“Everybody’s business”: A brief history of diplomacy
Fall 2018, Week 5
Content

The 'new diplomacy'

WWI
blame
changes
'new diplomacy'
Because of the terrible nature of much of the warfare, many of these figures are conjectural. Those for Russia and Turkey are almost certainly too low, but no accurate figure exists.
The impact of war

the mandarins

public scrutiny and control

international organization

Woodrow Wilson
Revolutionary diplomacy

the Revolution (7/8 November 1917)

'no war, no peace’

to all peoples

Alexandra Kollontai
Publicity and peacemaking

5 and 8 January 1918 (Lloyd George, Wilson)

Paris, 1919-1920

Wilson and LoN (C4)

guilt, *DDF*, E/F
ARTICLE 231. ("war guilt")
The Allied and Associated Governments affirm and Germany accepts the responsibility of Germany and her allies for causing all the loss and damage to which the Allied and Associated Governments and their nationals have been subjected as a consequence of the war imposed upon them by the aggression of Germany and her allies.
The League of Nations
the United States
collective security
Council, Assembly, Secretariat
Geneva
The Covenant of the League of Nations

Article 10 (“the guarantees article”)

“The Members of the League undertake to respect and preserve as against external aggression the territorial integrity and existing political independence of all Members of the League. In case of any such aggression or in case of any threat or danger of such aggression the Council shall advise upon the means by which this obligation shall be fulfilled.”
The Covenant of the League of Nations

The League of Nations’ structure (Articles 2-7)

Principal organs:

- the Assembly (all members)

- the Council (permanent and non-permanent)

- the Secretariat

- the Permanent Court of Int’l Justice (The Hague)
Conference diplomacy

Conference of ambassadors

Locarno (October 1925)

Ramsay MacDonald (1929)

Munich (September 1938)
Foreign services: Reform and retrenchment

Edmund Schüler

Sir Robert Vansittart

the Rogers Act (1924)

Alexis Saint-Léger
Ideology and Diplomacy

the United States

the Soviet Union

Italy

Germany
The first meeting of the Council (14 November 1920)
Brazil, Spain, Italy, France, Belgium, Britain, Japan, Greece
The numbers

the US dipl. relations: 1800 (5), 1900 (41), by WWII (65),
the early 1970s (130+), 2018 (w/o Iran, Bhutan)

volume of diplomatic communications/travels:
State Secretary Dean Rusk (1961-9) - 2,1 million cables
52 trips, 375+ days, 1 year of his 8 years

*Foreign Relations of the US (FRUS* - [history.state.gov/](http://history.state.gov/))