

Two Conferences in the Pacific on International Cooperation

Owing to the fact that in many parts of America the words "League of Nations" are tabu, although practically all thinking men desire some such parliament of nations, but under another name, it has been decided to alter the nomenclature of the Pan-Pacific League of Nations Societies Conference to "A Conference on International Cooperation in the Pacific, Its Machinery and Objects."

In the United States there are many organizations with kindred aims to those of the League of Nations Societies in Australia, New Zealand, Japan, and Canada, but they do not use the name "League of Nations." In fact, the League of Nations Societies in Pacific countries are not wedded to the ideals of the Geneva League, but believe that there should be some world machinery designed to minimize the danger of conflicts, and they are not much concerned as to what name designates such machinery.

At the Pan-Pacific Research Institution a joint meeting of officers of League of Nations Societies in Pacific lands and kindred bodies working under other names in America was held, and to this meeting was invited a group of men representing the Bar of several Pacific lands. Judge Sanford B. Dole, Ex-President of the Hawaiian Republic and Judge of the Supreme Court, presided. Among the speakers were Sir Joseph H. Carruthers of Australia, ex-Premier of New South Wales; Dr. George Grafton Wilson of Harvard University and editor of *Journal of International Law*; S. N. Au-Young of China, Director of the Chinese Government Bureau of Economic Information; Professor K. Takayanagi, Professor of Law, Tokyo Imperial University; Col. F. M. Brown, America's representative at The Hague Court, and others.

At the same meeting it was decided to alter the name of the Pan-Pacific Bar Association Conference to "The Pan-Pacific Legal Conference," the two conferences to be held conjointly, the sessions of one in the morning, the other in the afternoon. It was even tentatively agreed that the resolution or findings of the conference on International Cooperation would be referred to the Legal Conference for criticism as to legal and effecting phraseology.

It was insisted that the conferences should be attended by practical people rather than by theorists. Colonel Brown said:

"If we wish to accomplish anything definite and constructive we must limit our invitations to those who believe in some permanently established machinery which will turn out results and not theories. The results we desire are the creation of such machineries as will keep the peace of the world, and not merely the pledging of fine-spun, pacific theories with no practical foundation. We must also remember that the fundamental desires of the members of the organizations in New Zealand, Australia, and Japan, and elsewhere throughout the world which call themselves League of Nations Unions, are shared by the people of the United States, and yet it is the name 'League of Nations' which is abhorred by the people of the United States, because in that country the League of Nations has become a political issue. We must remember that the underlying ideas are the same."

Sir Joseph H. Carruthers said: "Want to follow a reasonable course which will not give offense to any of the Pacific governments, and without usurping the powers of the Parliaments of any of these countries, we want to start a discussion of the very vital question of