

RESOLUTION 5.

WHEREAS:- the field of social and economic research is international in scope, is of continuously increasing importance, and is dependent on the creation of an adequate body of statistics so prepared as to permit of a world purview of conditions, with international comparisons and co-ordination; and

WHEREAS:- the League of Nations has in the past sponsored various attempts to enlarge and improve the body of statistics as above defined, notably by the appointment of an International Commission on Statistical Organization in 1920, by the holding of an international Conference on Economic Statistics in 1928, and by the creation of various international statistical records;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the League be urged to continue its efforts for the organization of a comprehensive body of international statistics covering the more important social and economic activities in the modern state, - the best means to this end being the creation under the League of a statistical department to supervise all existing international operations and arrangements of a purely statistical nature, to be in general charge of the activities of the League in the statistical field and to work in co-operation with the various other branches of the League.

It was moved by Mr. Sykes, seconded by Miss Armstrong, that the Resolution be approved. Carried.

Mr. Sykes as Chairman of the Resolutions Committee said that in addition to the foregoing Resolutions he wished to move a vote of thanks to Mr. R.B. Inch for his services as Editor of "Interdependence". This was seconded by Miss Kydd and carried.

Upon motion a unanimous vote of thanks was extended to the retiring President, Officers, Members of Committees and all friends who had helped the Society during the past year.

A vote of thanks to the local press for its reports of the monthly meetings and to the press in general for the support it has given to the Society and the League was moved by Mr. Sykes, seconded by Miss Kydd, and carried.

Mr. McNulty brought to the attention of the meeting the following Statement of Policy adopted by the Executive Committee of the League of Nations Union of Great Britain on 27th July 1933:

THE FAR EAST AND THE LEAGUE SYSTEM.

Statement of Policy adopted by the
Executive Committee of the League of
Nations Union 27th July, 1933.

The action of Japan in relation to China constitutes a grave menace to the League system which the world since the Armistice has been struggling to substitute for the national rivalries and chaos which produced the war.

The present situation is as follows: Japan has overrun and occupied four provinces which belong to China, covering an area greater than the combined areas of Britain, France and Germany. These operations have involved great destruction of Chinese property and the killing and wounding of many thousands of Chinese subjects, the Japanese themselves having also suffered casualties. The responsibilities are no longer in question: by the unanimous decision of the Assembly of the League - including the vote of Great Britain - China has been declared the victim of aggression. This decision does not mean that China is blameless in her dispute with Japan and that the latter had no provocation; but that Japan did not, as she might have done, seek redress through the League, and persisted, instead, in attempting to settle a dispute to which she was a party, by her own force, thus becoming her own judge in her own cause and challenging the fundamental principle upon which any