

RECORD OF CONVERSATION  
BETWEEN MR. HENDERSON AND DR. LANGE  
on Thursday Nov. 23rd

ATTENDED BY MR. AGHNIDES AND MR. ZILLIACUS.

Dr. Lange came to see the President immediately after Dr. Benès left and asked an interpretation of the statement made to the Bureau in connection with the tasks entrusted to the Rapporteurs.

The President explained how he himself was a Rapporteur on questions of Guarantees of Execution, and how the departure of the heads of delegations rendered that task difficult.

Dr. Lange then gave an account of his conversations with the French, the English, the Italians, the Americans and the Japanese. There were of course great difficulties both as regarded civil aviation and as regarded bombing from the air, which was supported not only by the English but also by the Italians, who thought it a convenient weapon in the Libyan Desert against the aborigines. However, that might not be an official view, but simply the view of the military expert. The English would not in the end maintain their positions if the acceptance of the Convention should be jeopardised by this unique point. The President confirmed this.

Dr. Lange asked the President if he should present a report to him on the outcome of his conversations, and the President welcomed the suggestion.

The delegate of Norway took leave of the President, promising to hand him his report before leaving Geneva, as he had to in view of the fact that Mrs. Lange needed some change of air. He did not, on the other hand think the Norwegian Government would wish him to stay longer in Geneva.