

CARNEGIE ENDOWMENT FOR INTERNATIONAL PEACE

DIVISION OF ECONOMICS AND HISTORY

405 WEST 117TH STREET, NEW YORK CITY

JAMES T. SHOTWELL, DIRECTOR

November 18, 1927

Dear Arthur:

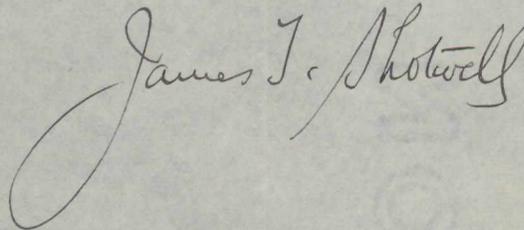
I have just heard from Carter the good news that you are coming to New York on the thirteenth of December. Of course, Lady Currie is coming with you and we want you to give us another evening, either the twelfth or the fourteenth, as suits your plans best, to meet some of our friends in our own home. I only wish we had an establishment that had an added bedroom to it so as to have you stay with us, but since Grace came back from Vassar every inch of our limited bed room space is occupied by our own little family!

Any way, I gather from Carter that he is rather expecting that the arrangements for you include a stay in the home of our greatest millionaire family and that reduces my regrets except for the fact that we should not see as much of you.

I should have written you long ago but have been snowed under with work since coming back, and then have been on the go somewhat making speeches in Kentucky, Missouri, Indiana, and other places, some of them about the Briand offer and others about the question of Pacific relations. What I wanted to tell you about was that the nomination to the Research Committee of the Social Research Council was done with malice aforethought and I hope very much you can join us in it. What I wanted to get before that body was a study of the Canadian American relations. We have been spending all of our energies on European and Far Eastern problems and neglecting the one that interests you and me most. I shall want to talk this over with you when you come to New York and see if we can make any headway in the arrangement of the program.

I am dictating this in haste just before rushing away from my office for the weekend in the country. I haven't been up in Woodstock for about a month now and the sunlight is calling to the hills. Margaret would join in affectionate regards to you all if she knew that this letter was being written. In them I join.

Ever sincerely yours,



Sir Arthur Currie

The Briand offer is coming up in Congress. Look out for an announcement on Nov. 23. It should be in the papers rather generally.

November 28th, 1927.

Professor James T. Shotwell,
405 West 117th Street,
New York City.

Dear Jim:-

I should have written before
this in reply to your letter of the 18th of
November.

We are going down on the night
of the 12th and therefore arriving on the morning
of the 13th. I haven't heard from Carter as to
any arrangements he may be making for accommodation,
but if he does nothing we shall go to the Hotel
Plaza. I had thought of coming back on the night
of the 14th, but whether we do or not we must see
something of you and the family.

We are expecting Mr. Tsurumi
to stay with us over next week-end, while the
following week-end Sir Frederick Whyte will be in
town. It has not yet been definitely settled
whether he stays with us or Professor Meakins, who
is an old Edinburgh friend.

We are looking forward to seeing
you. Love to all.

Yours faithfully,

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JAMES T. SHOTWELL, DIRECTOR

April 11, 1928.

Dear Arthur,

The final meeting of the Advisory Committee on International Relations of the Social Science Research Council will be held at my office, 405 West 117th Street, at ten o'clock on May 28. The program will occupy the Committee through a two days' discussion and it is hoped that all members of the Committee can stay the entire time, Monday and Tuesday, May 28 and 29.

Please let me have your acceptance at an early date.

Sincerely yours,

James T. Shotwell

Sir Arthur Curie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B.,
McGill University,
Montreal, Canada.

(Just the formal notice)

Memorandum.

TO THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
ON INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS;

Professor Seligman has written to me again in respect of his project of translation of texts for international distribution. He enclosed a letter from Dr. Duggan which he wants me to circulate to members of the Committee. A copy of the letter is enclosed.

C:G
Enc.

J.P. Chamberlain,
Chairman.

Institute of International Education Inc.
2 West 45th Street, New York City.

December 27th, 1929.

Professor Edwin R. A. Seligman,
Columbia University.

My dear Professor Seligman:

At a luncheon to a distinguished Brazilian scholar, Dr. Carlos Carvalho and the Brazilian Consul General, Dr. Sebastiao Sampaio, which I gave at the Faculty Club the other day, the following persons were present:

Professor Robert B. Chaddock
" John Dewey
" Franklin H. Giddings
" Samuel McGune Lindsay
" Robert M. MacIver
" Frank A. Ross
" Edwin R. A. Seligman.

