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of the application of the political or economic sanctions of ARTICLE XVI, and no aid was given Finland except limited supplies of food and clothing.

Since <sup>1939</sup> September, neither the Assembly nor the Council of the League has met. Many of the non-political activities of the League and the International Labour Office, which were of high value, were carried on for several months longer. <sup>6</sup> The entrance of Italy into the war and the control by the axis powers of the territory surrounding Switzerland on every side has made it extremely difficult to carry on even these limited activities. A great majority of the members of the League staff have resigned. The staff has been reduced from about 600 to less than 100. The Secretary-General, Monsieur AVENOL, has submitted his resignation /Appendix A, below/

This does not mean that the League or International Labour Office are going to disappear. It is very desirable to try to maintain a nucleus of so promising and necessary an experiment in the hope that it will revive, doubtless on somewhat different lines, when the war has been brought to a successful conclusion.