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DESCRIPTIVE CATALOGUE OF LEAGUE OF NATIONS

SOUND RECORDINGS

1. This guide, which has been prepared by the Sound Recording Unit of the Telecommunication Section, consists of a descriptive list of those League of Nations sound recordings that have been transferred to the United Nations archives. The collection is known to be incomplete.
2. The original recordings were made at standard home phonograph speed (78 rpm) on 12-inch cardboard base discs. For better preservation and reference use, new copies have been made on 0.5 mil tape four tracks at 33/4 ips.
3. The recordings listed deal with League of Nations proceedings and activities from 1934 to 1939 and are of varying quality and interest.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS SOUND RECORDINGS

INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR INTELLECTUAL COOPERATION

Anezaki, Professor (Japan). July 1934. English (Postword in Japanese).

Running time: 17 minutes. Fair quality.

At Geneva. Speech on the influence of Calvinism on the Western industrial philosophy which has divided Orient and Occident. Mentions Moslem contribution to Eastern and Western thinking. Proves interchange of philosophies has contributed to both Eastern and Western civilizations. Compares the Orient's problems of transition from mediaevalism to industrialism with Europe's present insecurity of moral and spiritual values - both are actually facing the same problems. (Last paragraph in Japanese - content unknown).

Borel, M. Emile (France). 20 July 1934. French. Running time: 3 minutes. Poor quality.

Speech on the varied work programmes of the Committee.

Castillejo, Professor José (Spain). July 1934. Spanish. Running time: 7 minutes. Good quality.

Invitation to the scientific and intellectual groups of all countries to join the cultural crusade of the International Organization for Intellectual Cooperation.

Montarroyos, M.E. (Brazil). July 1934. French. Running time: 5 minutes. Fair quality.

Invitation to the scientific and intellectual groups of all countries to join the cultural crusade of the International Organization for Intellectual Cooperation.

Murray, Gilbert (United Kingdom). July 1934. English. Running time: 8 minutes. Poor quality.

Eulogy on life of Mme. Curie and her contribution to the scientific world.

_____. July 1934. English. Running time: 7 minutes. Fair quality.

Speech on the work of the committee and an invitation to men of intellect from different nations to meet and work together for the co-operative study of international questions, international understanding and solidarity.

Titaescu, T. (Romania). Date unknown, probably 1934. French. Running time: 13 minutes. Poor quality.

Speech on the universality of art.

Bonnet, M. Henri (France). July 1934. French. Running time: 6 minutes. Poor quality.

Report on the activities of the Institute and the efficiency of its collaboration with the Paris Institute, Rome Institute, the secretariat of the organization and the various national committees.

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RADIO NATIONS, GENEVA, SWITZERLAND

Durnin, Mr. 15 October 1938. English. Running time: 12 minutes. Good quality.
Weekly talk from the office of the Secretariat, "The Economic and Financial Organization of the League".

_____. 22 October 1938. English. Running time: 6 minutes. Good quality.
Weekly talk from the office of the Secretariat, "Currency Movement and Statistics".

_____. 5 November 1938. English. Running time: 19 minutes. Good quality.
Weekly talk from the Secretariat "answering questions received from his audience about what the League of Nations intends to do".

_____. 12 November 1938. English. Running time: 16 minutes. Good quality.
Weekly talk, "The Health Organization of the League of Nations".

_____. 13 August 1939. English. Running time: 10 minutes. Good quality.
Radio broadcast from Geneva on what the League has done for the treatment of malaria, its prevention, precautions to be taken against the malaria mosquito and the "immunity and premunition in malaria".

XVTH ASSEMBLY

Barthou, Louis (France). 14 September 1934. French, followed by English translation. Running time: 6 minutes (incomplete). Good quality.
Applause - Speech on the 1919 Minority Treaty between Poland and the principal Allied Powers. Aligns himself with England and Sir John Simon's statement and reaffirms France's interest in protecting the rights of minority groups.

Benes, Eduard (Czechoslovakia). 12 September 1934. French. Running time: 26 minutes. Good quality.
Opening address in toto. States that there is a world crisis involving both spiritual and economic decay. Reviews the League's failures - the failure of the Disarmament Committees, the withdrawal of Japan and Germany, the Chaco Boundary War, events in Manchukuo etc. Reaffirms his belief that this period is an historic cycle, that sanctions would be applied on the next violation of the peace and that violators would have the responsibility of bringing about the downfall of the League and a world catastrophe. Cites some accomplishments of the League and ends on a note of optimism.

Cantilo, José (Argentina). 14 September 1934. French. Running time: 9 minutes. Fair quality.
Speech on the Chaco Boundary Dispute. Presents Argentine plan for peace by arbitration.

De Valera, Eamon (Ireland). 12 September 1934. English. Running time: 11 minutes. Fair quality.
Speech on procedure concerning Russia's application for membership in the League and assurance of Ireland's support of entry of USSR into the League.