One of the questions we discussed was the almost impossibility of scholars in Latin America securing American books in the social sciences largely because of their cost. Various suggestions were made such as sending the loose leaves of the books to Latin America for binding there, which might reduce the expense; forming a central committee of publishers who might be willing to send books at reduced rates, etc. As I remember it, however, the one suggestion that we all thought the most highly of was the one you made, namely, the possibility of securing the agreement of the Social Science Research Council to translate a few of the best books in the three or four international languages into the other international languages, so that scholars in the various countries at least could make use of them. This would be of particular value in Latin America. Usually, however, when anything of that kind is done only Spanish is considered, but it must not be forgotten that Brazil has nearly 40 million people who speak Portuguese and that is nearly half of the population of Latin America. I sincerely hope that you will be able to prevail on the Social Science Research Council to see the wisdom of this action. Unquestionably, while much of the resentment of Latin Americans toward the United States is justified, some of it rests upon misunderstanding. This will be one of removing the misunderstanding.

Sincerely yours,

S. P. DUGGAN

Director.

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Professor Arthur W. Currie
Magill University
Montreal, Canada

Dear Professor Currie:

This letter is to tell you that on the reconstitution of the Advisory Committee on International Relations the Problems and Policy Committee have reappointed you to serve for the year 1928-29. I hope it will be possible for you to serve and that you will write me to that effect. The other members of the Committee are as follows:

J. P. Chamberlain, Chairman	
Victor S. Clark	Charles P. Howland
Lewis L. Lorwin	James T. Shotwell
Quincy Wright	Carl S. Alsberg

I am sure that the work of the Committee will become increasingly important. The Council has provided for a survey of existing research going on in fields of International Relations.

Very truly yours,

William F. Ogburn
Chairman

WFO:GJ

October 1st, 1928.

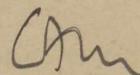
William F. Ogburn, Esq.,
Chairman, Social Science Research Council,
University of Chicago,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:-

In the absence of the Principal I beg to acknowledge your letter of September 28th advising him of his reappointment as a member of the Advisory Committee on International Relations.

I think I can safely say that Sir Arthur will gladly serve in this capacity. He is at present in Europe enjoying a much needed rest, but we expect him back at the University some time next month.

Very sincerely yours,



Acting Principal.

Columbia University
in the City of New York

November 23, 1928.

LEGISLATIVE DRAFTING RESEARCH FUND
510 KENT HALL

Sir Arthur W. Currie
McGill University
Montreal, Quebec
Canada.

My dear Sir Arthur:

You will remember that \$8000. was appropriated by the Council for a survey of the study of international affairs to be expended before September 1, 1929. This is a study of major importance for the Committee, and I believe that we should consider it with some care before starting the work. I am, therefore, asking you to come to a meeting of the Committee in Chicago during the week of December 26th when the Learned Societies will be meeting there. I would prefer to have the meeting in the afternoon of Saturday, December 29. I am suggesting that we have a luncheon meeting at 12:30 at the Hotel Congress and continue the work during the afternoon. If it is not possible for you to remain through Saturday afternoon, (we will be able to leave on the late afternoon trains), I would like to arrange for a luncheon meeting on one of the other days, and suggest Friday, the 28th, as the best time.

I shall have a room at the Hotel Congress and shall ask you to let me know when you reach Chicago, so that I can keep in touch with you in case any changes in the program for the meeting are necessary.

It is the hope of the Council, I understand, that as a result of this survey, the Committee will be able to help the Council in suggesting fields of research in international relations in which further work should be done, as well as indicating the studies under way and the institutions of different sorts which are carrying on work in international relations.

It is sometimes difficult to decide just where the limitation of the field of international relations should be. Should it include all studies in foreign relations? For example, if a study of central banks were to be undertaken in England or France, should it be treated as foreign relations or economics, or should there be some consideration of the foreign relations side of the question in addition to the pure economics. Clearly the great central banks are drawing together informally and there is, therefore, a question as to whether the inter-relations of these can be disregarded by a student of foreign relations. On the other hand, an expert in banking or an economist would be needed in making such a study. The problem is to find out how far a person in our field should be associated with it since governmental action, direct or indirect, is almost certain to be involved. A study of agricultural development in the Far East has evident implications in international relations, but

the technique for the study would not be within the scope of the usual student in the field, nor would it be possible to escape the fact that it is essentially an agricultural, as well as an international, problem.

