

authority either by means of federation or by way of unification (both of which are out of the question) the idea of group unity, if strictly carried out, can bring us, inclusive of Great Britain, to nothing but impotence and inactivity in respect of international matters.

From that position Great Britain has had to save herself at the Locarno Conference, and she has saved herself in the same manner as she had done at the time of the Lausanne Conference, and afterwards again in connection with the Dawes Conference, and at Washington, namely, by going her own way independently where her interests required her to do so, notwithstanding at times the threats of Dominions that they were not prepared to enter by the back-door.

Unfortunately according to international law the group unity idea allows of no other entrance for the Dominions but by the back-door!

Instead of questioning, with General Smuts, the action of the British Government in regard to the Locarno Treaty, we ought to be thankful to Great Britain for having rejected once and for all such an ineffective safeguard as group unity.

This alleged safeguard has not secured to the Dominions any freedom, equality or a higher Status, which they did not already possess by virtue of their right to and power of self-government. On the contrary, it has destroyed in practice the international recognition of the Dominions, obtained by them through the signature of the Versailles Treaty. The recognition granted to them on that occasion by all the foreign Powers of the World, has at the same time been rendered nugatory by those who initiated this group unity idea.

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