

taken any obligations which are inconsistent with the terms of this Covenant, it shall be the duty of such power to take immediate steps to procure its release from such obligations.

Proposed Amendment:

The High Contracting Parties severally agree that all obligations entered into between themselves which are inconsistent with the terms of this Covenant are hereby abrogated, and they undertake that they will take immediate steps to procure their release from every such obligation entered into with any State not a party to this Covenant, and that they will not hereafter enter into any such obligation; nor shall any State bound by such an obligation be hereafter admitted to the League until it shall have procured its release therefrom.

Reasons for Amendment: This Article as originally drafted deals with four distinct cases, three affecting the High Contracting Parties and one the States not yet admitted to the League. As the Article stands these are confused and on its face the second paragraph is inconsistent with the first.

Article XXVI is as follows:

Amendments to this Covenant will take effect when ratified by the States whose representatives compose the Executive Council and by three-fourths of the States whose representatives compose the Body of Delegates.

Proposed Amendments:

Strike out in both instances the words "whose representatives compose" and substitute the words "represented in". Strike out also the word "Executive".

Reasons for Amendments: Obvious.

#### GENERAL OBSERVATIONS

In view of criticisms put forward in certain quarters, it is suggested that the Covenant should contain suitable provisions for the peaceful withdrawal of any State which may so desire.

In addition to the provisions enabling the Council and the Body of Delegates to determine procedure at their meetings, it is suggested, that each of these bodies should be empowered to establish general regulations as to procedure in respect of other matters with which they may be called upon to deal; for example, the form and length of notices to States upon reference of disputes, the arrangements for publicity, the formulation and notification of their recommendations or decisions, etc., etc.

It is assumed that the adhesion of each Signatory State to the Covenant will be subject to the approval of its Parliament.

It is also assumed that the Dominions of the British Empire are entitled to become Signatories to the Covenant.