International relations, of course, go far beyond the technical relations of government and must include consideration of the many movements cutting across international lines which are finding an expression in some kind of institution, or some way of providing for a way other than a national settlement of an important problem. The institutions established for treating these problems and for representing the international interests vary from so highly organized a bit of international machinery as the International Postal Union to the non-official International Chamber of Commerce, and the International Law Association, with the Institute of International Law devoting itself more strictly to the Public Law field. International Law, of course, enters largely into the subject, and so would a consideration of the operations of departments of government having to do with international relations and the way they function in respect to this part of their activity. This will go far beyond the state departments or departments of foreign affairs. For example, the Postal Department, the Department of Commerce. These are notably deeply concerned in foreign relations while the Treasury, through its administration of the customs laws and its relations with the international opium movement and health movement through the Bureau of Public Health, cannot be neglected. The importance of the historical side of the problem is very plain, but the difficulty is to distinguish a study which should be considered an historical study from one which should be considered as fairly within the domain of this Committee.

Another side of the survey will be a consideration of the various sources of information and the groups which are doing the work. The educational and public organizations will come to everyone's mind, but the Committee should consider how far an examination should be attempted, and the best organizations like the banks, the Standard Oil, the American Tobacco Company, the General Electric, and other corporations which are obliged to take an international view of their affairs.

The question of a person who will undertake this work must also be settled as soon as possible, I hope at the December meeting. It will be necessary to get a man who will give his whole time to the work, and the amount of money which we have will warrant our getting a good man. One or two men have already been suggested to me on whom I hope to be able to report when the committee meets. It is very hard to get a competent man in the middle of the year, who will be detached from university connections, and if you know of any such men, I wish that you would report on their names and qualifications at the meeting.

I have been obliged to go to Geneva to a meeting, but will be back on December 20th, However, my secretary will attend to the details of fixing the hour of the meeting. Arrangements will be made to pay the expenses of the members of the Committee.

Very sincerely yours,

J. P. Chamberlain

November 26th, 1928.

J.P. Chamberlain, Esq.,
510 Kent Hall,
Columbia University,
New York City.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt
of your letter of November 23rd addressed to Sir
Arthur Currie.

Sir Arthur is at present in
Europe and is not expected to return until the
Spring. It will, therefore, be impossible for him
to attend the meeting in Chicago on December 26th.

Yours faithfully,

Secretary.

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JAMES T. SHOTWELL, DIRECTOR

October 3, 1928

Dear Arthur:

You will see from the accompanying circular letter and memorandum that this year we got everything through at Dartmouth, although the money is still to be found for the big projects in China.

The Pact of Paris is now a fact, although we have still got a big fight on here, as the right wing militarists both in the navy and army - the kind of old fellows that you ran into in the Imperial army and in the London clubs - are in their last trenches against it and have massed a good deal of heavy artillery in concealment waiting for the opening of Congress. It by no means is easy going yet, but I think we shall win. This summer I wrote a book about it, but it won't be out before Christmas, so I am sending you a little pamphlet with a statement in the shortest possible form.

Margaret and Grace are coming down from the country today, as we are going to Allenby's reception tonight. He is sure to get a royal one. How did your summer go? I hope you had a real rest. We all send affectionate greetings to you all, as they say down South.

Ever yours,

James T. Shotwell

Sir Arthur W. Currie, K.C.M.G.

405 West 117th Street
New York

October 3, 1928

Dear Arthur:

On my return to the city I find awaiting me a letter from Professor Ogburn, the incoming chairman of the Committee on Problems and Policy of the Social Science Research Council, notifying me of the action taken by the Social Science Research Council on the recommendations submitted by the Advisory Committee on International Relations. A copy of this statement goes herewith to each member of the Advisory Committee.

The membership of the Advisory Committee has been reconstituted as indicated in the twelfth item of the accompanying memorandum. I cannot let this occasion pass without expressing to each member of the Advisory Committee my very real appreciation of the cordial cooperation which the chairman has received throughout the two years of the Committee's existence. Although the problems discussed have opened up important fields of research, it is quite clear that the activities of the social sciences in a field so far-reaching as this have not been adequately covered in the tentative and partial work of the initial period. I am sure, therefore, that members of the Committee will note with especial appreciation Article eleven of the memorandum appropriating the sum of \$8,000 for a survey in the field of international relations.

The happiest augury for success in the future, however, lies in the fact that the Social Science Research Council and its Committee on Problems and Policy have shown such a cordial appreciation of the work of this Committee as to accept its recommendations practically without modifications and have added the appropriation for the survey of the field over and above all that was requested of them.

All future communications concerning the work of this Committee should be addressed to Professor Joseph P. Chamberlain, Columbia University.

