

PRESIDENCY OF THE SECOND OPIUM
CONFERENCE

November 17, 1924

The Secretary-General of the League of Nations has
the honour to distribute for the information of the delegates of
the
/Second International Opium Conference

a) an extract from the minutes of the sixteenth meeting
of the thirtieth session of the Council held on September
29th, 1924, regarding the appointment of the President of
the Conference:-

"APPOINTMENT OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECOND
INTERNATIONAL OPIUM CONFERENCE.

In view of the fact that the Second International
Opium Conference, to be held in November 1924, was
a general Conference, to which all States were
invited, the Council, according to precedent,
decided to appoint its President.
It was agreed that M. Herluf Zahle should be invited
to act as President of the Conference."

b) a copy of the letter addressed to the Danish Government
inviting M. Herluf Zahle to be President of the Conference:-

"Geneva, October 1st, 1924.

Your Excellency,

The Council of the League has asked me to inform
you that during its present session it concerned itself
with the appointment of the President to direct the
work of the Second Conference on Opium and other
Dangerous Drugs.

This Conference, as the Danish Government is aware,
will open at Geneva on Monday, November 17th, 1924.

In a letter dated January 15th, 1924, I had the
honour to communicate to you the information concerning
this Conference and on behalf of the Council to invite
the Danish Government to take part in it.

The Council has expressed the unanimous desire to
invite His Excellency M. Herluf Zahle, Envoy Extraordinary
and Minister Plenipotentiary for Denmark in Berlin to
undertake the Presidency of this Conference. The Council
considers that it would be difficult to find anyone so

well qualified in all respects to fulfil these duties. Accordingly it has instructed me to request the Danish Government to be so good as to authorise M. Zahle to accept the Presidency of the Second Conference. The Council hopes very much that it will be possible for the Danish Government to accede to this request.

I have the honour to be, etc.

(Dgd.) Eric Drummond
Secretary-General

His Excellency
The Minister for Foreign Affairs
Copenhagen.

c) a copy of the telegram received by the Secretary-General from the Danish Government accepting the invitation, on behalf of M. Zahle, to undertake the duties of President of the Conference:-

"Sir Eric Drummond, Secretary-
General of the League of Nations
Geneva

Reference your letter October 1st have the honour to request you to be so good as to express the Council of League warm thanks of Danish Government for the intention to entrust to M. Zahle the Presidency of the Second Opium Conference on November 17th, 1924 and to inform the Council that His Majesty's Government gladly grant authorisation asked for to M. Zahle who accepts with great pleasure this important mission

(Sgd) Moltke
Minister for Foreign Affairs"