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the Council**DERNIERE COPIE****NE DOIT PAS SORTIR DU SERVICE DE DISTRIBUTION**~~CO-OPERATION OF THE PRESS IN THE ORGANISATION OF PEACE.~~Report by the Secretary-General.

Members of the Council will recall that, at the instance of the Spanish delegation, the Twelfth Assembly requested the Council, by its resolution of September 24th, 1931, to consider the possibility of studying, with the help of the Press, the problem of the spread of false information which may threaten to disturb the peace or the good understanding between nations.

Accordingly, at its meeting on September 29th, the Council requested the Secretary-General to consult the Press associations previously approached when preparations were being made for the 1927 Press Conference, and such Press organisations as might regard themselves as interested. Moreover, being apprised of the Danish Government's intention of summoning a Conference of directors of Press bureaux and representatives of the Press at Copenhagen, it asked the Secretary-General to inform it in due course of the results of that Conference.

The Copenhagen Conference took place at the beginning of 1932, and the Council, at its meeting on January 30th last, received from the Danish Government a statement setting out the resolutions passed by the Conference.

Meanwhile the Secretariat carried out the enquiries contemplated in the Council's resolution of September 29th, 1931. These extended over several months.

In the attached document the Secretary-General lays before the Council the substance of the replies, which represent a valuable contribution to the study of the difficult question referred to the Council by the Assembly.

In accordance with its resolution of September 29th, 1931 the Council will perhaps think it desirable to submit to the Assembly a report dealing both with the results of the Copenhagen Conference and with the Secretariat's enquiries.