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## A HISTORY OF THE NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL 1919—1933

### FOREWORD

DURING the year 1932 the Committee on Policies of the National Research Council was directed by the Executive Board to make a survey of the organization of the Council and to present recommendations in regard to needed changes. As a preparation for their labors they called upon the officers of the Council and the chairmen of the several divisions for a report upon the activities of the Council since its organization upon a peace-time basis in 1919.

The Council has felt that it is desirable to bring the substance of this report to the attention of the scientific workers of the country, since what it has been able to accomplish has depended so largely upon

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