International Studies Conference through membership in the American Coordinating Committee. This Conference holds biennial meetings, attended by representatives of research organizations from a large number of countries, for the purpose of discussing some outstanding international subject on the basis of preparatory research. Mrs. Vera Micheles Dean was an American delegate to the conference on *Peaceful Change,* held in Paris in June 1937.

The membership of the Association has shown continuous growth. Less than a thousand before 1921, it climbed steadily until, at the end of the first ten years, it stood at approximately 9,000. It declined as a result of the depression but since then has steadily increased, until today it stands at over 17,000. More than half of this membership is found in our branches and affiliates. The devotion of the officers of each branch has made the work of the Foreign Policy Association effective on a wide scale.

Today there are branches in the following seventeen cities: Albany, Baltimore, Boston, Buffalo, Cincinnati, Columbus, Detroit, Elmira, Hartford, Minneapolis, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Providence, St. Paul, Springfield, Utica and Worcester. In addition, affiliates are located in Atlanta, Cleveland, Denver, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Seattle and Spokane. The Detroit branch is unique in that its membership is composed equally of Americans and Canadians.

The branches of the Association carry on a number of activities, the most important of which are periodic public meetings on international affairs. At each regular meeting of the Foreign Policy Association, whether in New York or elsewhere, at least two points of view are presented. The discussions of the Foreign Policy Association serve the fundamental purpose of giving audiences the pros and cons of international problems. These meetings are widely reported in the press, sometimes even in foreign newspapers. During the past twenty years, through its various branches,

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such favorable response that the F.P.A. was urged to expand this type of activity into other fields. Consequently, in September 1925, the Research Department of the Foreign Policy Association was established, with Professor Edward Meade Earle of Columbia University as director. From 1927 to 1938 Raymond Leslie Buell was Director of the department, and was succeeded in that position by Vera Micheles Dean. The original purpose of the department was to publish a series of *Editorial Information Bulletins,* the first of which, on the subject of the Locarno Security Conference, appeared on October 5, 1925. The generous support of Mr. John D. Rockefeller, Jr., and subsequently of the Rockefeller Foundation, made possible the development of the Research Department.

The Research Department consists of eleven experts, each covering given fields of international relations — the Far East, Latin America, Russia, Italy, Germany, France, the British Empire, Problems of European Diplomacy, Military Problems, Eastern Europe, Economics and Finance, and Opium. The purpose of this research is to clarify the meaning of outstanding world events, to analyze important pending problems, and to discuss the foreign policy of the United States in relation to these problems. The results are embodied in the publications of the Association: the weekly *Foreign Policy Bulletin,* the fortnightly *Foreign Policy Reports,* and occasional *World Affairs Pamphlets* now published in cooperation with the National Peace Conference.

So far as research is concerned, *Foreign Policy Reports* are the most important publication of the Association. Our contacts with correspondents throughout the world, as well as with government departments and foreign embassies in Washington, have given us access to material not readily available to private scholars. Each manuscript is read by several outside critics of varying points of view, and is subjected to careful editing. As a result, *Foreign Policy Reports*

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of information on issues of American foreign policy; and acts as a distributing center for our publications. During sessions of Congress the Bureau receives constant requests from Senators and Representatives for memoranda and documentary material on questions concerning American foreign policy and international relations.

Contacts are maintained by the Bureau with officers of the State Department, who have been extremely helpful in assisting the educational and research work of the Association within the limitations imposed by their official position. For many years the Division of Current Information in the State Department has kept a complete set of *Foreign Policy Reports* on file for the use of officers of the Department and newspaper correspondents.

In November 1937 the Bureau, at the invitation of the National Peace Conference, undertook to provide an impartial *Washington Information Service.* This *Service,* issued fortnightly, summarizes current developments in Washington, and includes a digest of pending bills and Congressional debates relating to foreign affairs.

For the past two years the Bureau has organized a series of private dinners in Washington to discuss issues of American foreign policy and of the international situation.

In the belief that much of the valuable work in the field of the social sciences was not reaching the general public, the Department of Popular Education was organized in 1935. Its purpose is to publish popular material on international affairs and to encourage discussion of such material among groups for which the existing research publications of the Association are too technical. With the aid of a grant from the Rockefeller Foundation, this department has published a series of simply written and attractively illustrated *Headline Books.* In the past three years sixteen books have been issued, with a total distribution of half a million copies. In the fall of 1938 the department appointed an advisory

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committee representing various groups and interests to advise it regarding type of publication and methods of distribution.

Educational organizations and study groups have been the principal channel for the use of *Headline Books.* Literally hundreds of study groups throughout the country use *Headline Books,* and study outlines based on these books, in their educational programs. The department in 1937 cooperated with the fifteen demonstration forums organized by the Federal Office of Education. It also collaborates with the American Library Association, the Chicago Council of Adult Education, and the National University Extension Association which annually organizes national debates for college students. In addition, the department conducts a number of leadership institutes for the purpose of demonstrating techniques and acquainting key leaders with the educational services of the Association. It also provides an advisory service for clubs and organizations.

More than fifteen hundred teachers are using *Headline Books* for classroom work and collateral reading. *Headline Books* are being used in the social science courses of the New York public school system, and one of the largest textbook publishers is distributing *Headline Books* to secondary schools and teachers' colleges throughout the country. *Scholastic,* the periodical which reaches 250,000 high school students monthly, devotes a section to international issues based on F.P.A. publications.

An effort to reach newsstand readers was made in the latter part of 1938, when the American News Company distributed 25,000 copies of the *Headline Book* "Shadow Over Europe."

The question is often asked how the Foreign Policy Association is supported. The Association has no endowment or capital funds. Approximately two-fifths of its income is derived from membership dues, subscriptions and literature

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achieved such honor and usefulness in its first twenty years. It has been a true instrument of education in a field which sorely needs such effort; and it has taught a great many people to seek and relish an impartial presentation of facts."

H. W. DODDS, President, Princeton University: "Because of your success in awakening interest among laymen, I believe that you have laid the basis for an intelligent understanding of American foreign policies."

CLARENCE A. DYKSTRA, President, University of Wisconsin: "During a goodly portion of these twenty years I have had the opportunity to know about the F.P.A.'s work and go to many of its meetings. It is from such a background that I send you these greetings and wish for the Association many more years of useful activities."

HAMILTON HOLT, President, Rollins College: "I congratulate you and wish you a hundred more years of greater and ever greater success."

DEXTER M. KEEZER, President, Reed College: "Within the limits of my observation the Foreign Policy Association has done much to disseminate enlightenment on problems in the field of American foreign policy, and hence, I am still optimist enough to believe, contributed to solutions along sensible lines."

HENRY MACCRACKEN, President, Vassar College: "Your association has done more than any other institution to bring foreign affairs to the attention of the American public, and to discuss them fearlessly and intelligently."

WILLIAM A. NEILSON, President, Smith College: "I regard the educational work accomplished through its meetings and publications as one of the most valuable means of enlightenment on public affairs in this country."

CHARLES SEYMOUR, President, Yale University: "Every American who understands the vital relationship of foreign affairs to our own national life must be grateful to the Foreign Policy Asso-

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