Sincerely yours,

James T. Shotwell

Sir Arthur Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B.
McGill University
Montreal

Memorandum from Professor W. F. Ogburn, Chairman of the Problems and Policy Committee on the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on International Relations

1. The project on the International Financial and Economic Relations of China under Professor Remer was voted with an appropriation of \$17,000. The vote was as follows:

- "1. That the Social Science Research Council appropriate from its research funds for the project entitled 'International Financial and Economic Relations of China' the following sums: \$5,000 for the year 1928-29, \$7,000 for the year 1929-30, and \$7,000 for the year 1930-31.
- "2. That the investigation be made under the immediate direction of Professor C.F. Remer of the University of Michigan.
- "3. That there be an advisory committee appointed for the Brookings Institution, and
- "4. That the Brookings Institution be responsible for the disbursement of funds."

2. In regard to the study of the export of capital from Great Britain, it was voted by the Problems and Policy Committee to refer it back to the Advisory Committee on International Relations this project for submission in a more definite form at a later date.

3. Regarding the possible proposed study of the control of the import and of the use of foreign capital by importing countries, the Problems and Policy Committee voted to accept with appreciation the report of the sub-committee on the export of capital as a progress report.

4. With regard to the proposal made by Dr. Cressy to study the geography of China, carrying a request for a grant of \$1500, the Problems and Policy Committee recommended to the Council the grant of such a sum. The Council, however, decided to refer this project to the Committee on Grants-in-Aid with the authorization to that Committee to grant the \$1500 if it should approve of the project, no reference back to the Council being necessary. Professor Hammond is the new Chairman of the Grants-in-Aid Committee.

5. The project of the study of the development of neutrality was approved by the Council with the following votes:

- "1. That the Social Science Research Council appropriate from its research funds a total of \$7000 over a two-year period, at the rate of \$2500 for the year 1928-29, \$4500 for the year 1929-30, for a study of the development of neutrality under the direction of Professor Joseph P. Chamberlain and an Advisory Committee to be appointed by the Council on Foreign Relations, and
- "2. That the grant of \$7,000 for this purpose be made to and administered by the Council on Foreign Relations in New York."

6. Regarding the Rogers Proposal to finance resident fellows abroad, the Problems and Policy Committee recommended that this project be referred to the Committee on Research Fellowships in the Social Sciences for report to the Council. The Council, however, voted that the project be referred to a committee to be appointed by the Chairman of the Council.
7. Regarding the land utilization in China and Eastern Asia and the movement of population in those areas, the Council endorsed this project as of genuine importance, and it believed the project could be effectively carried out by a scientific institution in cooperation with foreign experts. The Problems and Policy Committee recommended that the University of Nanking should assume general direction of the project aided by a special advisory committee appointed by the Institute of Pacific Relations.
8. The project for the statistical survey of labor and housing conditions in Shanghai was also endorsed by the Council, and it was suggested that it should be under the direction of the Bureau of Economic Information of Shanghai, aided by an advisory committee of the Institute of Pacific Relations.
9. The project for the study of industrialization in Elvestein was endorsed in a similar manner by the Council, and the Committee on Problems and Policy held the view that this project should be under the supervision of the National University Committee on Social and Economic Research, aided by an advisory committee appointed by the Institute of Pacific Relations. The Committee on Problems and Policy considered these three studies not only as valid units of study in themselves, but that these taken together fit into a well considered plan for national research.
10. Regarding the inquiry studies in the formation of public opinion, the Committee on Problems and Policy expressed interest in the plan and hopes that means might be found for securing for the proposed work the careful consideration which it merits.
11. Also on the recommendation of the Problems and Policy Committee the Council appropriated the sum of \$8000 for the period September 1, 1928, to September 1, 1929, for a survey of research in the field of international relations.
12. The Advisory Committee on International Committee was reconstituted as follows: Joseph E. Chamberlain, chairman, Victor S. Clark, Louis L. Lorwin, Quincy Wright, Sir Arthur Currie, Charles P. Howland, James E. Shetwell, Carl S. Alberg.

Honolulu, T.H.
July 26, 1927.

Dr. James T. Shotwell,
Chairman, Research Committee.

Dear Mr. Shotwell:

In accordance with the request that you made in the last meeting of Research Committee, I should like to attempt to set out, in a very brief way, the scheme for the better coordination of the work of universities along the lines of communication between northwestern Europe and south China, across Canada and the United States.