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XVth ASSEMBLY (continued)

De Valera, Eamon (Ireland). 18 September 1934. English. Running time: 7 minutes.
Fair quality.

Speech urging Russia to accept invitation to join the League and to proclaim that the guarantee it gave the United States, upon resumption of diplomatic relations with that country, as to liberty of worship and conscience for American nationals should be made applicable to all countries.

Sandler, M.R.F. (Sweden). 27 September 1934. French. Running time: 5 minutes.
Fair quality.

Closing speech of the session - reviews events in the world and their effect on the League.

Schuschnigg, Kurt (Austria). 12 September 1934. German and French. Running time: 30 minutes (incomplete). Good quality.

Speech in German, interspersed with French translation of main points on the economic crises in the world and in Austria and the necessity of real peace to improve trade, and on the injustices of the Versailles Treaty towards Austria.

Simon, Sir John (United Kingdom). 14 September 1934. English. Running time: 5 minutes. Good quality.

Speech on the proposal for "universalisation of international protection of minorities" and the particular position of certain States currently bound by minority treaties.

XVth ASSEMBLY, SPECIAL SESSION (PART I)

Benes, Eduard (Czechoslovakia). 20 November 1934. French. Running time: 7 minutes. Poor quality.

Memorial to King Alexander of Yugoslavia and M. Barthou.

Cantilo, José (Argentina). 24 November 1934. French. Running time: 6 minutes.
Fair quality.

Speech on the Chaco Boundary Dispute, expressing satisfaction at the work done in Geneva and extends his country's welcome to Buenos Aires for the final arbitration.

Cantilo, José (Argentina). Spanish. Running time: 2 minutes. Fair quality.

Statement after the first part of session on the settlement of the Chaco Boundary Dispute.

Costa du Rels, M. (Bolivia). 24 November 1934. French. Running time: 11 minutes. Good quality.

Speech on the Chaco Boundary Dispute, defending his country for having appealed to the Committee of Neutrals rather than to the Council of the League.

XVth ASSEMBLY, SPECIAL SESSION (PART I) (continued)

- _____. 24 November 1934. French. Running time: 21 minutes. Fair quality.
Speech on the Chaco Boundary Dispute, reaffirming Bolivia's innocence of any breach of the Covenant.
- Cuervo-Marquez, E. (Colombia). November 1934. Spanish. Running time: 3 minutes.
Fair quality.
Statement after the first part of session on the Chaco Boundary Dispute.
- Eden, Anthony (United Kingdom). 21 November 1934. English. Running time: 4 minutes. Fair quality.
Speech on the Chaco Boundary Dispute, stating that the responsibility of each country is to see that the embargo on the export of arms to the two countries concerned should be put into effect, as the only practical means of stopping the fighting.
- Guani, M. (Uruguay). 24 November 1934. Spanish. Running time: 3 minutes.
Fair quality.
Statement on the Chaco Boundary Dispute.
- Laval, Pierre (France). 20 November 1934. French. Running time: 2 minutes.
Good quality.
Memorial to King Alexander and M. Barthou.
- Lavillier, M. (Peru). November 1934. Spanish. Running time: 5 minutes.
Poor quality.
Statement after the first part of session on the League of Nations and the solution to the Chaco Boundary Dispute worked out by the American Republics in Geneva.
- Madariaga, Salvador de (Spain). 21 November 1934. French. Running time: 11 minutes. Fair quality.
Statement expressing hope for the outcome of the arbitration of the Convention on the Chaco Boundary Dispute at Buenos Aires and criticizing the principle of arbitration by an interested "bloc" rather than a universally selected one.
- _____. 24 November 1934. Spanish. Running time: 7 minutes. Fair quality.
Speech on the Chaco Boundary Dispute. Hopes for successful mediation at Buenos Aires, after which he proposes the setting up of a neutral committee to supervise demobilization along the boundary.
- Najera, Castillo (Mexico). Introduction by Mr. Benes, Chairman (Czechoslovakia).
20 November 1934. French. Running time: 4 minutes. Poor quality.
Reception speech on his election as President.
- Rivas-Vicuna, E. (Chile). 21 November 1934. French. Running time: 5 minutes.
Fair quality.
Speech on the satisfactory solution to the work of the Chaco Commission -
applause.

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XVth ASSEMBLY, SPECIAL SESSION (PART I) (continued)

Tudela y Varela, Francisco (Peru). 21 November 1934. French. Running time:
1 minute. Good quality.

Excerpt of final statement on the satisfactory solution to the Chaco Boundary
Dispute.

Yevtitch, M. Bogolioub (Yugoslavia). 20 November 1934. French. Running time:
3 minutes. Poor quality.

Memorial to King Alexander and M. Barthou.

Zumeta, U. (Venezuela). November 1934. Spanish. Running time: 3 minutes.
Fair quality.

Statement after the first part of session on the Chaco Boundary Dispute,
deploring the weakening of the continental solidarity through conflict and the
reintroduction of the dangers of the "right" of conquest amongst the Spanish
American States.

