

Confidential.LEAGUE OF NATIONS.CONTRIBUTIONS IN ARREARS.

Geneva, May 10th, 1928.

Report by the Secretary-General.

On September 22nd, 1927, the Assembly at its Eighth Ordinary Session adopted the following resolution:

"The Assembly requests the Secretary-General:

- "(1) To continue negotiations with the Chinese Government with a view to arriving at some arrangement by which the contributions in arrears may be liquidated;
- "(2) To make further representations, through such channels as he may consider appropriate, to the other States at present in arrears;
- "(3) To submit to the Council in due course a report showing the results of the action taken by him".

Since September 1st, 1927, the following amounts have been paid in reduction of the arrears which were due at that date:-

	<u>Gold francs.</u>
Liberia ...	11,442.95
Panama ...	1,995.70
Paraguay ...	<u>22,716.84</u>
	<u>36,155.49</u>

The present position in regard to contributions due for the periods ended December 31st, 1926, is therefore as follows:-

	<u>Gold francs.</u>
Bolivia ...	434,927.21
China ...	5,689,975.75
Guatemala ...	5,123.60
Honduras ...	134,403.01
Liberia ...	78,833.09
Nicaragua ...	134,403.01
Paraguay ...	15,370.80
Peru ...	1,406,839.41
Salvañor ...	<u>30,425. -</u>
	<u>7,965,290.88</u>

The following amounts are still due for the 9th financial period (1927):

	<u>Gold francs</u>
Albania (unpaid balance)	16,290.93
Bolivia (entire contribution)	96,600.36
Canada (unpaid balance)	1,955.56 *
China " "	929,513.11
Honduras (entire contribution)	24,150.09
Nicaragua " "	24,150.09
Paraguay (unpaid balance)	17,593.24
Peru (entire contribution)	217,350.91
Poland (unpaid balance)	620,468.24
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	1,940,070.43

The contributions in arrears, including compounded arrears, on May 1st 1928, for the periods ended December 31st 1927 are as follows:

	<u>Gold francs</u>
Albania	16,290.93
Bolivia	531,527.57
Canada	1,955.56 *
China	6,619,489.86
Guatemala	5,125.60
Honduras	148,553.10
Liberia	73,822.09
Nicaragua	178,553.10
Paraguay	32,964.04
Peru	1,624,190.22
Poland	620,406.24
Salvador	50,425.
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	9,913,361.31

It may be pointed out that the amounts shown as being due by Guatemala, Liberia, Paraguay (in part) and Salvador represent the balance payable over a term of years of the contributions which were compounded by special decisions of the Assembly. Properly speaking these States cannot, therefore, be considered as being in arrears so long as the instalments are regularly paid.

* This sum represents an exchange difference.

The Government of Nicaragua stated by letter in June 1927 that it intended to liquidate part of its arrears, but no payment has, as yet, been received.

The Secretary-General understands that the Government of Peru has made provision in its budget for the payment of one-tenth of its arrears together with the 1928 contribution.

The Secretary-General has since the last Assembly been in communication with the Chinese representative at Geneva on the subject of the liquidation of China's arrears. It may here be observed that the sum remitted by the Chinese Government in September 1927 was applied to the part payment of the 1927 contribution of this country.
