LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

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( N.B. ) This report consists exclusively of quotations from official documents issued by the League of Nations. )

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*I. First Stage of Proceedings.*

M E E T I N G

of the Executive

of the INTERNATIONAL MUSEUM'S OFFICE

May 29-30, 1930.

*International  
Museums'  
Office of  
the League  
of Nations.*

The Executive of the International Museums' Office held its second meeting on May 29, in Paris and on May 30, in Mons ( Belgium ) M. Jules Destree acted as Chairman of the meeting at which the following were present : Sir Cecil Harcourt Smith, inspector of H/M, the King of England's Works of Art; MM. Dupierreux, Professor at the Higher Institute of the Fine Arts, Antwerp; R. Graul, Director of the Art Museums of Leipzig; Jean Guiffrey, Curator of the Louvre Museum; Attilio Rossi, General Inspector of the Fine Arts, Italy, and M. E. Foundoukidis, Secretary of the International Museums Office. M. von Schmieden represented the Secretariat of the League of Nations.

A general report on the activity of the Office was submitted by the Secretary. The Executive having discussed the various questions on the Agenda, adopted the following resolutions unanimously :

VIII . - PROPOSED INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION TO PROTECT MUSEUMS, COLLECTIONS OF ART AND MONUMENTS, IN TIME OF WAR.

The Executive took cognizance of a draft international convention for the protection of museums, collections and monuments of art, in time of war. It recommended that a convention of this nature be put into force. It instructs the Secretary of the International Museums' Office to request the members of the Advisory Committee of Experts, to authorise him to join their signatures to those of its members, so as to give more weight to their recommendation, on this subject.

( MUSEION, published by the International Museums Office, volume XI, No 2, 1930. pages 188, 189, 191 and 192. )

II. Second Stage of Proceedings.

The above-mentioned resolution has been reported to the Sub-Committee on Arts and Letters of the International Committee on Intellectual Coöperation ( Geneva, July 1930 )

*Sub-Committee on Arts and Letters of the League of Nations.*

The report is recorded in the " Minutes of the Twelfth Session of the International Committee on Intellectual Coöperation, held at Geneva from Wednesday July 23rd, to Tuesday July 29th. ( Official No C. 428.M.192. 1930.XII.C.I.C.I. 12th Session P.V. Geneva August 13th, 1930. Series of League of Nations publications, XII A. Intellectual Coöperation 1930 XII A.2. Annex 10, report of the Bureau of the International Museums' Office, p. 137 )

( C. 38. 1930. § 15 ) :

15 - INTERNATIONAL PROTECTION OF MUSEUMS' COLLECTIONS AND WORKS OF ART IN TIME OF WAR - The Bureau noted with great interest a draft international convention for the protection of Museums' collections and works of Art in time of war. It expressed the hope that it would be possible to conclude such a convention.

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ANNEX 9 . C.I.C.I. / L.A. 26. p. 134.

The work of the Sub-Committee on Arts and Letters has been reported to the plenary Session of the International Committee on Intellectual Coöperation.

Work of the Sub-Committee on Arts and Letters.

Report on the Seventh Session held at Geneva from July 18th to July 21st 1930, submitted to the International Committee by M. Jules Destrée.

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The Sub-Committee on Arts and Letters sat at Geneva from July 18th to 21st, 1930.

There were present :

Letters Section : M. Jules Destrée ( Chairman ), M. Jelinek, M. Kippenberg, M. Salvador de Maderiaga, M. de Reynold, Mademoiselle Hélène Vacaresco, M. Paul Valéry.

Art Section : M. Baud-Bovy, Mr. Edward J. Dent, M. Focillon, M. Graul, Sir Cecil Harcourt-Smith.

M. Vittorio Rossi and M. Toesca were replaced respectively by

M. Ussani, professor of Latin languages and literature at the University of Rome, and Comm. Colasanti, ex-Director of Fine-Arts at the Ministry of Education, Rome.

The Sub-Committee held six meetings, the discussions reaching a high level of interest.

II - ARTISTIC QUESTIONS.

3 ) International Museums' Office.

The whole of the resolutions adopted during the year 1929-1930 by the Bureau of the Office have been communicated to the Sub-Committee on Arts and Letters. These resolutions did not give rise to any observations, except that one Member ( M. de Maderiaga ) said that he was profoundly sceptical of the efficacy of an international convention for the protection of works of Art in war-time; on the other hand, he thought that attention should be paid to the possibility of protecting works of Art from both profiteers and vandals in peace-time. The resolutions, together with with draft statutes and a draft budget, are to be found in Annex IO. The former recommend, with full approval, the continuation of the work begun, and also indicate a whole series of new tasks which it will be possible to carry out next year, if the Office has sufficient staff and funds.

III. Third Stage of Proceedings.

Plenary Session of the International Committee on Intellectual Cooperation of the League of Nations.

The report of the Sub-Committee on Arts and Letters, as quoted above, has been submitted to the plenary meeting of the International Committee on Intellectual Coöperation at the Eleventh meeting, July 1930, at 3.30 p.m. ( N° 420. p. 97 ) which took cognizance of it and recorded it in its minutes. The said minutes have been distributed to the Council and the Members of the League.

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Geneva, August 13th, 1930.

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INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE ON INTELLECTUAL CO-OPERATION.

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Report of the Sub-Committee on Arts and Letters, p. 97.

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9. Report on the Seventh Session of the Sub-Committee on Arts and  
Letters, p. 134.

10. Report of the Bureau of the International Museums' Office, p. 137

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*N.B. This is a copy of the front page of the publication issued by the League of Nations and which contains the texts of the Resolutions and Reports pertaining to the Roerich Pact. Dr. George J. Chakrav.*