

# International Justice

## MEMORANDUM

SUBMITTED BY

American citizens of Hungarian descent, all the Hungarian Christian Churches, of Cleveland, Ohio and Hungarian United Societies of Cleveland, Ohio

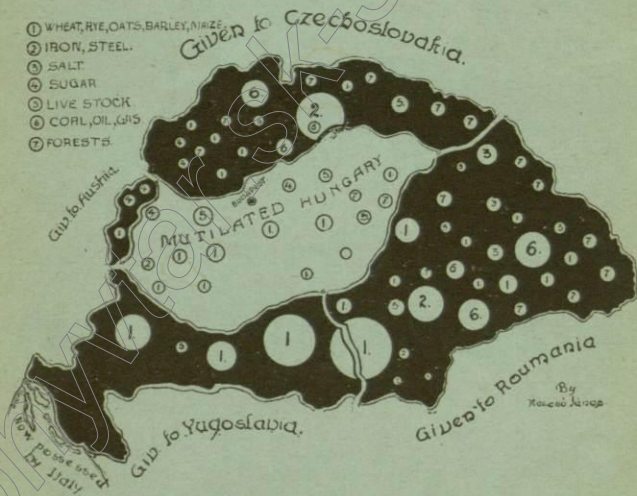
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The World Conference on International Justice, held in Cleveland, Ohio, from May 7th to May 11th, 1928

Relative to

### *A Plea for Justice for Hungary*

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- ⑥ CORN, OIL, GRIS
- ⑦ FORESTS.



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## FOREWORD

The First Hungarian Presbyterian Church, of Cleveland, Ohio, at a special meeting held on April 29, 1928, proposed and decided to accept the challenge of President Coolidge to help devise the proper measures of prevention of future wars. Accordingly, Rev. B. K. Basho, pastor of the church, Dr. Louis K. Birinyi and Mr. Steven Barta, elders, were delegated to sign and present to the International Justice Conference a memorandum, to be drafted by Dr. Louis K. Birinyi, describing the injustices accorded Hungary, in what is known as the treaty of Trianon, and pleading for justice for that one thousand year old but crushed country.

This memorandum was drawn up in accordance with the resolution of the said meeting, and thereafter all the Cleveland Hungarian churches as well as the Hungarian United Societies of Cleveland joined in and endorsed this plea for justice for Hungary and world peace.

We are justified in the belief that this memorandum expresses the opinion and wishes, not only of the Cleveland American citizens of Hungarian birth, but of all the Americans of Hungarian descent throughout the United States of America.

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## A PLEA FOR JUSTICE FOR HUNGARY

Although a period of ten years has expired since the termination of the World War, the world is still in a dark chaos, the air is still filled with poison, calculated to breed human hatred; the existing and ever-increasing human misery petrifies the soul of mankind. In brief, the whole world is sick at heart, sick at soul. Governments throughout the world are preparing for another armed conflict, thus paving the way for the self-suicide of the white races. The world-catastrophe, which is within the sight of the present generation, is of such a horrifying magnitude, that it challenges the best that is in us, and calls upon the bravest hearts and the truest souls to devise and put into operation means and methods whereby to prevent the annihilation of the white race and its two thousand years old Christian civilization.

Honorable Calvin Coolidge, the President of the United States of America, who is in an eminently favorable position to observe the magnitude of the existing world chaos, has flung down a challenge to the world and particularly to the American people to rally under the flag of world peace, or otherwise get ready for the inevitable—another world destroying catastrophe. In his challenge, President Coolidge said: "It is for the generation which saw and survived the world war to devise measures of prevention of reoccurrence. If we fail in this we shall deserve all the disaster which will surely be visited upon us because of our failure."

When the air was rent by the cry "Make the world safe for democracy," American mothers kissed their sons goodbye, American young brides led their husbands as sacrifices to the altar of world democracy, American young men shouldered their guns, American young women packed their medicine cases and went forth to fight on foreign soil, and to die on Flanders Field to "make the world safe for democracy," and to bring a sane, sound and lasting peace to this troubled world.

The rank and file of the American people are again ready and willing to lend and devote the best that is in them to the cause of world peace. It is of great significance that the American Peace Society in this notable International Conference has announced international justice as the basis of international peace.