It so happens that in that great track of world movements of goods and persons there lie the institutions which belong to all the nations chiefly concerned in the political and economic problems of those regions, particularly of China. Beginning in Europe, there is in Paris the finest centre for the study of the cultural aspects of the Chinese civilization, and at the other end of the same track we have a French outpost in the French School of the Far East at Hanoi, where a splendid library is kept and where scholars reside for considerable periods, collecting material and rendering it available to the world. I am informed that this school is at present suffering from lack of funds, and it is probably also suffering from lack of coordination with other institutions in China, but as it has had at one time or another several professors of the College de France upon its staff, it is quite clear that its work is of the very highest standard.

Between these two extremes we have London and the other English universities where Chinese is studied. Crossing the Atlantic we have McGill University, where the Gest Library makes a nucleus for Chinese studies; and in the United States you have certain institutions and facilities with which you are more familiar than I, including, especially for anthropology, Hawaii.

Continuing on that track we come to the very carefully specialized institutions in Japan, the University of Tokyo, I believe, being responsible for Chinese studies and having what is left of the Morrison collection as well as Sir Charles Eliot's collection of Oriental books.

Then in China we have institutions at Peking, Shanghai, Hankow, Canton and Hong Kong.

My proposal, briefly, is to make a survey of the Universities and other learned institutions on that track, to discover what special facilities they offer for study of the various aspects of Chinese social phenomena, and to arrange for an interchange of research fellows and if possible of the teaching staff between China and certain of those institutions which might be selected for this purpose. This would have the effect of promoting understanding between the British, French, United States, Canada, the Japanese and Chinese nations in the field of scholarship. It would reproduce, to some extent, the coming and going which formerly took place between the European universities in the middle ages, and by organizing studies in such a way as not to duplicate facilities unnecessarily, by arranging carefully for the equivalence of courses and residence in these different centers, it would be possible to build up gradually a whole corpus of research, carried out by members of the various institutions, traveling freely, as their studies required, over the whole of this track.

For instance, the Department of Commerce, at McGill University, proposes to provide special courses in the Commerce of the Far East and it allows its candidates for Ph.D. to spend a year away from McGill in connection with the studies for the doctorate. Under the kind of scheme that I envisage, the McGill graduate would come to Shanghai, or Osaka, or Hong Kong, for that year; and would place himself under the direction of an institution, probably the Department of Commerce of the University in one of those places. That institution would not keep him in Hong Kong or Shanghai or Osaka unless material conditions which he wished to study were confined to those places, but would send him out to do field work in commerce by travelling throughout the area in which he was especially interested, with the cooperation of the consular commercial offices, and such firms as might be induced to take an interest in the scheme. Similarly a graduate of, let us say, Hong Kong, having taken at least his bachelor's degree, possibly his M.A. might go to Canada or the United States, or France, and pursue a similar course of investigation and study. This scheme would apply of course not only to economic studies, but to political and social and anthropological investigations, and there should be provision for the coordination of such studies so as to build up a co-related and articulated body of knowledge in those fields in which knowledge is felt to be most urgently required. It would be necessary, of course, to secure that the institutions concerned provided an adequate preliminary college training up to the standard of the bachelor's degree, but this requirement is no doubt easily met throughout the whole system.

To put this scheme into effect I would suggest that what is required is first a preliminary survey of the institutions and their resources, and the selection of a

limited number of such institutions for the preliminary application of the scheme. In order to reduce the cost of financing such a scheme, I would suggest that the large shipping companies be approached and an attempt made to secure from them, and from the railway companies, special transportation privileges for research fellows and such professors as would come under the scheme. I have no doubt that if the shipping companies and railway companies wished to do so, they could very easily provide transport facilities at low cost, or at no cost, for the comparatively small number of people who would thus be traveling. It might also be necessary to make provision for guest houses at the institutions concerned, in view of the great difficulty that housing presents in some parts of the East, and also in order to secure that the institutions have the benefit of rather intimate contact with the visiting members from other centers.

I forbear to go into greater detail at this stage but simply lay down the general lines of the suggestion that there should be a kind of union of universities and of learned institutions along the track that I have indicated, with provision for free or very cheap travel, for interchange of research fellows and teachers and information. I am convinced that if such an interchange became really active it would do very very much to bring about the state of international mindedness which we desire.

Yours truly,

W.J. Hinton.

Columbia University
in the City of New York

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January 2nd, 1929.

