

them. To make this really monstrous article properly understood it will suffice to quote the German reservation to this Article, which is printed in the Draft Convention: "The German delegation stated that insofar as Article 53 does not refer to the Washington and London Treaties, it would vote against the Draft Convention as a whole. The Draft as drawn up by the majority of the Preparatory Commission excludes essential elements from the limitation and reduction of land armaments. Instead of leading to real disarmament, this Draft would serve only to conceal the real state of world armaments, or would even allow armaments to be increased. To accept it would at the same time tantamount to a renewal of the German signature to the disarmament clauses of the Treaty of