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and
UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND
NORTHERN IRELAND

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London, on 16 June 1947**

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TCHÉCOSLOVAQUIE
et
ROYAUME-UNI DE GRANDE-BRETAGNE ET
D'IRLANDE DU NORD

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No. 700. CONVENTION¹ BETWEEN THE CZECHOSLOVAK REPUBLIC AND THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND FOR THE PROMOTION OF MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING OF INTELLECTUAL, ARTISTIC AND SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITIES. SIGNED AT LONDON, ON 16 JUNE 1947

The Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Czechoslovak Government,

Desiring to conclude a convention for the purpose of promoting by friendly interchange and co-operation the fullest possible understanding in their respective countries of the intellectual, artistic and scientific activities as well as of the ways of life of the other country,

Have accordingly appointed Plenipotentiaries for the purpose, who, being duly authorised to this effect by their respective Governments,

Have agreed as follows :—

Article 1

Each Contracting Government will use its best endeavours to bring about the creation, at Universities or other institutions for higher education in its territory, of professorial chairs or of readerships for the study of the language, literature and history of the country of the other Contracting Government, and in other subjects concerning it.

Article 2

Each Contracting Government will be permitted to establish cultural Institutes in the territory of the other, provided that the requirements of the local law with regard to the establishment of such institutes are complied with. The term "Institute" includes schools, libraries and film libraries dedicated to the purposes which the present Convention has in view.

Article 3

The Contracting Governments will encourage the interchange between their territories of academic personnel, school teachers, students, research workers and representatives of other professions and occupations.

¹ Came into force on 15 October 1947, by the exchange of the instruments of ratification at Prague, in accordance with article 16.

Article 4

The Contracting Governments will provide scholarships in such manner as to enable nationals of each country to pursue or undertake studies, technical training, or research in the territory of the other Contracting Government.

Article 5

The Contracting Governments will encourage the closest collaboration between the learned societies of their respective territories for the purpose of providing mutual aid in intellectual, artistic, scientific, civic and social activities.

Article 6

The Contracting Governments will examine the conditions under which university examinations, both for entrance and degree, conducted in the territory of one of them may be recognised in the territory of the other as having the same value as corresponding examinations in the latter territory for academic purposes and in appropriate cases for professional purposes.

Article 7

Each Contracting Government will encourage the development of holiday courses in its own territory to be attended by academic personnel, school teachers, students, adult or otherwise, and school pupils from the territory of the other Contracting Government.

Article 8

The Contracting Governments will encourage, by invitation and, when desirable, by subsidy, exchanges of visits between their countries of selected groups for the purpose of developing cultural and professional collaboration.

Article 9

The Contracting Governments will encourage co-operation between recognised youth organisations in their respective territories.

Article 10

Each Government will assist the other in making the culture of its country better known in the country of the other by means of :

- (a) Books, periodicals and other publications ;
- (b) Lectures and concerts ;
- (c) Fine art and other exhibitions ;

- (d) Dramatic performances ;
- (e) Radio, films, gramophone records and other mechanical means.

Article 11

1. For the purpose a permanent Mixed Commission, hereinafter called the Commission, consisting of ten members who need not be Government officials, will be set up.

2. This Commission will be divided into two sections, one composed of Czechoslovak members and sitting in Prague, the other composed of British members and sitting in London. Each section shall consist of five members who may co-opt advisory members as requisite.

3. The Government of the United Kingdom, after consultation between the Foreign Office and other competent departments of the Government of the United Kingdom, will nominate the members of the British section, and the Czechoslovak Ministry of Education, in agreement with the Czechoslovak Ministry of Foreign Affairs, will nominate the members of the Czechoslovak section. The lists will be exchanged between the Contracting Governments through the diplomatic channel for the approval of nominations.

Article 12

1. The Commission will meet when necessary, and at least once a year in Czechoslovakia and in the United Kingdom in turn. An eleventh member, who will be appointed by the Contracting Government in whose capital the meeting is to take place, will preside over the Commission.

2. The Commission shall determine its own rules of procedure.

Article 13

1. One of the first tasks of the Commission shall be to draw up, at a full meeting, detailed proposals for the application of the present Convention. These proposals shall, when approved by the Contracting Governments, form an Annex to the present Convention. The approval of the Contracting Governments shall be signified by an exchange of notes.

2. Thereafter the Commission will review the working of the Convention and propose to the Contracting Governments any modifications of the Annex which may be deemed necessary.

3. In the intervals between the meetings of the Commission, either section, by agreement with the other, may propose modifications of the Annex.

4. Modifications of the Annex shall come into force when approved by the Contracting Governments. Such approval shall be signified by an exchange of notes.

Article 14

1. At any time after the coming into force of the present Convention the Government of the United Kingdom may extend its provisions to any British overseas territory, colony, protectorate, protected state or territory under mandate or trusteeship exercised by the Government of the United Kingdom, by means of a notification addressed to the Czechoslovak Government through the diplomatic channel.

2. The application of the Convention to any territory in respect of which a notification of extension has been made in accordance with the preceding paragraph may be terminated by a notification addressed to the Czechoslovak Government through the diplomatic channel.

3. The application of the provisions of the Convention to any territory to which the Convention has been extended under paragraph 1 of this Article shall, in any case, cease at the termination of the Convention in accordance with Article 17.

Article 15

In this Convention the expressions "territory" and "country" mean :

(a) In relation to the Government of the United Kingdom, Great Britain and Northern Ireland and any territory to which the Convention has been extended by notification under Article 14 (1) from the date of the notification.

(b) In relation to the Government of Czechoslovakia, the territory of Czechoslovakia.

Article 16

The present Convention shall be ratified. The exchange of the instruments of ratification shall take place in Prague.

The Convention shall enter into force on the date of the exchange of the instruments or ratification.

Article 17

The present Convention shall remain in force a minimum period of five years. Unless terminated at the end of that period by either Contracting Government giving not less than six months' notice of such termination it shall remain in force thereafter until the expiry of six months from the date on which either Contracting Government has given notice of termination

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned Plenipotentiaries have signed the present Convention and affixed thereto their seals.

DONE in duplicate in London, the 16th day of June, 1947, in English and Czech, both texts being equally authentic.

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