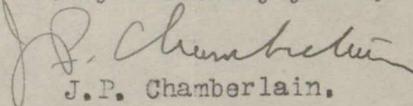
Sir Arthur W. Currie,
McGill University,
Montreal, Canada,

Dear Sir Arthur:

Professor Wright of Chicago will be here on January 10th and 14th. He can attend a meeting of the Advisory Committee on International Relations of the Social Science Research Council on either of those days but would prefer the 10th. Probably the best place for a meeting would be the Faculty Club of Columbia University and I shall arrange for an all day meeting there. If you can come on the 14th and not on the 10th, will you please let me know.

The principal matter for discussion will be the project for a Survey of International Relations. The Council is very desirous that the Committee discuss fully the scope of the contents of the program before the work of the Survey is begun.

Very sincerely yours,


J.P. Chamberlain.

JPC:MFG

January 4th, 1929.

J. P. Chamberlain, Esq.,
510 Kent Hall,
Columbia University,
New York City.

Dear Sir:-

Your letter of January 2nd
addressed to Sir Arthur Currie has been received.

I regret to inform you that
Sir Arthur is at present in England and it will
not be possible for him to attend the meeting
on either date mentioned. We do not expect him
to return to Montreal until the Spring.

Yours faithfully,

Secretary.

Columbia University
in the City of New York

April 12, 1929.

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Sir Arthur W. Currie
McGill University
Montreal, Canada.

My dear Sir Arthur:

You will remember that there was brought before the Committee on International Relations a couple of meetings ago a suggestion, from Mr. Evans Clark of the 20th Century Fund, for an Institute of International Economics and especially a study of trade barriers. Mr. Clark had an interview with Sir Arthur Salter, Mr. Howland and myself in which the matter was discussed. The board of the 20th Century Fund has since decided to take the matter up and provide for a survey of the need for such an institute. Mr. Clark will send you shortly his tentative suggestions for the institute.

Mr. Howland and I believe that this is a sufficiently important item to make it worth our while to invite Mr. Clark to our meeting at Briarcliff the end of May for perhaps an evening discussion of his proposal. Will you let me know what you think of having him come?

Very sincerely yours,

J. P. Chamberlain

Columbia University
in the City of New York

April 30, 1929.

LEGISLATIVE DRAFTING RESEARCH FUND
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Sir Arthur W. Currie
McGill University
Montreal, Canada.

My dear Sir Arthur:

I am writing to call your attention to the meeting of our Advisory Committee on International Relations, of the Social Science Research Council, to be held on Friday May 31, and probably continuing until Sunday morning June 2, at Briarcliff Lodge, Briarcliff Manor, New York. Do you approve of asking Evans Clark to come to the session of Saturday evening, June 1, to discuss his project? That time has occurred to me as being probably the most convenient.

Very sincerely yours,

J. P. Chamberlain

April 20th, 1929.

Evans Clark, Esq.,
Director, Twentieth Century Fund,
5 Park Square,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir:-

With reference to your letter of April 16th addressed to Sir Arthur Currie regarding the establishment of an Institute of International Economics, I beg to advise that Sir Arthur is at present in Europe and is not expected to return to Montreal before the middle of next month. Your letter will then be brought to his attention.

The confidential memorandum mentioned in your letter has not yet been received.

Yours faithfully,

Secretary to the Principal.

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April 16, 1929

Sir Arthur W. Currie
McGill University
Montreal, Canada.

Dear Sir Arthur:

At the suggestion of Professor Chamberlain, Chairman of the Committee on International Relations of the Social Science Research Council, I am sending you, herewith, a confidential memorandum outlining a project for the establishment of an Institute of International Economics.

At a recent meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Twentieth Century Fund, I was authorized to explore the practicability of such an Institute both in this country and abroad. It would be most valuable in this connection to have the views of the Committee and also your personal opinion as to its feasibility and organization.

The Trustees are particularly anxious to obtain from the Social Science Research Council an idea of how the research activities of such an Institute might supplement or duplicate the work of existing agencies. It is not their desire to cover ground already being ploughed. They believe, however, that a field may exist which has not been touched; and, if so, they want to have it clearly defined.

Should a real need be found for an organization of this kind funds for its establishment will be available. This inquiry is in no sense an appeal for money nor will any approval of the project commit anyone to its financial support.

Yours sincerely,

Evans Clark

Evans Clark, Director
Twentieth Century Fund

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Enclosure

February 3rd, 1930.

Mr. Joseph P. Chamberlain,
Columbia University,
New York.

Dear Mr. Chamberlain,

I am this morning in receipt of your communication of January 31st with reference to the meeting of the Committee on International Relations, Social Science Research Council, at the end of February or early in March.

