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GEORGIA

Note by the Secretary-General.

The following letter from the Georgian Chargé
d'Affaires in Paris, dated January 29th, is
communicated to the Council for information.

GEORGIAN LEGATION,

Paris,

Translation.

January 20th, 1928.

Sir,

At its Assembly last year the League of Nations gave its attention to the situation of Georgia, and unanimously voted a resolution in favour of that country.

Since then the position of the Georgian people has grown worse.

Under the orders of the Kremlin dictators, on December 15th last the Moscow Congress voted the total abolition of the independence of Georgia and the pure and simple annexation of that country to Russia. This decision was taken not only in defiance of the will of the Georgian people, but even against the opinion of Moscow's own agents and officials at Tiflis, and of the Communist organisations, and also of the Sovnarkom (Soviet of the People's Commissaries) of Georgia. This decision of the Moscow Congress was followed by unheard-of acts of political and national repression.

The noblest and most patriotic Georgians were either shot, or imprisoned, or deported to famine stricken and unhealthy parts of Russia and Siberia, or, again, driven into exile in other countries. Anything whatsoever that has a Georgian character or a Georgian imprint - the Georgian language, the Georgian University, the Co-operative Societies and the various national institutions - is now savagely persecuted, or else destroyed.

Thus an atrocious crime is being accomplished in this 20th century, in this civilised age, under the eyes of the

His Excellency the President of the
Council of the League of Nations,
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League of Nations, whose duty it is to appease the difficulties which arise between the nations, with a view to safeguarding the peace of the world.

Moscow's treachery is all the more revolting since, during this very period, M. Chicherin is proclaiming to Europe the independence of Georgia, and seeks to represent himself at Lausanne as the defender of the claims of that country.

I would invoke the above-mentioned resolution of the Assembly of the League of Nations, and, on behalf of my Government, would beg to draw the attention of the Council of the League to this fresh attack of Moscow on the rights of the Georgian people, whose situation has now become even more desperate than at the time this resolution was voted, and I fervently hope that the Council of the League will find a means of protecting Georgia's rights.

I am, etc.

(Signed) ASSAFIENY

Acting Chargé d'Affaires.