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Brummell "These are our failures"

Tapan & South America
Disarmament - Conference
Economic Conference.

Political Nationalism - Germany.

Economic Nationalism - U. S.

Policies pursued outside the League
in disregard of its negotiations; are
repictio~~n~~ of the spirit which must
be the League itself an
instrument of national policies.

Not the failure of the League is
a failure of the countries that form
it -

no casualties in this

C + IV.

Today statement of all countries to
Geneva to impose national veto. Had those fellows
write them from afar prepared to discuss them &
they consent to any modification or surrender of
national purposes. When however dealt with directly
survive, each people for himself another nation
& eventually the League itself. I believe that
Geneva is an instrument to give international
appeal to its own national policies. But the
idea of the League, that imposing an alien
prescription upon themselves is utterly repugnant
& wholly intolerable for all peoples.

Frank S. Smith, Can Europe

Keep the Peace (1932) p. 270

In sum, the present failure of the League arises
uniquely from the fact that it is an international
instrument in the hands of people who can only
think and act nationally p. 274.



The Round Table in 1930 -

The future of the Empire is now
of course inseparable from that of the
League of Nations. The basis of the
old Empire was largely the need for
common action for defence against
external dangers and the consideration of
those dangers is now in large measure
transferred to Geneva. In proportion as
the League of Nations & the Pact of Paris
prove to be effective guarantees against
external aggression & of just international
rights, the value of the Empire as a
League for defence & for common
action in time of war will diminish,
& its importance as a new and
unique system for settling the extraordinarily
complex problems which necessarily arise
between its countless races, colors, religions,
civilizations & economic interests, by friendly
discussion & reason, and not by extermination
& violence, will proportionally increase.
Not the same confidence or hope today.

We may explain -

The War settlement itself emphasized the notion of self-determination rather than the principle of mutual dependence.

The sudden impact of strains: no instrument can be made to stand all strains.

A spirit of disillusionment: demand for resolution of all troubles, removal of all prejudices.

~~Reaction: Just as the Reformation succeeded by counter-reformation, so the attempt at revolution in world affairs succeeded by counter-revolution?~~

Sinister -

Within certain countries, an
impatience & exasperation at the
ineptitude & inefficacy of popular
institutions & parties, leads to
autocracy & oligarchy, so within
the ~~international~~ sphere of
international relations, reversions and
disappointments lead to a recoil
from concerted international action,
to self containedness and
self assertion: the more dangerous then
coming ~~from~~ countries with a predominant
reformation and counter
reformation?

The middle age with its
sense of unity superseded by the
national state and international
anarchy. The 19th century after a
brief period of international
organization & cultivation of
international spirit to fall back upon
an exasperation of ~~absolute~~ sovereignty.

Some Modifications -

1. Need for leadership, especially in a great assembly of many nations. Lacking in the decision of the Great Powers; ~~and the~~

the 4 Poor Powers may give that. Fear of dictatorship must not allow you to ignore the need for ~~effective~~ leadership which can only come from those who can make it effective.

2. Some compromise between the publicity & treatment which attends international conferences, the rush of Prime Ministers & Leaders of State from one capital to another, which tends to ~~raise~~ raise public hopes & apprehensions unhealthy, and

"secret diplomacy": more
preparation, more discussion and
agreement among States principally
concerned, conduct of those discussions
by ~~few~~ persons less in the
highlight. Some holding restraint of
issues - of that all questions of treaty revision
are not brought up at once.

3. ~~Contrast~~ contrast between methods in
international affairs: the French desire
for precision, a formulated plan
desires to meet each foreign occasion,
with specific preparations for the
fulfilment of definite obligations:
the British imprecision, illustrated
by relations of British Council itself;
that international relations ~~do not~~
are not like commercial relations,
possible subjects of firm agreements.

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an exaggeration of national
sovereignty?

Failure of League ~~does not mean~~
~~success of something else~~ → the
success of what?
Rivalry, terrorism, wars:

But not the salvation of the world.

World still inter-dependent; the
economy of every country built for
international trade: to destroy it
means world impoverishment.

Satter - the fundamental
issue.

Seller in the Fundamental Issue

Time May 30/32

International trade could not
develop without a system that insured them
against war

commercial policies wh. assured
them against the constant menace of
prohibitive new tariffs

a credit system which
allowed ~~money~~ ^{private} capital to flow regularly

and a monetary system which
provided a nationally stable medium
of exchange.

If they could not achieve those
conditions they would inevitably witness a
new period of economic catastrophe
at all more dangerous & more debilitate
than they had known in the past.



Today -

(1) the interdependence of nations.

(2) the inter-relationship of politics & economics.

disarmament and political stability.

as free flow of trade or capital without political stability, the assurance of peace.

(3) the growing prevalence of "F.D." in economics, prior to economic relations a political & F.D. character they never had before.

pol. restricted trade, change the course of trade, control in finances & exchanges, in making credit etc., sharpen infinitely the

economic contact, make it
a possible cause of war.
elimination of the international
or un. national finance which
was a factor for peace.

Consider "American plan"

Consider Japanese Trade Expansion
and its relations to politics.