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*(16) Unit Contribution*

In presenting proposals of the Executive Committee that the unit contribution should be increased, R. C. EVANS explained that it was the view of the Executive Committee that the growing work of the Union made more frequent meetings of the Committee imperative. There was, moreover, increasing activity on the part of the non-publishing Commissions, which would involve increased expenditure from the General Fund. Finally the Executive Committee believed that the financial stability of the Union depended on its being more nearly self-supporting in its affairs and independent of subventions from outside bodies, subventions which were outside of its control and liable to fluctuate considerably from year to year. For these reasons the Executive Committee proposed an increase in the unit contribution to the gold equivalent of £20.

The proposal was carried *nemine contradicente*.

*(17) Future structure of the International Council of Scientific Unions*

A proposal to reorganize the International Council of Scientific Unions and to group Unions into Federations was discussed. The General Assembly was of the opinion that these proposals did not solve the problems facing the Council and that the proposed structure would not be in the interests of the International Union of Crystallography.

*(18) Fourth General Assembly*

It was agreed to accept the invitation of the Canadian National Research Council to hold the Fourth General Assembly in Canada in 1957.

*(19) Votes of thanks*

J. M. BLIJOET expressed the thanks of the Union to the retiring Officers and members of the Commissions. G. HÄGG thanked the retiring President for his services to the Union during his period of office.

**Third International Congress**

(1) The principal business of the Congress was conducted at a number of morning and afternoon sessions at which invited review lectures were delivered and short original papers were read. At each session the presentation of the papers was followed by an informal discussion. Abstracts of the lectures and papers are printed elsewhere in this issue.

An exhibition of apparatus and of scientific publications was held throughout the Congress, and visits were arranged to academic and industrial laboratories in the Paris area.

(2) During the Congress a programme of social events was organized for the members. On 22 July a visit was paid to the Department of Greek and Roman Antiquities at the Louvre. On 23 July Messrs Philips entertained members to a film show and reception at the Maison de la Chimie. During the week-end 24-25 July excursions were arranged to the châteaux of the Loire and to Fontainebleau, Reims, Chartres and Malmaison, and sight-seeing tours were held in Paris. On 26 July a reception was held in the Palais de la Découverte, where the planetarium was demonstrated. On 27 July a banquet was given in the Orangerie of Versailles Palace and was followed by a performance 'Son et Lumière' in the park.

(3) A further programme of social events was arranged for the passive members. This included sight-seeing tours in Paris, visits to Royaumont, Chantilly and the Zoological Gardens of Vincennes, and a fashion display.

**Symposia**

The procedure at the Symposia followed closely that at the Congress, and at each session the presentation of papers was followed by informal discussion. Abstracts of the papers are printed elsewhere in this issue.

**Geological Excursions**

(1) On 31 July a number of members visited the clay deposits at Provins under the guidance of A. Jourdain,