

authority, a real federation of States, or, in other words, ultimate world government. Sir Norman Angell recently wound up a paragraph on this topic with this concluding sentence: "Having solemnly embodied in the Covenant of the League the principle of common action for self-preservation, the French have been assured again and again by our public men that this promise of common action does not mean anything." I may add that certain of Britain's greatest dailies have frequently hinted at an ultimate repudiation of our solemn signature of the Covenant. Our Canadian delegates by dint of perseverance finally succeeded in getting a resolution through the Assembly, by a mere majority vote, which deprives Article 10 of almost all its value in the eyes of peoples who feel that, if they disarm, they are likely to be, one day or another, victims of one or more aggressors. Article X would have bound the Members of the League to "respect and preserve as against external aggression the territorial integrity and existing political independence of all Members of the League." It may have been awkwardly worded, but it was to many peoples, anxious about the morrow, the central pillar of the Covenant's temple of peace. Our resolution deprives the League Council's advice of any binding effect and refers the question of our participation in police action to our parliament. The unsafe nations know what parliamentary palavers would mean, and they fear that the safe nations would arrive, if at all, as pall-bearers