

- “(15) We believe that the Peace Treaties of the Great War carried within themselves the germs of future conflicts. We realize the enormous (but not insuperable) difficulties of reconsidering the status established by those Treaties and for our part we are prepared in the most genuine and broadminded spirit to join in such a reconsideration.
- “(16) As a first step we are prepared to agree to a proposal that the Covenant of the League should be separated from these Peace Treaties.
- “(17) For any general reconsideration of the Peace Treaties we should wish to see all the nations of the world, whether Members of the League or not, invited to take part.
- “(18) We should wish also to see all the nations of the world, whether Members of the League or not, invited to take part in the consideration of the terms and the application of the Covenant, or of any other universal method of collective security that may be proposed in its stead.
- “(19) We realize the important effect of economic conditions on the peace of the world and we should wish, also, that a world-wide survey of such conditions should be undertaken at the same time.
- “(20) We feel that the peoples of the world, as distinct from their Governments, should be afforded every possible facility for following the transactions of the League, and that all appropriate League discussions and decisions should accordingly be broadcast by short-wave radio.
- “(21) Finally, although we believe that a collective peace system that is not supported by all the nations of the world is better than no collective peace system at all, yet we are convinced that no such system can be entirely satisfactory until it is universal and that every proper effort should be made to that end.

“ I have the honour to be,

“ Sir,

“ Your obedient servant,

“ M. J. SAVAGE, Prime Minister.”

When forwarding the above memorandum to the Secretary-General of the League of Nations it was stated in a further memorandum that if these proposals were not considered immediately practicable the New Zealand Government would not demur to consideration of progress by stages or to alternative proposals.

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