

MR. SAVAGE pointed out that this particular paragraph had nothing to do with the League of Nations and he would prefer not to use the language of the Covenant at this point. He rather wanted to separate the third paragraph from the fourth paragraph which dealt with the League of Nations.

LORD HALIFAX also did not like the phrase -

"trials of strength between individual nations",

he preferred -

"reliance on force".

MR. SAVAGE recalled the circumstances in which this amendment had been suggested. He had not liked the original phrase because it might be interpreted by some people as suggesting that the League would never have "recourse to force", and after a good deal of discussion the amendment had been suggested by Mr. Chamberlain to overcome this difficulty.

MR. MACKENZIE KING supported Mr. Chamberlain's amendment. He agreed that Mr. Savage was right because in certain circumstances the League might have recourse to force and consequently the original phrase might have been liable to misconstruction. He thought that the difficulties were well met by Mr. Chamberlain's new draft.

MR. SAVAGE suggested the phrase -

"reliance on force by individual nations".

MR. CHAMBERLAIN suggested the following

variant:-

"It is in such methods and not in recourse to the use of force between nation and nation" etc. as before.

MR. CHAMBERLAIN'S suggestion was accepted.

MR. CHAMBERLAIN asked if the paragraphs could now be taken as approved.

The Principal Delegates approved the draft paragraphs as set forth in Appendix II.