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#### MINERAL RESOURCES A SERIOUS WORLD PROBLEM

That a commercial League of Nations may possibly be established to help settle the world's problems with regard to mineral resources is foreseen by Dr. Charles K. Leith, well known geologist from the University of Wisconsin, who is attending an international meeting of geologists in Madrid.

Dr. Leith points out that a mighty conflict is going on between two powerful forces; world demand for the needed supply of minerals, and, on the other hand, nationalistic forces which are working to use the mineral resources of a political state for national gain or protection.

Mineral resources are very unequally distributed among the countries of the world, Dr. Leith states, and in many cases the great centers of supply constitute essentially national monopolies. The dependence of modern civilization upon these unequally divided minerals is growing and the problem of mineral resources figures largely in the consciousness of nations.

"The satisfaction of world demand for minerals must, therefore, over-ride political boundaries," said Dr. Leith. "There seems to be no way to eliminate either set of forces. The problem is to effect a balance or adjustment between them.

"Internationalization of resources, in the sense of turning them over to some super-national control, is probably a political impossibility, even if it were desirable, which is doubtful. But there is an opportunity to standardize by international agreement the many international commercial arrangements which are now effecting a fair and workable compromise between world demand on the one hand and nationalistic policies on the other."

Dr. Leith advocates an international economic conference, with fact finding committees, and "ultimately, perhaps, what will amount to a commercial League of Nations". This, he said, would not put an end to national mineral monopolies, nor would it cause a nation rich in minerals to lose advantages of these possessions.

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#### TRANSPLANTED PANCREAS CONTINUES TO FUNCTION

A successful operation of transplanting a portion of the pancreas into the mammary gland of a dog, has recently been performed by Drs. A. C. Ivy and J. I. Ferrell, of the Northwestern University School of Medicine.

The pancreatic gland produces potent fluids necessary to the body, including insulin which prevents diabetes. The scientists do not believe, however, that this method of transplanting a portion of the pancreas can be used practically for