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The Conference held its inaugural meeting on Monday morning in the London School of Economics. As the first plenary session it included the usual addresses of welcome and reply. Sir Arthur Salter, as president of the Conference, and others emphasized its significance as a preliminary to the World Economic Conference beginning June 12th. On the whole these speeches were marked by the usual platitudes. At the end of these formalities the general rapporteur, Mr. Arnold Welfers, one of those who suffered from Hitler expulsions, introduced the general work of the sessions by a brief resumé of the memoranda and the probable agenda.

At the end of the session, the University of London entertained the delegates at a luncheon and at this point I shall refer to the series of entertainments provided for the delegates throughout the meetings. They included dinners, banquets and receptions. The Institute of International Affairs at Chatham House and its friends were chiefly responsible for the numerous arrangements. The possibility of meeting a large number of people of diverse interests was greatly enhanced and in that sense these functions were not the least valuable part of the Conference. Personally I found them most valuable.

On Monday afternoon the Conference began its work. It was divided into two committees representing: (1) Internal State Intervention, and (2) What may be called External Intervention. Canada was vitally interested in the agenda of both committees but I had elected to attend the meetings of the Committee on Internal State Intervention. I shall not include a summary of the conclusions as these are provided in the report of the rapporteur for the Committee. These reports of the rapporteurs for both committees were presented at the final plenary session of the Conference and are available from the hands of the secretary.

The work of the conference so far as the report of the committee on Internal State Intervention was concerned, and I suspect also of the other committee, was handicapped in several ways. The memoranda submitted by various countries was not available at a sufficiently early date. For example I was not