What is international justice? Is it different from domestic justice? What is justice in general as is commonly known and applied among men? It is one of the cardinal virtues, a conception including conformities to truth, facts, good reason, fairness, rightfulness and partiality. It implies the rendering to a human being that to which he is entitled by right, truth, fact, and good reason. In its international relation, justice recognizes the historical, social, cultural and economic rights of each and every

civilized nation. International justice, therefore, is the common recognition and respect on the part of all peoples and nations; the historical, social, cultural and economic rights of each and every civilized nation. These rights are best defined in the American Declaration of Independence. All men are created equal. They are endowed by their creator with inalienable right to life, liberty and to the pursuit of happiness. It is men's God-given right to determine for themselves the form of their own government and choose the allegiance they owe, or may not owe, to any other people, power or state, aside from themselves. They have a right to develop without outside interference, their culture, religion, commerce, industry and political institutions. A civilized people organized as a state, has an inalienable right to be recognized as the equal of any other state. It is their further inalienable right that their independence and territory shall not be taken from them without their free consent. INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE recognizes these rights, and the recognition and undisturbed enjoyments of these rights are the only safe and sound foundation upon which INTERNATIONAL PEACE can be based, built and maintained.

Today the world cries with the old prophet, "Peace, peace, and there is no peace." The entire world is enveloped in a dark and poisonous mist of chaos. Threats of war, actual lesser wars, economic boycott, international financial pressure, conferences on disarmament and economic rehabilitation have been resorted to in vain attempts to lead the world out of chaos, and today after these ineffectual attempts have been made, the world is still crying out loud for INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE, which is expected and destined to change darkness into daylight of international happiness and world peace.

The absence of international justice is particularly noticeable in the extremely unjust treatment that was accorded Hungary in the Paris Peace Conference. There is no precedence in the history of civilized mankind for the outrage which was committed upon that more than one thousand year old country. In the treatment of that country, the most vital principles of international justice were ruthlessly violated and the sacred rights of the Hungarian people to life, liberty, to the pursuit of their happiness, to their self-determination, to the development of their culture, adherence to their religious beliefs, development of their economic and political institutions were heartlessly and cruelly cast aside.

This absence of international justice in the case of Hungary, is, in a very large measure, responsible for the presence of world chaos and for the absence of world peace. It is, therefore, of great importance and of particular interest to the friends of world peace and to the seekers of international justice that the result of the unprecedented injustice committed upon Hungary be disclosed and earnestly discussed.

The geographical relation of Hungary to the whole of Europe is similar to that of the State of Ohio to the eastern, western and



southern sections of the United States of America. Budapest, the capital city of Hungary, is the Cincinnati of Europe; she is the connecting link between the north, east, south and western sections of Europe, by water, railroad, hard road and even by air lines. If Hungary is ruined, economic ruin is brought upon the entire continent of Europe.

The territory of Hungary was occupied by the Hungarians in the year 896. During the migratory period from the East to the West, the territory, now known as Hungary, was the only route from Asia to Europe. When the Hungarians entered the land, known as Hungary, it was sparsely inhabited by various uncivilized and unorganized tribes. During the past one thousand years, the Hungarians developed that country and made it one of the richest agricultural and industrial countries of Europe. While developing their country, the Hungarians were continuously harassed and attacked by the East, and at the same time serving as guardians and protectors of the West. As Hungary was the only route from the East to the West, the safety from an invasion of the West by the East depended upon the strength and ability of the Hungarians to check and defeat the invading forces of the East. When the Mongols attempted to invade the West and sweep Christian civilization from the face of the earth, it was the people of Hungary who withstood the invaders and saved the West and Christian civilization. When the Turks vowed that they would overrun the West and annihilate Christian civilization, the brave and self-sacrificing Hungarian men and women breasted the steel of the invaders and again saved the West and Christian civilization. It might be of interest to the seekers of INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE to know that the tolling of the bells at the noon hour every day in the towers of Christian churches, throughout the Christian world, is done in commemoration of the last and decisive battle the Hungarians waged with and won against the Turks three hundred years ago at that hour. These tolling noon bells throughout Christendom remind the world of the great sacrifices the Hungarian made in the cause and defense of Christian civilization.

From her inception Hungary was a constitutional and independent kingdom. During the centuries of struggle with the East, she succeeded in retaining her independence; but after her last struggle with the Turks, bleeding and exhausted, she fell under the control of the Austrian Hapsburg dynasty, and for a period of five hundred years, there she remained against her will, until after the world war. The Austrian Hapsburg dynasty used all the oppressive measures known to the Dark Ages to deprive the Hungarians of their constitution and to reduce Hungary to a mere province of Austria. It was indeed a situation, wherein after having saved the West and Christian civilization from annihilation by the East, the West turned against Hungary and attempted to reduce her to slavery. The Hungarians, however, defeated the attempt of the Austrian Hapsburg dynasty, and

while they lost their independence, they retained and clung to their old constitution.

It is a remarkable historical fact that despite the continuous struggle, first with the East and then with the Austrian Hapsburgs, the Hungarians developed Hungary into one of the most beautiful and richest countries in Europe. When the world war broke out, Hungary had an educational system that rivaled that of any other country in Europe. In spite of the vehement opposition of the Austrian Hapsburgs, freedom of religion and liberty of conscience were cherished and sacred rights in Hungary. It might be stated here that it was on Hungarian soil that, for the first time in the history of continental Europe, a law was enacted, which secured for every man and woman, living on Hungarian soil, freedom of religion and liberty of conscience.

In the years 1848-1849, under the leadership of Louis Kossuth, the Hungarians sought to liberate themselves from the control of the Austrian Hapsburg dynasty. This attempt is known in history as the Hungarian Revolution of 1848-1849. In this supreme struggle, the Hungarians defeated the Austrian Hapsburgs and declared their independence. But again the East, Russia, turned against Hungary and went to the assistance of the Hapsburgs. A large Russian army invaded Hungary, disarmed the already exhausted Hungarians and turned Hungary back to the control of the Hapsburgs. The western countries of Europe raised not a finger in defense of the liberty and independence of the Hungarians. So by common consent of the western countries of Europe, Hungary was forced back into the control of the Austrian Hapsburg dynasty. In 1914, when the world war broke out, Hungary had no international will of her own; her international affairs were in the control of, and were conducted by, the Hapsburg dynasty. This dynasty, in turn, was under the influence of Austrian, Czech, Polish and Slavic military leaders. It is now a matter of open and a well known historical fact that of all the countries of Europe, Hungary was the only country which earnestly and honestly opposed the outbreak of the world war. The Austrian, Czech, Polish and Slavic leaders of Austria outvoted Hungary and forced her into the world war.

But once in the war, Hungary fought honorably. She was an honorable friend and an equally honorable foe. The American and English people were not considered by Hungary as her enemies. During the world war, American and English people who happened to sojourn in Hungary were considered and treated in the same friendly fashion, as if there was no war. The Hungarians have always been the best friends of the English and American people. Their friendship rang true even under the most trying circumstances during the world war. It is equally to be credited to the Hungarians, that they at no time betrayed their friends in arms. The record of the Hungarians in the world war, therefore, is clean and honorable. Not many of the belligerent countries can boast of the same clean and honorable



record. It was not, therefore, an unfounded hope of the Hungarians, that after the conclusion of the world war, they would be accorded a just and honorable treatment on the part of the larger nations and great powers of Europe.

Yet, what happened? Eight months after the world war broke out, a secret conference was held in London (April, 1915). That conference was attended by the representatives of England, France and Italy. The representatives of the Czechs, Poles and Slavs, who forced Hungary into the world war, were also present.

In that secret conference it was decided that the one thousand year old territory of Hungary shall be mutilated and the parts cut off from her mutilated territory shall be given to the very people who forced her into the world war. It might be stated here, however, that President Woodrow Wilson was kept ignorant of this secret conference and its unfair and unjust decision, until after the Versailles treaty was signed. When the American people were deceived by the cry "Make the world safe for democracy," when American mothers kissed their last goodbye to their sons, when young American brides led their husbands to the altar of war, when American youth marched cheerfully into the fire of death on foreign soil and died on Flanders Field, no one in America knew (or if known, it was not disclosed) that a very great part of the world war was fought in order to mutilate Hungary and to destroy the Hungarian people, who in times of yore saved western Europe and preserved Christian civilization for this generation of ours!

President Woodrow Wilson, speaking for and in behalf of the American people, in 1918, announced to the world the following principles, as a basis for world peace:

"Peoples and provinces are not to be bartered about from sovereignty to sovereignty as if they were mere chattels and pawns in a game." When this announcement was made, the American army was already fighting in Europe for the principles announced by our President, and the mutilation of Hungary was already decided upon by the Allies.

President Wilson continued: "Every territorial settlement involved in this war must be made in the interest and for the benefit of the population concerned, and not as a part of any mere adjustment or compromise of claims against rival states. All well defined national aspirations shall be accorded the utmost satisfaction that can be accorded them without introducing new or perpetuating old elements of discord and antagonism, that would likely in time break the peace of Europe and consequently of the world.

"The people of Austria-Hungary whose place among the nations we wish to see safeguarded and assured, should be accorded the freest opportunity of autonomous development." The right of self-determination for the people of Hungary was assured.

The world accepted in good faith the announcements of President Wilson, and the warring nations laid down their arms.

The armistice was signed by all the belligerents and the world celebrated and acclaimed its faith in the American principles. Upon the heel of the armistice, the Paris Peace Conference assembled, and this conference was represented to the American people as an international conference. But what is an international conference? According to all the known rules and principles of international usages and law, an international conference is an assembly which is attended, or may be attended, by the representatives of every civilized state, interested in the international disputes or differences, which are intended to be settled. Nations not invited to and prevented from attending the conference are not bound by, nor are they required to accept, the resolution of a conference which they were not permitted to attend. It is further the rule of international law that, when the formation of new rules of international law, or the reshaping of the map of the world, either or both, are the purpose of an international conference, all the members of the family of nations, and especially those nations which are particularly to be affected by such new rules or by the reshaping of the map of the world, should be invited and permitted to attend the conference. There is no rule of international law which recognizes the right of one-third of the world to make new rules of international law and reshape the map of the whole world, without the presence and consent of the nations affected by such new rules and divisions. The countries represented at the Paris Peace Conference were the allied and associated powers—the United States of America, England, France, Italy, Japan and those small nations that forced Hungary into the world war and then turned traitors to her. The representation of the people whose vital interests were involved in the settlement of peace were neither invited nor permitted to attend the conference. The entire proceeding of the conference was a one-sided affair. The one thousand years old territory of Hungary was placed on the operating table, and more than two-thirds of her territory and more than one-half of her population were cut away from the trunk and the severed parts were given to the very people who forced Hungary into the world war and then betrayed her! When the mutilation was done, the representatives of betrayed and mutilated Hungary were called into the conference and ordered to sign a document which certified the death of one thousand year old Hungary.

Under the time honored rule of international law, an international treaty is a contract between two or more nations. A treaty obtained by fraud, deceit, misrepresentation and undue threats of violence, is null and void. A signature to such a treaty under the rules of international law, is null and void and of no effect.

The representatives of mutilated Hungary protested against the mutilation and refused to sign their country's death warrant (February 26, 1919). Then a most inexcusable pressure was brought upon Hungary. Less than a month later the Bolsheviks were turned loose upon that unfortunate country.



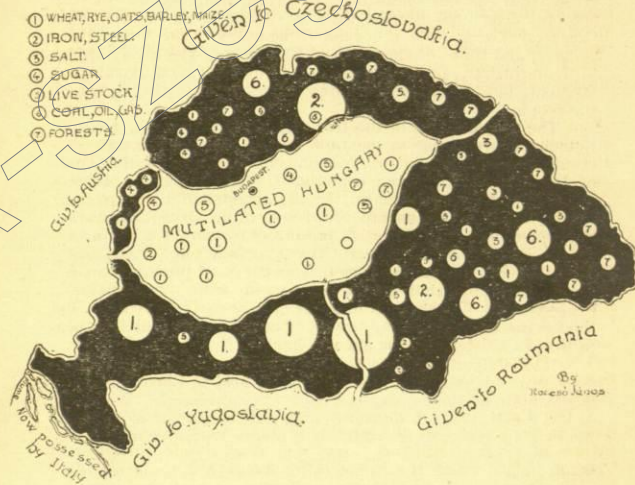
Ninety-five per cent of the Bolshevik leaders were non-Hungarians. For a period of one hundred and forty-four days (March 21 to August 12, 1919), the Bolsheviks inaugurated a reign of terror in the mutilated territory of Hungary, a like of which the world has never seen. Terrorists, who acted like madmen, were imported from Russia and the terror to which they subjected the people of Hungary was without precedence. It was not uncommon for the Bolshevik terrorists to wait in front of Christian churches, singling out a number of those who were leaving their place of worship, and, without even a semblance of a trial, hanging them to the nearest tree. And when this awful reign of terror failed to induce the Hungarians to sign away more than two-thirds of their territory and more than one-half of the population of Hungary, the Roumanian army was ordered to invade already crucified Hungary (July, 1919).

The Roumanian invasion of Hungary left an extremely odious black spot on the conscience of civilized mankind. Dr. E. J. Dillon, an Englishman, who was one of the representatives of England in the Paris Peace Conference, says in his book, "The Inside Story of the Peace Conference," that army officers of the Allied army, who were then in Hungary, presumably to keep order there, were in the employ, or else were members of certain international financial interests, seeking economic advantages in ravished Hungary. The Roumanian army ransacked that already fleeced country. They took away factory machinery, railroad cars and equipment, food and linen, even the door knobs, if they could take hold of them. What havoc the Roumanian army left behind it may be seen from the fact that newly born babes were wrapped in ordinary tissue paper, because there was no linen left in Hungary, and wounded men and women were literally rotting alive in the hospitals, because no medicine nor medical supplies were left.

The Paris Peace Conference won. Hungary was forced down to her knees. On the 4th day of June, 1920, the representatives of crushed Hungary were cynically led into the Petit-Trianon Palace which the French king, Louis XV, has built for his lady friend, Madame Dubarry, and there, in that house, they were compelled to sign away more than two-thirds of the one thousand year old territory and more than one-half of the population of Hungary. This document is known as the treaty of Trianon, taking its name from the name of the palace in which it was executed.

In this unholy treaty of Trianon, Hungary was undone economically. The natural resources of Hungary, such as coal, iron, mineral oil, natural gas, silver, gold, table salt deposits, and also forests, grazing land and the agricultural land are distributed in various sections of the territory, none of which is self-supporting; but together they form a self-supporting economic unit. In the treaty of Trianon, out of 16,861 schools, 11,216 were taken away. Of her arable land, more than one-half; of her timber land, more than ninety percent; of her iron ore deposit,

ninety-nine percent; of her factories, about eighty percent; of her quarries, ninety-five percent; of her table salt deposit, exactly one hundred percent; of her 18,264,533 population, 10,660,012 were taken away and bartered as if they were mere chattels, to Czechoslovakia, Roumania and Yugoslavia, and even to Austria. No more could be done to cripple and render Hungary a helpless economic impossibility. A well-known English economist, Prof. J. M. Keynes, defines this outrage as "dishonorable to the allies in the light of their profession," while a Russian



This drawing shows how brutally Hungary was mutilated. The areas in black represent 68% of the territory of former Hungary, which was taken from her. The white area in the center indicates what is left of Hungary. With the severed territories 59% of Hungary's population was arbitrarily transferred to the new states. (The original design was made by S. Tamas. Redesigned by Kosso Janos.)

writer, Boris Brasol, calls it "maniacal." And the American Secretary of State, Honorable Robert Lansing, who represented the United States of America in the Paris Peace Conference, expressed the hope that the American people would never ratify that treaty. To this day, that has not been done. The decency and the good conscience of the American people will never put their approval upon the unholy treaty of Trianon, nor will the Hungarians ever consent to it.



What is the effect of the treaty of Trianon upon the people living in the severed territories, upon the countries to which the severed Hungarian territories were given, upon Europe, and upon the world at large?

The Czechoslovak government has violated both the personal and property rights of the Hungarians living on the severed Hungarian territory. The Hungarian schools are closed, and the Hungarians are interfered with even in their religious worship. The Czechoslovak government has gone so far as to erase from the old tombstones the Hungarian names of the peaceful dead and inscribe thereon Czechoslovak names, this Czechoslovakizing even the dead Hungarians. The living Hungarians, and those of German and Slav origin, vigorously object to the unjust treatment accorded them by the Czechoslovak government, but governmental force triumphs over the rights of the people.