XVth ASSEMBLY, SPECIAL SESSION (PART II)

Cantilo, José (Argentina). 25 May 1935. Spanish. Running time: 3 minutes.
Good quality.

Interview after the second part of session on the completion of the Chaco
Boundary Dispute at Geneva and on the coming mediation in Buenos Aires.

Rivas-Vicuna, E. (Chile). 25 May 1935. Spanish. Running time: 3 minutes.
Poor quality.

Statement after the second part of session - tribute to the happy solution worked
out by the American Republics to the Chaco Boundary Dispute, in Geneva.

Tudela y Varela, Francisco (Peru). 1935. Spanish. Running time: 5 minutes.
Fair quality.

Statement after the second part of session on the Chaco Boundary Dispute,
expressing optimism for the outcome of the mediation at Buenos Aires.

XVth ASSEMBLY, Vith COMMITTEE

Aga Khan (India). 20 July 1934. English. Running time: 10 minutes.
Poor quality.

Speech on the present chaotic state of the world as a consequence of the
manufacture of weapons of world destruction, pointing out that instead of
preparing for war, nations should prepare for international world order and
peace and stating that countries not yet members of the League have shown
their preparedness to act on a permanent security commission if the League
would institute one.

Aloisi, M. (Italy). 17 September 1934. French. Running time: 1 minute.
Poor quality.

Brief statement on the admission of the USSR as a member of the League, aligning
himself with France and the United Kingdom in favour of admission.

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XVth ASSEMBLY, Vith COMMITTEE (continued)

Barthou, Louis (France). September 1934. French. Running time: 21 minutes.
Good quality.

Highly oratorical resumé of various views expounded by the Committee on the admission of the USSR to the League and recommendation that the USSR should be admitted to "universalize" the League.

Benes, Eduard (Czechoslovakia). 10 September 1934. French. Running time: 4 minutes. Good quality.

Speech in support of the admission of the USSR as a member of the League of Nations, stating Czechoslovakia's belief that collaboration with Russia is the best security for peace - applause.

Caeiro da Mata, Jose (Portugal). 16 September 1934. French. Running time: 8 minutes. Fair quality.

Explanation of why Portugal will not vote in favour of the admission of the USSR as a member of the League.

Cantilo, José (Argentina). 17 September 1934. French. Running time: 3 minutes. Good quality.

Speech on the admission of the USSR as a member of the League, stating that his Government has never recognized the USSR and charging maltreatment of former Argentine Minister, after which he abstains from voting and withdraws from the meeting.

Eden, Anthony (United Kingdom). 17 September 1934. English. Running time: 2 minutes. Fair quality.

Statement affirming the United Kingdom's support of the admission of the USSR, which will "universalize" the League of Nations.

Graeff, Jonkheer A.C.D. de (Netherlands). 17 September 1934. French. Running time: 1 minute. Good quality.

Brief statement that he would vote against the admission of the USSR as a member of the League.

Jaspar, Henri (Belgium). 17 September 1934. French. Running time: 4 minutes. Good quality.

Speech on the admission of the USSR, stating that Belgium has always maintained relations with the USSR, despite grievances, and will support the decision of the three big Powers to admit the USSR to membership in the League, although repayment for industrial help to USSR had never been made.

Rustu, Tewfik (Turkey). 17 September 1934. French. Running time: 3 minutes. Good quality.

Speech welcoming the USSR to membership in the League; referring to Turkey as a neighbouring friend of the Soviets; and viewing USSR admission as a widening of the League circle.

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XVth ASSEMBLY, VIth COMMITTEE (continued)

Skelton, H. (Canada). 17 September 1934. English. Running time: 4 minutes.
Poor quality.

Speech concerning the position of the Canadian delegation with regard to the admission of the USSR to the League, stating that although Canada is opposed to the régime, it would vote for USSR admission in the hope that it will facilitate the opening of a better era.

XVIth ASSEMBLY

Blum, Leon (France). 1 July 1936. French. Running time: 39 minutes.
Good quality.

Maiden speech to the League, referring to the rise of socialism in Europe and in France; reaffirming France's will to peace; mentioning the growing menace of war, with direct reference to Germany's rearmament and slight reference to Italo-Abyssynian war; and emphasizing the need for collective security through the League.

Sellassie, Haile (Ethiopia). 30 June 1936. French and Amharic. Running time: 31 minutes. Good quality.

Rapporteur's announcement - applause - and opening sentence by the Negus in French, with continuation in Amharic.

93rd COUNCIL MEETING

Rivas-Vicuna, E. (Chile). September 1935. Spanish. Running time: 7 minutes.
Fair quality.

Speech on the Chaco Boundary Dispute, reaffirming Chile's pursuit of a peaceful settlement, and expressing optimism that a solution will be found through the co-operation of the rest of the Americas at the Convention in Buenos Aires.