I cannot promise to be present on any date about that time, and for this reason - I expect to be fully engaged with the work of the Special Committee of the Canadian Parliament which will have to do with the revision of the Pensions Law.

As far as I can see at present, there is no reason why I could not attend a meeting early in June; but the last week in May is most inconvenient, because during that week the closing exercises of this University take place.

Ever yours faithfully,

Principal.

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September 16, 1929.

Sir Arthur W. Currie
McGill University
Montreal, Canada

My dear Sir Currie:

The Committee on Problems and Policy voted at its recent annual conference at Hanover to ask you to serve on the Advisory Committee on International Relations for the coming year, ending August 31, 1930. Other members of this Committee are Professor Joseph P. Chamberlain, Chairman, Dr. Carl S. Alsberg, Dr. Victor S. Clark, Mr. Charles P. Howland, Dr. Lewis L. Lorwin, Professor James T. Shotwell, Professor Quincy Wright, and Professor Manley O. Hudson.

As you doubtless know, these advisory committees usually meet in the fall and again in the spring for one or two day sessions. All expenses incident to such meetings are borne by the Council. Notices of meetings are sent out well in advance by committee chairmen. I hope you can see your way clear to serve.

Truly yours,

Robert S. Lynd

RSL/GV

September 21st, 1929.

Robert S. Lynd, Esq.,
Social Science Research Council,
230 Park Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Lynd:-

I have your letter of September
16th with reference to the Advisory Committee on
International Relations.

I gladly accept membership and
look forward with interest to the meetings.

Yours faithfully,

Principal.

April 11th, 1930.

C. B. Foster, Esq.,
Convention and Tourist Traffic Manager,
Canadian Pacific Railway,
Montreal, P. Q.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 9th April, Sir Arthur Currie asks me to tell you that it is planned to hold the meeting of the Social Science Research Council this year in the rooms of the Council at 230 Park Avenue, New York City. It is expected that the meeting will take place about the end of May or early in June. The Council last year found Briarcliff Lodge not altogether satisfactory for meetings and expensive.

If you care to write to the Council with regard to your facilities, you could address your enquiry to Mr. Joseph P. Chamberlain, Chairman, at the above address.

Yours faithfully,

Secretary to Sir Arthur Currie.

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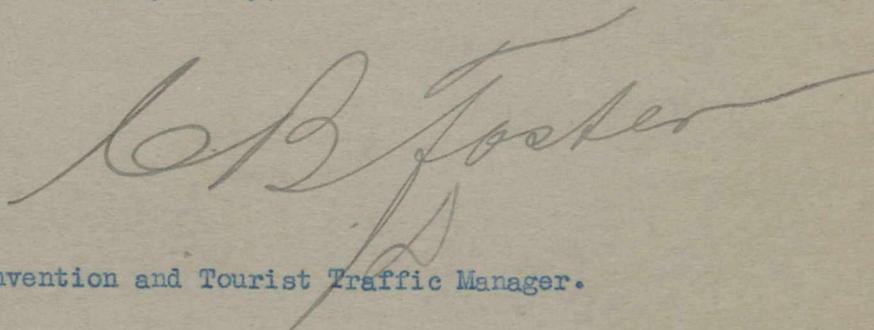
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Mr. D. McMurray,
Secretary to Sir Arthur Currie,
Principal and Vice-Chancellor,
McGill University,
MONTREAL, Que.

Dear Mr. McMurray:

Will you please accept our thanks for your letter of April 11th,
in regard to the annual meeting of the Social Science Research Council.

Yours very truly,



Convention and Tourist Traffic Manager.



Columbia University
in the City of New York

April 29, 1930.

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510 KENT HALL

Sir Arthur Currie
McGill University
Montreal, Canada.

My dear Sir Arthur:

I am sorry to have to inform you that the meeting of our Advisory Committee on International Relations must be held the week-end of May 30th, as a majority of the members preferred that date. We shall meet at 12:30 at the Century Association for luncheon, adjourn to the offices of the Social Science Research Council, 230 Park Avenue, for our afternoon session. The Committee also plans to have dinner together, followed by a meeting in the evening. On Saturday, May 31 there will be a morning meeting at 9:30; we shall lunch together and meet again in the afternoon. I hope you will find it possible to attend the meeting.

Very sincerely yours,

J. P. Chamberlain

April 30th, 1930.

Joseph P. Chamberlain, Esq.,
510 Kent Hall,
Columbia University,
New York.

Dear Mr. Chamberlain,

Let me acknowledge your note of the 29th April, intimating that the meeting of the Advisory Committee on International Relations will be held during the weekend of May 30th.

