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FULL TEXT OF LEAGUE OF NATIONS COVENANT

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Article 19
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.

Article 20
The Members of the League severally agree that this Covenant is accepted as abrogating all obligations or understandings inter se which are inconsistent with the terms thereof, and solemnly undertake that they will not hereafter enter into any engagements inconsistent with the terms thereof.

In case any Member of the League shall, before becoming a Member of the League, have undertaken any obligations inconsistent with the terms of this Covenant, it shall be the duty of such member to take immediate steps to procure its release from such obligations.

Article 21
Nothing in this covenant shall be deemed to affect the validity of international engagements, such as treaties of arbitration or regional understand-

ings like the Monroe Doctrine, for securing the maintenance of peace.

Article 22
To those colonies and territories which as a consequence of the late war have ceased to be under the sovereignty of the States which formerly governed them and which are inhabited by peoples not yet able to stand by themselves under the strenuous conditions of the modern world, there should be applied the principle that the well-being and development of such peoples form a sacred trust of civilization and that securities for the performance of this should be embodied in this covenant.

The best method of giving practical effect to this principle is that the tutelage of such peoples should be entrusted to advanced nations who by reason of their resources, their experience or their geographical position can best undertake this responsibility, and who are willing to accept it and that this tutelage should be exercised by them as Mandatories on behalf of the League.

The character of the mandate must differ according to the stage of the development of the people, the geographical situation of the territory, its economic conditions and other similar circumstances.

Certain communities formerly belonging to the Turkish Empire have reached a stage of development where their existence as independent nations can be provisionally recognized subject to the rendering of administrative advice and assistance by a Mandatory until such time as they are able to stand alone. The wishes of these communities must be a principal consideration in the selection of the Mandatory.

Other peoples, especially those of Central Africa, are at such a stage that the Mandatory must be responsible for the administration of the territory under conditions which will guarantee freedom of conscience and religion, subject to the maintenance of public order and morals, the prohibition of abuses such as the slave trade, the arms traffic and the liquor traffic, and the prevention of the establishment of fortifications or military and naval bases and of military training of the natives for other than police purposes and the defense of territory, and will also secure equal opportunities for the trade and commerce of other Members of the League.

There are territories, such as South West Africa and certain of the South Pacific Islands, which, owing to the sparseness of their population, or their small size, or their remoteness from the centers of civilization, or their geographical contiguity to the territory of the Mandatory, and other circumstances, can be best administered under the laws of the Mandatory as integral portions of its territory, subject to the safeguards above mentioned in the interests of the indigenous population.

In every case of mandate, the Mandatory shall render to the Council an annual report in reference to the territory committed to its charge.

The degree of authority, control, or administration to be exercised by the Mandatory shall, if not previously agreed upon by the Members of the League, be explicitly defined in each case by the Council.

A permanent Commission shall be constituted to receive and examine the annual reports of the Mandatories and to advise the Council on all matters relating to the observance of the mandates.

Article 23

Subject to and in accordance with the provisions of international conventions existing or hereafter to be agreed upon, the Members of the League:

- (a) will endeavor to secure and maintain fair and humane conditions of labor for men, women, and children, both in their own countries and in all countries to which their own commercial and industrial relations extend, and for that purpose will establish and maintain the necessary international organizations;
- (b) undertake to secure just treatment of the native inhabitants of territories under their control;
- (c) will intrust the League with the general supervision over the execution of agreements with regard to the traffic in women and children, and the traffic in opium and other dangerous drugs;
- (d) will intrust the League with the general supervision of the trade in arms and ammunition with the countries in which the control of this traffic is necessary in the common interest;
- (e) will make provision to secure and maintain freedom of communications and of transit and equitable treatment for the commerce of all Members of the League. In this connection, the special necessities of the region devastated during the war of 1914-1918 shall be borne in mind;
- (f) will endeavor to take steps in matters of international concern for the prevention and control of disease.

Article 24
There shall be placed under the direction of the League all international bureaus already established by general treaties if the parties to such treaties consent. All such international bureaus and all commissions for the regulation of matters of international interest hereafter constituted shall be placed under the direction of the League.

In all matters of international interest which are regulated by general conventions but which are not placed under the control of international bureaus or commissions, the Secretariat of the League shall, upon the consent of the Council and if desired by the parties, collect and distribute all relevant information and shall render any other assistance which may be necessary or desirable.

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To the Voters of Oregon!

The taxpayers of Portland and Multnomah County are not only willing but anxious to provide the Port of Portland with needed funds for dredging our River Channel to the sea. The Committee that formulated what is known as the Port of Portland and Dock Commission Consolidation Bill under the numbers 310 and 311 on the ballot insisted, however, upon weighting down the measure with an enormously expensive real estate scheme, and by a formal vote turned down the request of taxpayers that the Swan Island scheme and the River Channel scheme be presented as separate measures. Refusing to be forced to swallow something they cannot approve, Multnomah County is expected to vote adversely to the whole scheme by an overwhelming majority. Having done this, they will then be ready to vote for any needed amount for improving our River Channels. A Committee of the City Club has submitted a detailed analysis of the measure showing that it means an ultimate expenditure of at least \$40,000,000.

Our Chamber of Commerce and other civic bodies with all of our river pilots and steamboat owners and others have protested against it. At least twelve former and present members of the Port of Portland and the Dock Commission have declared against it. A majority, if not all, of our City Commissioners oppose it. The Committee of 15 itself that drafted the measure is divided.

The Taxpayers of Portland Appeal to You

in a spirit of fair play to save this county from the imposition upon us of such an overwhelming and paralyzing debt as this measure contemplates. It would be deemed offensive if we gave expression to what we believe to be the selfish and ambitious political motives that have inspired the measure which is submitted with a distinctively deceptive title.

We simply appeal for fair play and a decent consideration of the hopeless plight in which this community will find itself if the measure carries. As citizens of outlying counties who will not have to pay a dollar of the debt imposed, we appeal to you to consider what would be your feelings if Multnomah County should try to impose a similar burden on you. Our interests in a general way are mutual.

It is our sincere judgment that the success of this measure will seriously retard, instead of promoting, the development of this port and that the state at large will in return suffer severely as a consequence.

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The Council may include as part of the expenses of the Secretariat the expenses of any bureau or commission which is placed under the direction of the League.

Article 25
The Members of the League agree to encourage and promote the establishment and cooperation of duly authorized voluntary national Red Cross organizations having as purposes the improvement of health, the prevention of disease and the mitigation of suffering throughout the world.

Article 26
Amendments to this Covenant will take effect when ratified by the Members of the League whose Representatives compose the council and by a majority of the Members of the League whose Representatives compose the Assembly.

No such amendment shall bind any Member of the League which signifies its dissent therefrom, but in that case it shall cease to be a Member of the League.

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