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# **COVENANT OF THE**

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#### EVERYONE SHOULD READ IT

The people of the United States have been asked, by both the proponents and the opponents of the peace treaty and League of Nations covenant, to give expression to their desires as to the ratification of the treaty as it stands or with amendments or reservations. Some of them have responded, at the meetings addressed by the president and by the opposing senators, or by communications to their senators. But the vast majority of the people are handicapped by their ignorance of the matter. Probably not one in ten thousand has read the covenant of the League of Nations as it was presented to the senate, mainly because few have had the opportunity. In order that our readers may be prepared to do their full duty as citizens in regard to the controversy, the complete text of the covenant la herewith presented, and they are asked to read it carefully.

#### THE COVENANT OF THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

The high contracting parties, in order to promote international co-operation and to achieve international peace and security by the acceptance of obligations not to resort to war, by the prescription of open, just, and honorable relations between nations, by the firm establishment of the understandings of international law as the actual rule of conduct among governments, and by the maintenance of justice and a scrupulous respect for all treaty obligations in the dealings of organized peoples with one another, agree to this covenant of the League of Nations.

ARTICLE 1.-The original members of the League of Nations shall be those of the signatories which are named in the annex to this covenant and also such of those other states named in the annex as shall accede without reservation to this covenant. Such accession shall be effected by a declaration de-posited with the secretariat within two months of the coming into force of the covenant. Notice thereof shall be sent to all other members of the league."

Any fully self-governing state, do-minion, or colony not named in the annex may become a member of the league if its admission is agreed to by two-thirds of the assembly, provided that it shall give effective guarantees of its sincere intention to observe its international obligations, and shall accept such regulations as may be prescribed by the league in regard to its military, naval and air forces and arm-

Any member of the league may, after two years' notice of its intention so to do, withdraw from the league, provided that all its international obligations nant shall have been fulfilled at the time of its withdrawal.

ARTICLE 2.-The action of the league under this covenant shall be effected through the instrumentality of an assembly and of a council, with a permanent secretariat.

ARTICLE 3.—The assembly shall onsist of representatives of the

members of the league. The assembly shall meet at stated intervals and from time to time as occasion may require at the seat of the league or at such other place as may The assembly may deal at its meet

ings with any matter within the fecting the peace of the world. At meetings of the assembly each nember of the league shall have one ote, and may have not more than

hree representatives.

ARTICLE 4 .- The council shall conof represenatives of the principal illed and associated powers, together vith representatives of four other nembers of the league. These four nembers of the league. nembers of the league shall be selectd by the assembly from time to time n its discretion. Until the appointment of the representatives of the four memssembly, representatives of Belgium, trazil, Spain, and Greece shall be mem-ers of the council.

With the approval of the majority of he assembly, the council may name

nembers of the league whose repreentatives shall always be members of he council; the council with like aproval may increase the number of nembers of the league to be selected y the assembly for representation on

e council. The council shall meet from time to me as occasion may require, and at ast once a year, at the seat of the ague, or at such other place as may

decided upon. The council may deal at its meetings with any matter within the sphere of ction of the league or affecting the peace of the world.

Any member of the league not rep resented on the council shall be invited to send a representative to sit a a member at any meeting of the coun cil during the consideration of matters specially affecting the interests of that member of the league.

At meetings of the council, each member of the league represented on the council shall have one vote, and may have not more than one repre-

ARTICLE 5 .- Except where other wise expressly provided in this cove nant or by the terms of the present treaty, decisions at any meeting of the assembly or of the council shall require the agreement of all the members of the league represented at the

All matters of procedure at meeting of the assembly or of the council, in cluding the appointment of committee to investigate particular matters, shall be regulated by the assembly or by th council and may be decided by a jority of the members of the league

The first meeting of the assembly and the first meeting of the counci shall be summoned by the president of the United States o: America.

ARTICLE 6.—The permanent secre-tariat shall be established at the seat of the league. The secretariat shall comprise a secretary general and such secretaries and staff as may be re-

The first secretary general shall be the person named in the annex; there-after the secretary general shall be appointed by the council with the ap-proval of the majority of the assembly. The secretaries and staff of the sec-

retariat shall be appointed by the sec-retary general with the approval of the council. The secretary general shall act in that capacity at all meetings of the as-sembly and of the council.