It so happens that that is our Convocation week, or, as you would say, Commencement week. The degree-conferring ceremony takes place on the 29th, and it may be possible for me to leave that evening for New York. If it is possible, I shall gladly go. I shall send you definite information a little later in the month.

Ever yours faithfully,

Principal.

Columbia University
in the City of New York

May 26, 1930.

LEGISLATIVE DRAFTING RESEARCH FUND
510 KENT HALL

Sir Arthur Currie
McGill University
Montreal, Canada.

My dear Sir Arthur:

I hope you are going to find it possible to come to the meeting of the Advisory Committee on International Relations, of the Social Science Research Council, as you suggest in your letter of April 30. We shall meet for luncheon at the Century Association, 7 West 43rd Street, at 12:30, and at 2 o'clock adjourn to the offices of the Council, 230 Park Avenue for our afternoon meeting, continuing with dinner and an evening session, and Saturday morning meeting at 9:30 at the Council offices. We shall finish about 5 o'clock on Saturday afternoon.

I am,

Very sincerely yours,

J. P. Chamberlain

May 28th, 1930.

Mr. J. P. Chamberlain,
510 Kent Hall,
Columbia University.
New York. N.Y.

Dear Mr. Chamberlain, -

I have your letter of yesterday reminding me of the meeting of the Advisory Committee on International Relations of the Social Science Research Council next Saturday morning.

It is a great disappointment to me, but I cannot go, and I want to explain to you the reasons. Our Convocation proceedings end on Thursday, but there is a meeting of the Council of Public Instruction of the Province of Quebec on Friday at Sherbrooke, Que. Matters of great concern to this University are coming up for discussion and I feel my first duty involves my attendance at that meeting. Another minor reason is that we are quarantined at our house for Scarlet Fever and I know your Immigration authorities might ask me to make a declaration that I had not been exposed to a contagious disease for some time. I could honestly make that declaration, but one never knows - somebody might say that I had falsely declared.

I am very sorry about this, but it cannot be helped this time.

Ever yours faithfully,

Principal.

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October 4, 1930

Sir Arthur W. Currie
McGill University
Montreal, P. Q., Canada

Dear Sir:

The Social Science Research Council takes pleasure in sending you a copy of a report on research in international law by Professor Quincy Wright submitted as a part of a larger survey of the field to the Council's Committee on International Relations.

Sincerely yours,

Walter R. Sharp

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October 8th, 1930.

Mr. Walter R. Sharp,
Fellowship Secretary,
Social Science Research Council
230 Park Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Sharp,

Thank you very much for the copy
of Report on Research in International Law by
Professor Quincy Wright, which you send to Sir
Arthur Currie. I shall be glad to call his
attention to this interesting report upon his
return to the University within the next few
days.

Yours faithfully,

Secretary to the Principal.

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July 21, 1931

Sir Arthur W. Currie
McGill University
Montreal, Canada

Dear Sir Currie:

At its summer conference in 1930 the Council voted to make the field of international relations one of its major fields of interest and directed the Committee on Problems and Policy to work out a plan of organization suitable for carrying out this purpose. During the winter the new set-up was arranged under the name of the Committee on International Relations, with James T. Shotwell not as Chairman of the Committee but as Director, a salaried member of the Council's staff. A Committee has been formed not consisting of academic research men but of men like Newton D. Baker and Owen D. Young, and it is expected that committees of experts will be set up to canvass the possibilities of research in different directions with the assistance of the Director. One such committee, formerly called the Subcommittee on International Business Organization, has been continued and placed under the new general committee, but the old Advisory Committee on International Relations, which has played its part so nobly since 1926 in planning research in this field for the Council, seems not to be required in exactly that form in the new set-up. Consequently, the Committee on Problems and Policy has formally discharged this advisory committee of which you have been a member since the beginning. The Committee was discharged with much appreciation of its labors and with the hope that the members will continue their interest in the Council, as also with the expectation that they will sooner or later hear from us in connection with the development of our plans.

Very truly yours,

RSW:MH

Robert S. Woodworth

July 25, 1931.

R. S. Woodsworth, Esq., President,
Social Science Research Council,
230 Park Avenue,
New York City.

Dear President Woodsworth,

Let me acknowledge receipt of your letter of July 21st, intimating that the old Advisory Committee on International Relations had been discontinued. I have no doubt the step taken by the Social Science Research Council in this regard was wise. I appreciate the courteous reference to the services of the old committee, but I am very certain that any contribution I made was not worth while.

With all good wishes,

I am,

Ever yours faithfully,

Principal