

PART II

In addition to the specific recommendations in Part I of this Report, your Committee discussed the program of research in the field of International Relations generally, and would ask consideration of the following conclusions:

1. Need of a Survey of the Agencies Engaged in Work in this Field

No accurate information is at present available as to the institutions which have been established in various countries, for purposes germane to the work of this Committee. There has been a notable increase of these in recent years, and the first step in planning for problems of research in so wide a field is undoubtedly the preparation of a guide to the agencies best equipped for the specific task. The need of such a survey was strongly emphasized at the Conference of the Institute of Pacific Relations by members of the Royal Institute for International Affairs; and other international cooperation can be counted upon.

Some partial efforts have already been made to prepare such a guide; but the manual should be planned on a truly international basis and kept up to date both as to the structure, the program and the output of the institutions described. This leads to the conclusion that the preparation of such a guide should be placed in the hands of an institution centrally placed, internationally directed and able to make it a part of its continuing business to keep the manual up to date. There is only one such institution, - the Committee on Intellectual Cooperation of the League of Nations.

The Advisory Committee on International Relations therefore, in approving the project, voted that the Chairman of the Committee be instructed "to approach the Committee on Intellectual Cooperation of the League of Nations or some other suitable organization, with a view to carrying out such a survey as a necessary step towards the development of research in this field."

It is possible that the Committee on Intellectual Cooperation may not have funds at its disposal for such a survey. In this case the aid of an American foundation may have to be sought. Therefore your Committee, while not placing this item in the list of projects for definite action by the SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH COUNCIL, would nevertheless suggest the advantage of an approval in principle of the proposed survey.

2. Need of Coordination of Method

From its very nature, the field of International Relations calls for the use of different sciences, each with its appropriate methods. Development of research in this field therefore involves three activities: