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LEONARD PORTER AYRES

(1879 - 1946)

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## Biographical Note

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| 1879, Sept. 15 | Born, Niantic, Connecticut  |
|                | Unmarried   |
| 1902           | Ph.B., Boston Univ.   |
| 1902           | Teacher in Puerto Rico  |
| 1903-08        | School administrator in Puerto Rico; superintendent, District of Caguas 1903-04; city superintendent of schools, San Juan, 1904-06; general superintendent of schools, Puerto Rico, and Chief Division of Statistics, 1906-08 |
| 1908-20        | Director, departments of education and statistics, Russell Sage Foundation  |
| 1909           | M.A., Boston Univ.  |
| 1910           | Ph.D., Boston Univ.   |
| World War I    | Director, Division of Statistics, War Industries Board, Priorities Board, Council on National Defense and Allies Purchasing Committee   |
| "              | Colonel, General Staff and chief statistical officer, U. S. Army. Chief statistician, A.E.F.  |
|                | Chief Statistician, American Commission to Negotiate Peace  |
| 1920-          | Vice President, Cleveland Trust Co.   |
| 1924           | Economic adviser to Dawes Plan Conference   |
| 1940-42        | U.S. Army, brig. gen. 1941, retired 1942  |
| 1932-41, 1944- | Chairman, Economic Policy Commission of A.B.A. Also chairman of Research Council since 1939   |
| 1946, Oct. 29  | Died; buried in Arlington National Cemetery   |

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