The people living in the territory of Transylvania, given to Roumania, are living in constant terror. The Roumanian government has driven out of Transylvania hundreds of thousands of Hungarians, and then confiscated their properties, schools and many of their churches. In the exercise of their religious rights, the Hungarians are interfered with. Many Hungarian clergymen have been arrested, jailed and tortured for having repeated in the Lord's Prayer "Thy kingdom come," and badly fares the Hungarian clergyman who dares to preach from his pulpit anything that can be connected with "resurrection." Protestantism especially is in great danger in Transylvania, and the tongue-tied bells in the towers of her churches mutely appeal to world Christendom for aid and help.

It is a significant fact that on May 7, 1928, while the Conference on International Justice is being held in Cleveland, Ohio, the farmers of Roumania, in a convention declared: "We swear to the great and good God to fight a righteous fight against the Roumanian government, which is a plague to the country."

What an irony of fate this is! It was the legislature of Transylvania, then a part of Hungary, that enacted the very first law in Europe which secured freedom of religion and liberty of conscience to every man and woman living on Hungarian soil. It is there that the Unitarian church was born. Today, in the twentieth century's civilization, the people of that very land cry out to world Christendom, "Come and save freedom of religion and liberty of conscience, else they perish."

In the territory given to Yugoslavia the people suffer equally the same fate. The cry comes from those people also, "Come and save us!"

The result of all these is discontent on the part of these outraged people, and fear and feverish preparation for war on the part of Czechoslovakia, Roumania, Yugoslavia and France. This mad rush in military preparation places an enormous burden on the people of the respective countries. Their international debts are already beyond their ability to pay; and they do

not pay. They "fund" their debts with the American people, but we, the American people, pay both interest and principal on their debts. In France 17,700 men are in military service out of every million souls; in Czechoslovakia 11,500 out of every million; in Servia 9,583; in Roumania 9,000; in Italy 5,557; in Poland 9,643, while in Hungary, which these nations fear, there are only 4,000 men, out of her entire population, in military service.

International commerce is stagnant. The wheels of domestic industries are at a standstill. Prohibitive tariffs are placed on the agricultural and industrial products of the neighboring countries. Czechoslovakia imports wheat from China, a distance of thousands of miles, rather than from Hungary, her next door neighbor. The people of Czechoslovakia pay more for the Chinese wheat than what they would pay if they bought Hungarian wheat, and the Chinese wheat is of less food value than the Hungarian wheat. The Czechoslovak government, however, is more keenly interested in breaking down Hungary economically than providing proper food for the people of Czechoslovakia. This illustration might be multiplied a hundred fold.

The education of the youth and of the masses in Europe approaches a dangerous climax. History is distorted and the interrelation of the peoples of the various countries of Europe is painted in war color. What invisible forces are working in Europe, space will not permit us to relate here. It might be interesting to know that the Bolshevik forces are again trying to force Bolshevism upon Hungary, and just recently Bela Kuhn, the erstwhile Bolshevik dictator of Hungary, was arrested in Vienna, Austria, when it was discovered that a gigantic plot was to be put into operation and Hungary reduced to the control of Bolshevism.

It might not be amiss at this time to remind the world that Hungary is still the only reliable Christian gateway from the East to the West, and that if the Bolsheviks of the East succeed in crushing the Hungarians, the world may expect to witness a spectacular onslaught of Bolshevism upon the entire world. At no time has the safety of the West been in greater danger than today, and the Western world never needed the assistance of a strong Hungary more than today.

Lord Rothmere of England has recognized this great danger, and in a world wide campaign is warning the world that the present crushed condition of Hungary is a great danger, not only to Europe, but to the entire world.

Lord George, the ex-Prime Minister of England, who was one of the "Big Four" who were instrumental in mutilating Hungary, has recognized the great mistake made in the mutilation of that country, and he also is warning the world that the territorial integrity and economic unity of Hungary must be restored and that country placed in a position where she can perform her duty to the entire world and Christian civilization.

Europe is well on her way to commit suicide for the entire white race. The secret forces which direct and control the des-



tinies of Europe would rather see the entire white race swept from the face of the earth than accord plain and honorable international justice to Hungary. The equilibrium of Europe was broken up by the mutilation of Hungary. To restore that equilibrium, the first step to take is to restore the territorial integrity and economic unity of Hungary. But the secret forces are marking time. They have an international justicephobia. They would rather have world chaos; they would rather have another world war, than to see international justice triumph and world peace come.

