

V. The research work of such a body as the Institute of Pacific Relations can only get under way slowly and it is difficult within a brief period to do more than point to contacts made and suggestions which are in process of development. The above report will indicate the policy which is being adopted in harmony with the constitution and policies laid down by the Pacific Council. The main elements in that policy as far as research is concerned are that initiative must come in every case through the National Council concerned and that both the central staff and the National Councils shall work through other bodies rather than attempt to build up a large programme of research activities within the Institute itself. The Institute, therefore, both in its central activities and through its National Councils, acts mainly in a liaison capacity. Its limited funds do not permit of any other process than the endeavour to make connections and facilitate cooperation, financial and other, between those who are interested in Pacific problems. The ultimate result of its efforts will be a general stimulation of research into these problems rather than the publication of works which can be directly published by and credited to the Institute of Pacific Relations.

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