

is one of the most essential Articles of the Covenant in the cause of international co-operation and peace;

"Observing that, nevertheless, it has not once been acted upon during the decade of the existence of the League;

"Believing that such inaction has been due to the fact that the Assembly has not had the necessary assistance and advice:

"Hereby resolves that there shall be appointed a Committee to consider and report on the best methods to make effective the above-mentioned Article."

In accordance with his statement in the Assembly, Mr. Wu placed before the First Committee the above draft resolution asking that a Committee be appointed to study means of giving effect to Article 19 of the Covenant. He pointed out that his resolution had reference to the unequal treaties and conventions to which his country was subjected. The representatives of Germany, Persia and India supported the proposal. Mr. Noel Baker (Great Britain) welcomed the Chinese proposal, but was not certain whether it was urgent, or even desirable at the present time.

The Hungarian representative congratulated the Chinese Delegation on its excellent proposal, and pointed out that it was Article 19 which had afforded Hungary a meagre basis for entering the League. He considered Article 19 as the complement and the indispensable corrective of Article 10.

In view of the discussion and the fact that a Belgian amendment had been proposed, a sub-committee was formed to study the question. In reporting back to the Committee, M. Pilotti (Italy) wished to say that, notwithstanding certain rumours which he deplored, the sub-committee had worked in an atmosphere of tranquillity and mutual confidence throughout. He stated that the sub-committee had not deemed it advisable to appoint a committee of inquiry as suggested in the Chinese proposal, and that the amendment proposed by the Belgian representative would be taken as the basis of the Report to the Assembly. The full resolution as adopted by the Assembly follows:—

"The Assembly:

"Having taken cognizance of the declaration by the Chinese Delegation that certain treaties formerly concluded between China and other States, being inconsistent with present conditions in China, have become inapplicable within the meaning of Article 19 of the Covenant;

"Appreciating the importance of the points as to which the Chinese Delegation feels concern;

"After having considered the resolution proposed by the Chinese Delegation which is annexed hereto;

"Considering that, under the terms of Article 19 of the Covenant of the League of Nations,

"The Assembly may from time to time advise the reconsideration by Members of the League of treaties which have become inapplicable and the consideration of international conditions whose continuance might endanger the peace of the world";

"Noting that the question of the application of Article 19 has previously been studied:

"Declares that a Member of the League may on its own responsibility, subject to the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly, place on the agenda of the Assembly the question whether the Assembly should give advice as contemplated by Article 19 regarding the reconsideration of any treaty or treaties which such Member considers to have become inapplicable or the consideration of international conditions the continuance of which might, in its opinion, endanger the peace of the world;

"Declares that, for an application of this kind to be entertained by the Assembly, it must be drawn up in appropriate terms, that is to say, in terms which are in conformity with Article 19;

"And declares that, in the event of an application in such terms being placed upon the agenda of the Assembly, the Assembly shall in accordance with its ordinary procedure discuss this application, and, if it thinks proper, give the advice requested."