

MINUTES OF MEETING OF COUNCIL OF VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS FOR
CHILD EMIGRATION HELD AT OVER-SEAS LEAGUE, ST. JAMES'S, S.W.1.
ON TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 1951, at 2.30 p.m.

1. PRESENT:

Australian Catholic Immigration Committee:	The Reverend W.A. Nicol and Miss Caming.
Dr. Barnardo's Homes:	Mr. T.F. Tucker.
Big Brother Movement:	Lt. Col. H.N. McClogg.
Catholic Child Welfare Council:	The Very Rev. Canon Wm. Flint.
C of E. Advisory Council of Empire Settlement:	Miss E.F. Jones.
Church of Scotland Social Services;	The Revd. Lewis L. Cameron
Fairbridge Society:	Mr. W.R. Vaughan
Middlemore Emigration Homes:	Mr. R. Plenderleith
National Children's Home:	Miss M.L. Coleman
Northcott Children's Emigration Fund:	Miss Vera Grenfell
Over-Seas League:	Major Cyril Bavin
Rhodesia Fairbridge Memorial College:	General Hawthorn
Salvation Army:	Major A. Carr
Y.M.C.A. Community Services:	Mr. J.C. Greenwood

and Miss D.R. Hall, Hon. Secretary.

2. APOLOGY: Mr. R.B. Taylor (N.Z. Sheep Owners' Acknowledgment of Debt to British Seamen Fund) owing to illness.

3. CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME TO DELEGATES AND REMARKS: The Chair was taken Major Bavin who, in welcoming the delegates, gave credit to Mr. Vaughan who, supported by Sir Charles Hambro, had brought the Association into being. All might feel proud that this Association had been formed so that - with one voice - a reply might be made to those who would seek to obstruct child emigration. Another great advantage was that the Organisations represented would become acquainted with one another and instead of each working in water-tight compartments, the experience of all could be pooled to advantage. The question of the name of the Association would be considered under item 3 on the Agenda; and under item 5, it would have to be decided whether the Association wanted a President and whether a permanent Chairman should be elected. Major Bavin suggested that it might be well to form a sub-Committee to deal with the question of publicity. He then read a letter from Mr. Prestige, of the Home Office - addressed to Mr. Vaughan - which mentioned that the new Association would fill a definite gap and that "the interchange of ideas between Societies, with diverse experience cannot but promote the welfare of all the children and, at a lower level, it will be very convenient to the Home Office to be able to consult one body which can speak for everybody in this field".

Major Bavin wished the new Association every success and pledged himself and the Over-Seas League to do everything possible to ensure its prosperity.

4. CONFIRMATION OR CHANGE OF NAME OF ASSOCIATION: Although members agreed with the Chairman that possibly the title suggested was rather lengthy, the general feeling was that description of the activities of the Association must not be sacrificed for the sake of brevity. After discussion it was finally agreed that the word Council might be preferable to the word Association, that Organisations might be a more appropriate word than Societies and Emigration - as indicating that the children were sent for permanent settlement - would be better than Migration.

The name of the Association would therefore be:
THE COUNCIL OF VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS FOR CHILD EMIGRATION.