

Note: For convenience of reference a copy of the draft statement showing the amendments agreed at the previous meeting is attached as Appendix I. The statement as finally accepted is reproduced as Appendix II.

**FOREIGN
AFFAIRS.**

MR. CHAMBERLAIN recalled that at the end of the previous meeting the draft statement on Foreign Affairs had been approved with the exception of the fourth paragraph. He asked Mr. Savage if he had any suggestion to make.

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graphs.

MR. SAVAGE said that his difficulties could be met by the following addition at the end of the second paragraph:-

"New Zealand reserving the right to advocate and support its statement of policy as submitted to the Assembly of the League of Nations in September, 1936."

In reply to a question by Mr. Chamberlain, he said that if that addition to paragraph 2 could be accepted, he would be prepared to accept the fourth paragraph.

MR. EDEN recalled that all the countries represented at the Imperial Conference had made statements of policy at the Assembly of the League of Nations in September, 1936. It would be difficult to record one set of views without also mentioning the others.

MR. SAVAGE said he had no objection to the statements of others being mentioned subject to the reservation that he must insist on New Zealand appearing by name.

MR. EDEN recalled that the United Kingdom statement had been made verbally but His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom attached just as much importance to it as did New Zealand to their own statement.

MR. NASH remarked that the New Zealand statement was especially significant for the reason that it was the only one among the statements made by the representatives of the nations of the British Commonwealth