

(Institute of Pacific Relations continued)

In addition to the following detailed statement of the objective and cost of each of the projects in this list, a general statement by Dr. Alsberg has been appended dealing with the articulation of these projects with others in the general field of the Social Sciences and more especially the contribution which they would offer to the solution of vital questions in international relations.

2. Land Utilization in Eastern Asia, Australia and other Pacific Lands:
Definition of Topic: To estimate the area and indicate the general location of land primarily suitable for crops, for grazing, and for forest, and to study the present status of its utilization in these countries.

This study will complement similar studies under way in the United States and Canada.

Purpose of the Investigation: To increase knowledge of the agricultural resources of the Pacific countries and their utilization; to encourage study of this subject in these countries; to provide uniform concepts of classification of soils, climatic conditions, and forms of land utilization in such countries, especially in preparation of statistics.

Need of the Investigation: To serve as a basis for estimating the food supply which these countries are producing and could produce; to afford information as to areas available for the production of various agricultural raw materials (cotton, wood products, rubber, etc.); to provide training for men who will be competent to pursue such studies in their native country. In China particularly, with many capable men available, and the prospect of a very urgent need for data on land utilization as soon as a stable government is established, the time seems strategic for the establishment of this project.

Method: 1. Prepare maps showing the physical conditions:
a. Climate, based on meteorological records and notes, on recorded observations of the natural vegetation, and on correspondence with missionaries, scientists, officials, etc.

b. Land Surface and Soils (very general) based on such topographic surveys as exist, on notes of travellers, and on correspondence.

2. Prepare maps showing the present distribution of cultivated land, based on official and other statistical data, carefully edited.

3. Prepare maps showing the location of forest areas and of grazing land.