The League of Nations and the Meaning of Security

Patricia Clavin
Adam and Eve: The Experts
• Etiene Clémental – managed trade; pool reconstruction resources

• Maurice Hankey – League of nations should ‘control trans-oceanic supplies & transportation’

• 1919 Supreme Economic Council: Allied Maritime Transport Council Inter-Allied Food Council Supreme Council of Supply and Relief Superior Blockade Council
Austria as a model

State income on monopoly tobacco & customs revenue collateral
Independent Central bank created
Food subsidies cut
State expenditure slashed
50,000 civil servants sacked
Extensive League publicity programme

Nicholas Politis (Greek delegate), praised ‘practical knowledge of League officials thanks to their long colonial experience’
Periodical publications

- Monthly Bulletin of Statistics
- Statistical Year-Book*
- International Trade Statistics*
- International Trade in Certain Raw Materials and Foodstuffs*
- World Production and Prices*
- Review of World Trade*
- Balances of Payments*
- Money and Banking*
- World Economic Survey*
- Survey of National Nutritional Policies*
* Annual publication
Selection of Economists who worked for and were published by EFO

Alvin Hansen  Ragnar Nurkse
Jan Tinbergen  Leo Pasvolsky
John Bell Condliffe  Jacques Polak
Gottfried Haberler  Louis Rasminsky
James Meade  Wilhelm Röpke
Bertil Ohlin  Jacob Viner
Tjalling Koopmans
Select Depression Delegation & Wartime Publications

Frank Aydelotte:
‘The problems of the modern world are too complicated for rule-of-thumb solutions. They can be solved only by experts, by scholars’

Gunnar Myrdal
United Nations Economic Commission for Europe as a model: ‘the greatest secrecy was kept up: the committees met in private, had no formal rules of procedure, no records were kept except an account of agreements reached between all or a number of states, and no votes were ever taken. The state officials acted together with the secretariat as restricted “clubs”, keeping as much independence as possible from their home governments, and avoiding public interest and debate.’