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Present British Government Objects to Council of Dominion Representatives

LONDON, Jan. 29.—"Consultation on matters of Foreign Policy and General Imperial Interests" are the subjects discussed in the correspondence published between the home government and those of the self-governing Dominions.

The opening communication, dated June 23 last, is a telegram from Ramsay MacDonald, as Prime Minister, to the various Prime Ministers of the Dominions, in which he raises the question of the adequacy of the present system of consultation with other self-governing parts of the Empire on matters of foreign policy and general imperial interest. In suggesting that these problems be given a preliminary examination, Ramsay

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Macdonald added that a possible method might be to have a meeting of two representatives of each country concerned to consider the problems and present a report as a basis for further discussion.

Following the receipt of replies from the Dominions, J. H. Thomas, as Colonial Secretary, on September 15 despatched a telegram to the various Governors General stating that the governments of Canada, South Africa, Newfoundland, and New Zealand had intimated their willingness to take part in the proposed inquiry, and that the government of Australia was prepared to participate if all the other Dominions were agreeable. A reply was still awaited from the Irish Free State. Later the Irish Free State wrote stating that they would be prepared to take part in the suggested conference.

Stops the Discussion

When the Conservative government took office L. S. Amery, the new colonial secretary, closed the correspondence with a despatch, dated December 2, in which he says:

"While difficulties undoubtedly exist in making the present system of consultation fully effective, H.M. Government have grave doubts whether some of the suggestions set out in the latter part of Ramsay MacDonald's message would improve the present system; they also question whether at the present stage an inquiry of the nature suggested would lead to any practical result."

With regard to reference made by Mr. MacDonald that it might be worth while to have a further examination of the resolution on the negotiation, signature, and ratification of treaties passed at the Imperial Conference of 1923, Mr. Amery states that H.M. Government feels that the time which has elapsed since the resolution was passed is hardly sufficient to enable any very definite opinion to be given. For themselves, they would prefer to defer a considered judgment until they have had an opportunity of studying for a longer period the working of the resolution in practice.

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"For these reasons," concludes Mr. Amery, "H.M. Government doubt whether there would be any advantage in pursuing further, at this stage, the proposal for a special inquiry into the matters referred to in Mr. Ramsay MacDonald's message. On the other hand, I need hardly add that, in carrying out the policy of working in concert with the Dominion governments in all matters affecting foreign relations and the common interests of the British Empire, they desire to avail themselves of every opportunity that may present itself for personal consultation between ministers, or with such other representatives as the Dominion governments may at any time wish to entrust with the task of representing their own views or of ascertaining those of the British government."

"There is one pressing matter raising issues which affect the vital interests of the whole Empire on which personal consultation is, in the view of His Majesty's government, essential. I refer to the Protocol for the pacific settlement of international disputes. With regard to the arrangements to be made for securing personal consultation, H.M. government hope to communicate with your ministers at a very early date."

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