What does all this chaotic madness mean to the American people? It means that they are paying the price. World chaos, aside from a universal misery, means the drainage of the American pocketbook without valuable return. Europe owes us Eleven Billion Dollars, plus interest. And Europe "funds" its debt, but does not pay it. Out of this sum of Eleven Billion Dollars, over two million American families could build a one-family house for themselves and from the interest due could furnish their homes. But instead these two million American families are contributing to pay the interest on and the principal of Europe's Eleven Billion Dollar debt. Lest we forget and in order to know how some of the European countries are draining the pocketbook of the American people, the following statistics may be interesting:

Czechoslovakia owes the American people \$100,983,920.04, with interest from November 15, 1921.

France owes the American people \$3,716,514,527.47, with interest from November 15, 1921.

Yugoslavia owes the American people \$56,593,366.62, with interest from November 15, 1921.

Roumania owes the American people \$40,186,174.52, with interest from November 15, 1921.

These four countries are mentioned here and their debts stated for the reason that they are the greatest obstacles to world peace. These four countries are expending yearly for military purposes for every one million of their inhabitants, as follows:

France on the basis of every million souls.....	\$4,000,000.00
Czechoslovakia on the basis of every million souls.....	\$1,300,000.00
Yugoslavia on the basis of every million souls.....	\$1,200,000.00
Roumania on the basis of every million souls.....	\$1,600,000.00

As against these figures, Hungary owes to the American people only \$1,786,985.75, with interest from November 15, 1921. She supports 9,000 soldiers at the annual cost of \$1,830,000.00. It might be interesting to know that the countries opposing Hungary's right to her territorial integrity have a well equipped army, consisting of twenty-six million trained soldiers. It is not amiss to say that these enormous armies are partly supported out of the money which should be in the pockets of the American people.

Let us now see what further financial burdens have been

placed upon the American people by the world war and by the world chaos resulting therefrom. In 1921 the total debt of the American people was \$24,842,982,080.00. If this amount is added to the debt Europe owes us, but does not pay, we have a sum out of which every American family could build a one-family home and furnish it completely.

In addition to all these facts and figures, Europe is impoverished by prohibitive tariffs, the heavy military burdens, and lack of international commerce. This means that impoverished Europe is unable to purchase American products and commercial articles. American international commerce is stagnant. This results in the stagnation of American industry and a great loss and privation to American labor, which is approaching rather an acute stage. All these are the result of the absence of international justice from the world. And it is for the same reason that the people of every clime seek and pray for international justice.

Now we have reached the point where we may ask: What can we, the American people, and the International Justice Conference, do about this serious international situation? The answer is this:

We must find the cause and locate the center of the abscess that poisons the entire world. The cause is the retardation of the economic growth and evolution of Europe. The seat of the malignant abscess is in the Versailles treaty, most acutely indicated in the unholy treaty of Trianon. Our next task then is to eliminate the malignant abscess and help solve the economic problem of Europe. These two tasks finished, world peace will come.

But what method shall we use in the performance of these tasks? Shall we advocate the codification of international law? Codification means merely that the present laws shall be arranged in alphabetical or numerical order. Codification will not do any harm. If the law is codified, we can refer to it by sections and subsections. That is all there is to codification. Shall we advocate outlawry of war? Outlawry of war means merely that a law should be passed condemning war as a means to settle international disputes. You might just as well pass a law whereby you condemn the presence of cancer in the human body and declare that bow-wow will not cure cancer. War is the remnant of animalism in the human being. It cannot be outlawed; but it can be, if we must say it, educated out.

Shall we advocate disarmament? We may. But suppose that the number of warships and cannon and armed men is reduced to, let us say, one-third; what would be the result? We would fight with the weapons we had left, because the underlying reasons for armament and armed conflict would still remain. Medical science in its fight against yellow fever would not advocate the reduction of the number of mosquito screens; rather, it would struggle to drain and dry up the mosquito breeding swamps and shady places. Where there are no swamps, there



are no breeding places for mosquitoes. Where there are no mosquitoes, there is no need for mosquito screens. By the same reason, if there is no unhealthy economic rivalry, there is no need for violence. Where there is no need for violence, there is no need for armament and burdensome armies. In brief, eliminate the underlying causes for armament, and the destructive machinery of war will become useless. People who have a common economic interest do not murder one another. One hundred fifteen millions of American people have a common economic interest, and there is no effort put forth, in the United States of America, to arm the American people against one another. We have in this country one common economic interest, one united people, and there is no necessity in our country for a burdensome army. We do not have to outlaw war, because no sane man thinks of an American war. We do not have to disarm, because we have nothing to disarm. We have no cause for armament; we have peace.

