

The constitution of the Institute of Pacific Relations briefly states its purpose as being:—"To study the conditions of the Pacific peoples with a view to the improvement of their mutual relations."

An interim executive was appointed at the close of the 1925 conference to carry on the work of the Institute until it could be more regularly constituted. This Executive consisted of:—Dr. Wilbur, (U.S.A.) Chairman; S. T. Wen (China); Yusuki Tsurumi (Japan); F. C. Atherton (Hawaii); John Nelson (Canada); and J. Merle Davis, Secretary.

Canadians in attendance at the first conference were Miss (Dean) Bollert, of the University of British Columbia; Mrs. Foster, Field Secretary of the Y.W.C.A., Toronto; Geo. Cowan, K.C., ex-M.P., Vancouver; John Nelson, (Chairman), Vancouver; and Stanley Brent, (Secretary), Toronto. Mrs. John Nelson and Miss Cowan attended as associate members.

The second conference of the Institute was held at Honolulu, beginning July 15, 1927. Some of its members were appointed by national councils which had come into existence in a number of the countries concerned. In those countries where organization had not been completed, the members were secured as circumstances would permit. The total membership of about one hundred and forty was composed as follows:—

Australia 5; Canada 18; China 14; Great Britain 14; Hawaii 15; Japan 18; Korea 3; New Zealand 5; Philippines 3; United States 44; League of Nations (Geneva) 2; International Labor Office (Geneva) 1.

At the first conference in 1925, the aims and aspirations of young China were very much in evidence. At the second conference in 1927, where British representatives were present, the problem of China's relations with foreign powers was uppermost.

Provision was also made that in the various countries, organizations whose aims and characters were similar to those of the Institute of Pacific Relations, might become