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Supreme Court of the United States
Washington, D.C.

November 14, 1845

My dear Mrs. Roosevelt,

I warmly appreciate your very kind words of sympathy.

I have been richly blessed by a long and perfect companion with and in this hour of bereavement your tribute is very heartening.

Very truly yours,

Charles E. Hughes
To

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt
The White House
Washington
Columbia, D.C.

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt,

I have just seen the film "The White cliffs of Dover" and the American wife of Sir John Ashbee was so charming and friendly that she has given me courage to write to you about the enclosed.

The idea, which is only on paper and merely a suggestion at present, is that women all the world over should band together to strive to abolish "future" wars.

I know after the last war the women peace conferences and women attended...
of from all the different European and other countries, but they joined, with a "small minority" of the "millions," that we now hear so much about, that it is not to be wondered at, that it had very little power when the "hydra-headed monster" (for such it was) was not in full blown state. It was to unite in all the women we can gather together in every town, city, and village (no class distinction whatever will be allowed) and have its own sub-committee in each town, with a year or two years, and agree to work for peace.

The money collected has to be used to assist women bands in the towns and in rural districts. There would have meetings perhaps once a month, and at their meetings we could gradually train our women to become politically minded.

So many women in Scotland tell you that they heard nothing about politics and always vote the "shares as their husbands." Other women do not even go to the poll.
and show no interest whatever in governmental matters.

I have encountered a lot of obstacles, time and time again, and it is very uphill work. My reason for taking this liberty of addressing you is that I would like to know if you think the idea worth barang out, and also I would like any advice you could give me. 3. I would be glad if you could use your influence to start the plan in your country in conjunction with 4th.

After I heard the concluding words of the plan viz. “god will never forgive us, if we break faith with our dead again.” I just felt that I must do my utmost to get this Society started.

An old lady of 83, who was also a great social worker, wrote to me that encouraging letters after she had read my article. “You have put before...
If you are satisfied that we have fulfilled, Peace and Security would again be our portion on earth.  

Enclosed you will also find one of my poems which I wrote in 1943.

Titled "When Will It End?"
This came to me as an inspiration.

And again if this poor old world has a long way to go before we can reach this ideal, but as long as peace on earth will only come through the people's change of heart, and by kindling the nations to think "Peace" and to realize the folly and wastefulness of war.

It will never come by pushing up numerous ad lib.

Tenting that you will forgive the liberty of writing to you, and believe me, what I say is not only because I feel it must go forward into the matter, and that I cannot close my ears to the call of all.

Es, I would like you to receive this sincerely.

Yours sincerely,

Kurt Hahn

A great admirer of you and your husband.
"When will it end?"

**question**

When will this ruthless carnage cease,
And Heaven send the Dove of Peace?;
For on and on the war still goes,
Our Foes kill us, we kill our Foes;

Mid freezing snows, and scorching heat,
At workers bench and in the street,
This question's asked by foe and friend,
"When will it end, - when will it end?"

**reply**

When every man his neighbour loves,
And by his every action proves
His love, by putting neighbour first
And not by selfish motive curst,

He strives to show by word and deed,
His sympathy for Friend in Need;
And craving not for wealthy hoard,
He takes the plough, and leaves the Sword;

Then straight from God the answer clear
Shall ring in every list'ning ear-
"Peace- Peace- be still, for I am here"
Then it will end - Then it will end.
Let Women Keep the Peace

A letter printed in Picture Post, written by a Soldier
His initials are J.F.T. (Name and Address supplied by P.P. if desired)

The fact that women are the preservers of the race is irrefutable; if therefore they were better represented in the various governments, their influence would surely tend to sway political decisions toward life-preservation; in this manner, the possibility of international disagreements ending in war would be more Remote.

The above was printed recently in "Picture Post" and coincides in a remarkable way with my views so I am including as well,
THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF WOMEN
for the
ABOLITION OF WAR.

MEMBERS VOW

Realising the WICKEDNESS and UTTER FUTILITY of WAR
as a means of settling arguments between NATIONS;
How it retards PROGRESS towards a BETTER and HAPPIER
CIVILISATION, and seeing the demoralising influence
which it has upon the PEOPLE,
I, hereby make a solemn VOW before God, that, during
the remainder of my LIFE, I will do all that lies in
my POWER to work for PEACE and UNITY between NATIONS.

(Signed)

Name ........................................

ADDRESS ....................................

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Date ........................................

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THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF WOMEN
FOR THE ABOLITION OF WAR

WOMEN! - LET US "OUT-LAW" WAR.

AN APPEAL TO "ALL" WOMEN OF THE CIVILISED WORLD.