The present trouble of the world is centered in the Versailles treaty and in its acute appendix, the infamous treaty of Trianon. Neither of these treaties has been and never will be accepted by the American people. These treaties are obnoxious and virulent and ruinous to the world. These two treaties should be and must be expunged, cancelled and nullified; for so long as they exist there can be no peace in the world. They are like a malignant infection in a tooth, which feeds the blood with poison and incapacitates the human system. Out with these infections. Give the world a chance to recuperate and come back to its normal health. Eliminate the Versailles treaty, cut out its acute appendix, the treaty of Trianon, and you will see the sun of peace gloriously rising from the horizon and stately marching up to the very zenith of the firmament.

The American people know the cause of the present world chaos and have located the center of the infection which is undermining the world. We are willing to do our part and to help remove the cause and eliminate the infection. But we cannot do this work alone. The people of Europe should help and co-operate with us. The initiative step, however, is our sacred duty. Let, therefore, the American people and the International Justice Conference start the movement. Europe will follow us.

Our work in behalf of bringing about the resurrection and proper application of international justice and to bring about world peace, should be educational, disclosing and disseminating cultural, political and economic facts and truths. Let the people of the world know why there is world chaos and why there is no world peace. Once the people know the underlying causes of their troubles, they will move to eliminate them.

Peace is a state of mind, resulting from economic contentment. World state of mind can be influenced to be peaceful only by a favorable economic condition. Such economic condition can be brought about by a fair, sound and truthful application of international justice. To attain this end, this Conference on In-

ternational Justice should advocate the calling to the United States of a world economic conference. This conference, when in session, should be open to the public. Every statement made therein should be written down by stenographers, and the entire proceedings of the conference should be distributed among the people of all countries.

In this conference every nation should be required to put its cards on the table. Let each nation show, if it can, what economic advantage is obtainable by breaking down another nation economically. For example, what economic advantage can Czechoslovakia gain if she refuses to allow her people to buy wheat from Hungary but rather forces them to buy their wheat from China? If the Hungarian farmer cannot sell his wheat, he is unable to buy industrial products from Czechoslovakia, from Germany, England, America or any other country. What economic reason is there for deceiving the people of the various countries and making them bloody enemies of one another? Who are benefited by the unnecessary chaos which is ruining the world? The founders of the American Republic consolidated the economic interests of and thereby united the American people, thus laying the foundation for the richest and most glorious country in the world. Why not consolidate the economic interests, and thus unite, the people of Europe?

This economic congress should cancel the treaty of Versailles and its disgraceful appendage, the treaty of Trianon. It should heal the wounds that were inflicted by these two unholy treaties. In accordance with the Wilsonian principles, it should restore to the people of Hungary their God-given right to decide under what government they desire to live. It should restore the territorial integrity and economic unity of Hungary. The now existing unreasonable tariff walls in Europe should be razed to the ground. An ECONOMIC FEDERATION OF EUROPE should be formed, and a uniform monetary system should be established for all of Europe. Then to complete the birth of New Europe, an ECONOMIC FEDERAL CONGRESS OF EUROPE should be organized and charged with the duty of safeguarding the rights of all the people of Europe.

This would unite the people of Europe into one economic group, without interfering with the political independence of any country. Once united on an economic basis, the various people of Europe will have left no further cause for international jealousies nor for devastating and suicidal wars.

Let the American Peace Society and the American people work for and advocate the calling to this country of this proposed world economic conference. Let Europe be challenged to put her cards on the table. Let the facts and truth about the present world economic chaos be brought to the attention of the people of the world, as they will be disclosed by this proposed conference. A properly enlightened world public opinion will soon substitute world chaos by world peace.

The friends of international justice and world peace believe



that only a common economic interest can unite the people of Europe and the world; and that once united on one common economic ground, the people of the world will no longer have any conceivable ground or reason for an international hatred and for suicidal war.