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BANFF CONFERENCE PROGRAM  
FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS

This memorandum contains (1) recommendations for the discussion agenda of the Banff Conference and (2) the latest information on data paper preparation. The discussion agenda described in the following pages may be regarded as final with respect to the general scope and emphasis of the discussions. The list of data papers from nearly every national council conforms with the requirements of the discussion agenda. Where revision of the data paper list is considered necessary, the secretariat will communicate directly with the national council concerned.

1. Agenda for Discussion

The discussion agenda has been evolved during the last ten months by correspondence and consultation between members of the secretariat and the various national councils. The recommendations for the Banff Conference made by the International Program Committee at the close of the Shanghai Conference in the fall of 1931 were given careful scrutiny by each of the national councils. These recommendations were subsequently amplified in an essay entitled "The Fifth Biennial Conference of the Institute of Pacific Relations: A Brief Forecast of the 1933 Conference..." prepared by the acting research secretary in consultation with Dr. Hu Shih, chairman of the International Program Committee. The reactions of the national councils to this essay and to the original recommendations made at Shanghai were then received by the Secretariat. They were correlated, summarized and issued by the Secretariat in the form of a memorandum on "The Present Status of Preparation for the Banff Conference" dated August 3, 1932. This memorandum had been preceded on July 7 by a memorandum on a "Preliminary List of the Studies Contemplated or Initiated in Preparation for the Banff Conference." Further correspondence and consultation took place in regard to these latest recommendations.

At an informal meeting of the International Program Committee at New York on September 14 and 15, attended by representatives of six of the nine national groups, the chairman of the Pacific Council, the Vice-Chairman of the International Program Committee, the Chairman of the International Research Committee, the Acting General Secretary and the Research Secretary, all of these documents as well as reports by members of the Secretariat were presented. The results of this meeting, which took into account all of the previous considerations of the Banff Conference program, are given below.

The evolution of the discussion agenda from the original suggestions made at Shanghai to the following final recommendations has been one of consistent development and limitation of the scope of topics. A definite preference for emphasis on economic aspects of conflict and control in the Pacific area has been discernable throughout the ten-month period of evolution. At the same time a desire has been consistently expressed that