LEAGUE OF NATIONS

C.273.1934.I.

Geneva, June 20th, 1934.

PROTECTION OF MINORITIES

APPLICATION OF THE GERMAN-POLISH CONVENTION OF

MAY 15TH, 1922 RELATING TO UPPER SILESIA

FIFTH SUPPLEMENTARY PETITION FROM THE PRINCE OF PLESS, DATED JUNE 19TH, 1934, CONCERNING THE MEASURES TAKEN IN HIS CASE BY THE POLISH AUTHORITIES.

(See documents C.227, C.227(a), C.235, C.249, C.252, C.252(a), and C.269.1934.I.)

Note by the Secretary-General.

The Secretary-General has the honour to communicate this petition to the Council in virtue of the procedure in cases of urgency provided by the Council Resolution of September 8th, 1928 (paragraph 3).

In accordance with this procedure, the petition has been communicated at the same time to the Polish Delegation accredited to the League of Nations for the observations of its Government, and the Secretary-General will not fail to communicate these observations to the Council immediately they are received at the Secretariat.

Gleiwitz. 19/6/1934.

To the Secretary-General of the League of Nations,

Geneva.

(Translation)

I beg to draw the attention of the Council to the fact that my urgent requests for information as to the conditions on which the authorities would be willing to cancel the measures of constraint and as to the payments which they expect the Administration to make have failed to produce any reply. The authorities are proceeding to measures calculated to lead to compulsory administration in the very near future. The authorities have made a successful application to the local Court for a writ empowering them to resort to measures of execution upon the buildings themselves, a fact which seems to point to the introduction of compulsory administration. I have the impression that the authorities intend introducing compulsory administration before examining the proposals and replying to questions. I beg the Council to protect the Administration against the arbitrary acts of the authorities.

PRINCE of PLESS.