

no avowed way, other than through the press, by which the conclusions of the committee are transmitted to individual Democrats, there is no question that the views held in common by party leaders of so great prominence, regardless of the manner in which they were received, would ordinarily carry strongly persuasive, if not determinate, weight. In short, the Joint Policy Committee, convened quickly and conveniently, constitutes in effect a caucus of party leaders, although it lacks the element of coercion which is associated with the party caucus. The committee meets in secret, discusses problems confronting the party, formulates a policy, and subsequently purports to follow the course agreed upon.

The committee early held two meetings, which were reported in the press.⁶ In the first one, on December 15, 1931, such subjects as the moratorium, government expenditures, taxation, and the tariff were discussed. Conclusions were given out in a statement prepared jointly by Speaker Garner and Senator Robinson.⁷ Announcement that all problems referred to in the statement were discussed in a most friendly manner has, however, been to a certain extent discounted.⁸

The Committee was called together a second time by Speaker Garner on January 4, 1932, primarily for the purpose of considering the tariff bill which had been drafted during the Christmas holidays. In the course of the meeting, agreement was reached on two bills, one of which sought to revise the administrative features of the Hawley-Smoot tariff act and the other to provide for reciprocal reduction of tariff rates. Conclusions again were embodied in a joint statement released to the press.⁹

From the meager information obtainable, no definite appraisal of the committee's achievements can be made. It would appear, however, that wherever an opinion has been advanced, there has been inclination to question the success and value of its work.¹⁰

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Exchange of Official Publications Between Germany and the United States.¹ A constantly increasing interest in American universities in the study of the new German government emphasizes the importance of the

⁶ *Baltimore Evening Sun*, March 2, 1932.

⁷ *United States Daily*, December 16, 1931.

⁸ Frank R. Kent, "Tax Difficulties," *Baltimore Sun*, December 18, 1931.

⁹ *Baltimore Evening Sun*, January 6, 1932.

¹⁰ *Ibid.*, January 6, 1932; *Baltimore Sun*, January 8, 1932; *Baltimore Evening Sun*, February 29, 1932.

¹ A review of the subject of the international exchange of government publications between the United States and other countries, including the texts of the conventions of 1886 providing for such exchange, is printed in the *Report of the Librarian of Congress* for 1926, pp. 72-84.

agreement between Germany and the United States to regulate in detail the international exchange of official publications between these two countries. Approval of this agreement was noted by James B. Childs, at that time chief of the division of documents in the Library of Congress, in the report of the Librarian of Congress for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1929. The agreement was prepared at Berlin by Mr. Childs and Dr. Adolf Jürgens, of the Reichstauschstelle im Reichsministerium des Innern. The provisions of it were given in the appendix to Mr. Childs' reprint of his report, published under the title *The Collection of Government Publications; A Survey of the Most Important Accessions of the Division of Documents During the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1929*. Unfortunately for the research student who desires to know specifically what German materials are being received under this agreement by the Library of Congress, the published report states merely that copies of "the official publications of the following ministries, offices, and institutions" will be furnished regularly by Germany, but omits the list. Upon special application to the division of documents, a typewritten copy of this list was courteously supplied. It is as follows:

1. Reichstag
2. Reichswirtschaftsrat
3. Staatsgerichtshof für das Deutsche Reich
4. Reichskanzlei and following subordinate offices:
 - a. Presseabteilung der Reichsregierung
 - b. Reichszentrale für Heimatdienst
5. Auswärtiges Amt
6. Reichsministerium des Innern and following subordinate offices:
 - a. Reichswahlleiter
 - b. Reichsgesundheitsamt
 - c. Kommissar der freiwilligen Krankenpflege
 - d. Reichsstelle für das Auswanderungswesen
 - e. Bundesamt für das Heimatwesen
 - f. Chemisch-technische Reichsanstalt
 - g. Physikalisch-technische Reichsanstalt
 - h. Reichsanstalt für Erdbebenforschung
 - i. Reichsarchiv
 - j. Reichsamt für Landesaufnahme
 - k. Filmoberprüfstelle
 - l. Reichskommissar für Überwachung der öffentlichen Ordnung
7. Reichsfinanzministerium and following subordinate offices:
 - a. Reichsfinanzhof
 - b. Reichsmonopolamt für Branntwein
 - c. Reichsfinanzzeugamt
 - d. Reichsentschädigungsamt für Kriegsschäden
 - e. Reichsausgleichsamt
8. Reichswirtschaftsministerium and following subordinate offices:
 - a. Statistisches Reichsamt
 - b. Reichsaufsichtsamt für Privatversicherung

- c. Reichswirtschaftsgericht und Kartellgericht
- d. Reichskohlenkommissar
- e. Reichskommissar für das Handwerk
- 9. Reichsarbeitsministerium and following subordinate offices:
 - a. Reichsversicherungsamt
 - b. Reichsversorgungsgericht
 - c. Reichsanstalt für Arbeitsvermittlung und Arbeitslosenversicherung
 - d. Reichsversicherungsanstalt für Angestellte
- 10. Reichsjustizministerium and following subordinate offices:
 - a. Reichsgericht
 - b. Reichspatentamt (with the exception of patent descriptions)
- 11. Reichswehrministerium and following divisions:
 - a. Heeresleitung
 - b. Marineleitung (excluding Admiralty maps)
- 12. Reichspostministerium and following subordinate offices:
 - a. Oberpostdirektion Berlin, Leipzig, Stuttgart (omitting publications of a local nature)
 - b. Telegraphentechnisches Reichsamt
 - c. Reichsdruckerei
- 13. Reichsverkehrsministerium (including the divisions for waterways, railroads, aircraft, and automobiles) and following subordinate offices:
 - a. Deutsche Seewarte in Hamburg
 - b. Reichskommissariat für Seeschiffsvermessung
 - c. Reichsoberseeamt
- 14. Reichsministerium für Ernährung und Landwirtschaft and following subordinate offices:
 - a. Deutsche wissenschaftliche Kommission für Meeresforschung
 - b. Reichsausschuss für Ernährungsforschung
 - c. Reichsforstwirtschaftsrat
 - d. Biologische Reichsanstalt für Land—und Forstwirtschaft
 - e. Forschungsinstitut für Agrar—und Siedlungswesen
- 15. Reichsministerium für die besetzten Gebiete
- 16. Rechnungshof des Deutschen Reiches
- 17. Deutsche Reichsbahngesellschaft
- 18. Reichsbank

A mere glance at this list will show the comprehensive nature of the exchange agreement. Furthermore, the agreement provides that the list here printed is "not to be considered as a complete statement but representing only the present status of government organization of Germany; the addition of offices created in the future being reserved for special consideration." This exchange of official publications ought to prove a great boon to American students, for it makes available to them in the Library of Congress a mass of current materials on Germany.

In this connection, attention should be called to the *Monatliches Verzeichnis der reichsdeutschen amtlichen Druckschriften*, prepared by the Deutsche Bücherei of Leipzig and published regularly since January, 1928, by the Reichsministerium des Innern. It includes not only the list

of federal documents, but also those of the states and larger municipalities. An annual index appears in the December issue. A valuable aid to the checking of offices and officers is the *Handbuch für das Deutsche Reich*, issued annually by the Reichsministerium des Innern. In the comparatively near future, when the *List of Serial Publications of Foreign Governments*, edited by Winifred Gregory, is issued in its final form, a comprehensive check list of German serial official publications will be added to the bibliographical tools of the research scholar.

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