IF a man like HITLER can make WAR!
Surely we women BANDED together,
CAN PREVENT IT !!

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Have you ever considered the utter futility of War?
If not, read history, and find out for yourselves the puny arguments
which caused most of the conflicts that have occurred throughout
the ages, then you will begin to realise the folly and wickedness
of it.

Now - in spite of all the strife and bloodshed of the last five
years, it seems that Man, has not yet learnt his lesson for already
we are being informed by current articles in our daily papers that
"THE NEXT WAR, WILL BE FOUGHT TOTALLY IN THE AIR"

MOTHERS! WIVES! SWEETHEARTS! SISTERS! are you going to stand
for this without making some great effort to bring PEACE and
SANITY into the World again?

It is time that we women began to make more use of our votes which
the Suffragettes, worked and sacrificed, so much to obtain for us,
for it is quite obvious that without us to guide him, man ALONE
will never be able to handle the reins of GOVERNMENT, with a view
to preventing future wars.

Here are but a FEW reasons for out-lawing war, which no one can
truthfully dispute,

(a) War breeds racialism and hatred between Nations and is absolul.
antithesis to all Christian principals.
(b) War brings homelessness, misery and starvation in its train.
(c) War brings disease, mutilation and death to countless men,
    women and innocent children. In England alone, this present war
    1939-1945 has killed 7000 children, and 24,000 women, not to mention
    the thousands of cases of mutilation and blindness by the flying
    bombs, with which the hospitals are dealing.
(d) War tears families apart, and anxiety over loved ones breaks
    mothers hearts and sends many to Mental Homes or PREMATURE GRAVES
(f) War breeds colossal selfishness and greed.

What does it matter to some individuals if thousands of their
fellow-men perish and others are mutilated beyond recognition
as long as the work of armament factories is kept at full pressure
and one receives good Dividends?

To try to find some justification for the waging of war, some folks
may plead that it brings out the best in men and makes heroes of many
That is quite true - up to a point, for we have heard of many deeds
of heroism and self sacrifices during this war, without going back
any further, but it is more than likely that, had these brave men
survived, and been given the opportunity, they would have served
their time and generation far better, now by their untimely death
the World may have lost more than we at present realise - No - War
kills off our best and brightest - and each highly trained lad, who
is being sacrificed, and cut down by the wicked blasts of war, is
an irreparable loss to his country.

P. T. O.

19/2/45
Then the question remains - what can we women do individually to prevent war?

The following are a few suggestions - in answer to that:

1. We can begin the campaign by firstly setting our own houses in order; by showing more sympathy, love and kindness towards those with whom we come into daily contact.

2. We can be less critical, and more tolerant of others failings, always bearing in mind, that we, ourselves are far from perfect.

3. When our men return, do not let their welcome consist of but a few days rejoicing, but remember always, that it was for our sakes that they have suffered the discomforts and hardships of the last five years - therefore, we must see to it that we do our utmost to bring back the joy of living again into their war-weary lives.

4. We can teach our children to respect all nationalities of whatever Creed or Colour, and strive to foster within their small minds, the Spirit of Give and Take, which will lead them to the knowledge of the true "Brotherhood of Man"; This is Christianity at its best - for which our Saviour Lived and Died.

5. We can take more interest in the various questions brought before our Parliaments; especially those dealing with the social side of life.

6. We must encourage more women to represent us in parliament and also use whatever influence we may have to obtain more women councillors on local Public Boards and faithfully record our vote in favour of Society's Candidate at Election times.

7. By taking the Vow of Membership of the Women's International Society for the Abolition of War.

8. By attending meetings held by the Society in your City, Town or Village.

9. By reading suggestions 1 - 6 once a month, and also by using them in your daily life.

In this way, we shall slowly but surely acquire governmental power and then - should war begin to threaten again - we women ALL OVER THE WORLD, will be in a position to rise WITH ONE VOICE and DENOUNCE IT.

Dear Sisters, of whatever nationality, who may read this appeal - Is not this an ideal worth working for?

As you, young mother, look into your small son's eyes - do you not feel that you would do anything to save him from what Daddy has been through during the present holocaust?

Then let us BAND together and strive, during the years that lie before us, tooust this evil from the World.

The old saying, "the hand that rocks the cradle rules the World" used to be true, but now it is evidently out of date - or can it be that women have wanted war during the last thirty years? No - true women never want war - they lose too much - and it brings them too much sorrow - but somehow, we seem to have lost the best influence over our men-folk.

Let us take a new grip upon ourselves, and try to raise the standards of womanhood to a HIGHER plane for therein, lies our best chance to outlaw war.

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