The expenses of the secretariat shall be borne by the members of the league in accordance with the apportionment of the expenses of the international bureau of the Universal Postal union.

ARTICLE 7.—The seat of the league is established at Geneva. The council may at any time decide that the seat of the league shall be established elsewhere.

All positions under or in connection with the league, including the secre-tariat, shall be open equally to men and

Representatives of the members of the league and officials of the league when engaged on the business of the league shall enjoy diplomatic privileges and immunities.
The buildings and other property oc-

cupied by the league or its officials or by representatives attending its meet-ings shall be inviolable. ARTICLE 8 .- The members of the

league recognize that the maintenance of peace requires the reduction of na-tional armaments to the lowest point consistent with national safety and the enforcement by common action of in-ternational obligations.

The council, taking account of the geographical situation and circumstances of each state, shall formulate plans for such reduction for the consideration and action of the several governments. Such plans shall be subject to recon-

sideration and revision at least every

ten years.

After these plans shall have been adopted by the several governments, the limits of annuments therein fixed shall not be exceeded without the concurrence of the council.

The members of the league agree

that the manufacture by private enterprise of munitions and implements of war is open to grave objections. The council shall advise how the evil effects attendant upon such manufacture can be prevented, due regard being had to the necessities of those members of the league which are not able to manufacture the munitions and implements of war necessary for their safety. The members of the league under-

take to interchange full and frank information as to the scale of their armaments, their military and naval pro-grams and the condition of such of their industries as are adaptable to warlike purposes,

sion shall be constituted to advise the council on the execution of the provisions of articles 1 and 8 and on milltary and naval questions generally. ARTICLE 10 .- The members of the

league undertake to respect and pre-serve as against external aggression the territorial integrity and existing political independence of all members of the league. In case of any such ag-gression or in case of any threat or danger of such aggression the council shall advise upon the means by which this obligation shall be fulfilled.

ARTICLE IL .-- Any war or threat of war, whether immediately affecting any of the members of the league or not, is hereby declared a matter of con-cern to the whole league, and the league shall take any action that may be deemed wise and effectual to safe-guard the peace of nations. In case any such emergency should arise the secretary general shall on the request of any member of the league forthwith on a meeting of

It is also declared to be the friendly right of each member of the league to bring to the attention of the assembly of the council any circumstance whatever affecting international relations which threatens to disturb international peace or the good understanding between nations upon which peace depends.

ARTICLE 12.—The members of the league agree that if there should arise between them any dispute likely to lead to a rupture, they will submit the matter either to arbitration or to inquiry by the council, and they agree in no case to resort to war until three months after the award by the arbitrators or the report by the council.

award of the arbitrators shall be made within a reasonable time, and the report of the council shall be made within six months after the submission of the dispute.

ARTICLE 13 .- The members of the league agree that whenever any dispute shall arise between them which they recognize to be suitable for sub-mission to arbitration and which cannot be satisfactorily settled by diplomacy, they will submit the whole subject matter to arbitration.

Disputes as to the interpretation of a treaty, as to any question of interna-ticnal law, as to the existence of any fact which if established would constitute a breach of any international obligation, or as to the extent and na-ture of the reparation to be made for any such breach, are declared to be among those which are generally suitable for submission to arbitration.

For the consideration of any such dispute the court of arbitration which the case is referred shall be the court agreed on by the parties to the dispute or stipulated in any convention existing between them.

The members of the league agree that they will carry out in full good faith any award that may be rendered and that they will not resort to war against a member of the league which complies therewith. In the event of any failure to carry out such an award the council shall propose what steps should be taken to give effect thereto.

ARTICLE 14 .- The council shall formulate and submit to the members of the league for adoption plans for the establishment of a permanent court of international justice. The court shall be competent to hear and determine any dispute of an international character which the parties thereto submit to it. The court may also give an advisory opinion upon any dispute or question referred to it by the council or by the assembly.

ARTICLE 15.-If there should arise between members of the league any dispute likely to lead to a which is not submitted to arbitration in accordance with article 13, the mem-bers of the league agree that they will submit the matter to the council. Any party to the dispute may effect such submission by giving notice of the existence of the dispute to the secretary general, who will make all necessary arrangements for a full investigation and consideration thereof.

For this purpose the parties to the dispute will communicate to the secretary general, as promptly as possible, (Continued on page six)

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