

EDITOR'S NOTE

This index is the second of its kind published by the American Society of International Law. The first appeared in 1921 and covered the Society's publications from their beginning in 1907 up to the end of the year 1920 (corresponding to Volumes 1-14). The present volume continues the index beginning with the year 1921 and ending with the year 1940 (corresponding to Volumes 15-34).

In the period from 1921 to 1940 covered by this second index, there has been a general reconsideration of international law and of the development of international relations to an extent which is without parallel in any previous era. Those years witnessed the conclusion of the Peace Treaties of 1919 and the attempts at their enforcement; the establishment of the League of Nations and its many achievements in international coöperation, as well as its shortcomings; the creation of the International Labor Organization alongside the League; the founding of the Permanent Court of International Justice at The Hague, which was in successful operation for over nineteen years; the signature of the Pact of Paris for the Renunciation of War, and its attempted implementation; and the negotiation of a network of arbitration, conciliation, and non-aggression pacts.

All of the foregoing subjects and many others are treated in detail in the pages of the *AMERICAN JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL LAW*, with supporting documentary texts in the regular and special Supplements. The Supplements also contain the draft conventions, with explanatory comments, prepared by the Harvard Research in International Law as steps in the codification of international law. The annual *PROCEEDINGS* of the Society contain addresses and discussions by qualified speakers on current questions which have become of importance from year to year. It may be truthfully said that no international incident of consequence which has occurred and no question of international law worthy of mention are omitted from treatment in the Society's publications. In addition, the literature of international law and international relations during this period has been reviewed in the *JOURNAL* and is analytically indexed by subjects as well as authors, so that the entries under these subject-headings may serve as special bibliographies.

Those who are fortunate enough to have access to a set of the Society's publications from 1921 to 1940 will, with the addition of this index, have for their use a veritable encyclopaedia of international law and international relations during this most critical period of the world's international history.

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