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*Mr. Dean Roosevelt, Chairman  
of the Drafting Committee, Committee  
for Human Rights,*

*Lake Success,  
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*My dear Mrs. Roosevelt,  
The World Woman's Party*

*Lady Emmeline Pethick-Lawrence  
of London, chairwoman, and Mrs.  
Alice Paul, co-chairwoman,  
wish to express the hope that  
equality of the sexes will be in-  
cluded as a provision, - a specific  
provision in all legislation  
of the Committee for Drafting an  
International Bill of Rights.*

*Respectfully yours,  
Annie H. Walker,  
vice-chairwoman*

Secretaría de la Comisión de los Derechos Humanos  
United Nations Organisation.  
Lake Success, Long Island, N.Y. U.S.A.

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Las Entidades que firman la presente solicitud tienen el honor de dirigirse a esa Comisión que tiene a su cargo la preparación de una Carta de los Derechos Humanos, con el propósito de aportar una colaboración a esa tarea de capital importancia.

Con ese objeto se permiten atraer su atención sobre un derecho que, a su parecer, debe ser incluido entre los derechos inalienables del individuo? Trátase del derecho de rehusar su participación en los actos de la colectividad cuando la propia conciencia así lo exige, trátase en especial (porque es el terreno en que la moral individual y la moral de los Estados entran más a menudo en conflicto) del derecho de rehusar su participación en la guerra y su preparación, es decir prácticamente, de negarse por motivos de conciencia a cumplir el servicio militar.

Como es público y notorio este derecho ha sido reconocido y sancionado por las leyes en numerosos países. Lo ha sido en forma más o menos amplia y más o menos liberal, puesto que algunos países reconocen el derecho a negarse a cumplir el servicio militar sólo cuando se invocan motivos de índole religiosa, y otros reconocen este derecho cualquiera sea la suerte de motivos de orden ideológico o moral que se invoque; solución esta última que es la más justa y satisfactoria. Los países en que existen (o existieron) leyes de excepción del servicio militar para los objetores de conciencia son los siguientes: Brasil, Estados Unidos de Norte América, Uruguay (Ley No. 9943 art. 14), y Paraguay (Ley No. 914 del 27 de Agosto de 1927). Bélgica (1928), Dinamarca (Ley No. 187 del año 1933), Finlandia (1931), Gran Bretaña, Holanda (1923), Noruega (Ley del 10 de Julio de 1925), Suecia (Ley No. 338 del 12 de Junio de 1928) y URSS (Ley No. 424 del 13 de Agosto de 1930). Australia y Nueva Zelandia. Es de suponer y de esperar que los Delegados de estos países en la ONU apoyarán la inclusión del derecho a no cumplir el servicio militar en la Carta de los Derechos Humanos.

La conveniencia de que se incluya el derecho de no cumplir el servicio militar entre los "Derechos Internacionales del Hombre" está abonada por numerosos motivos entre los que citaremos algunos a continuación: 1.- Este derecho ha sido conquistado por los pueblos que gozan de él, merced a heroicas y perseverantes luchas en las que no faltaron mártires; 2.- El número de los objetores de conciencia está creciendo continuamente (en Gran Bretaña por ejemplo, fueron 16.000 durante la primera guerra mundial, 66.000 en la segunda); 3.- El pacto Briand-Kellog de renunciación a la guerra y los procesos de Nuremberg han introducido en el Derecho Internacional la noción de que la guerra -por lo menos la guerra de agresión- es un crimen. Es necesario que este principio sea reconocido y sancionado prácticamente, en todos los países. Es absurdo condenar a los autores de guerra y permitir que se castigue a los creadores de paz que son los objetores de conciencia; 4.- Trátase de un problema estrechamente relacionado con el problema de la lucha contra la guerra y en el que, por consiguiente tienden a oponerse los derechos de la humanidad (los de la persona) y las voluntades de ciertos Estados nacionales. En estos casos parece ser el deber de la Organización de las Naciones Unidas colocar su autoridad del lado de la humanidad (del lado del individuo).

Nos permitimos pues atraer también su atención sobre las estrechas relaciones que existen entre la paz -cuyo establecimiento es la finalidad de la ONU- y la libertad. La paz es la condición de la libertad, pero la libertad es el medio para llegar a la paz. Por eso deben defenderse, siempre y en todas partes, las libertades que los hombres han conquistado en los siglos anteriores que todavía están amenazadas: la libertad de credo y de culto; la libertad de pensar y de expresar públicamente su pensamiento; la libertad de agruparse. Por eso también debe ser sancionada internacionalmente la libertad de no participar en la guerra o su preparación.

Nos permitimos pues, elevar respetuosamente a esa Comisión nuestra solicitud de que, como una contribución efectiva y substancial al ansiado establecimiento de una paz definitiva, se incluya en la Carta de los Derechos Humanos, el derecho de negarse a prestar servicio militar, por obediencia a los dictados de la propia conciencia.

Saludamos a Vds. con nuestra más alta consideración.



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Dear George:

Thank you very much indeed for your letter.

You are right in thinking that the Declaration includes a number of provisions which ~~it was felt~~ were not yet ripe for an International Convention. The only explanation of the difference in wording of provisions covering generally the same ground is that, in the Covenant or Convention, the purpose was to impose precise obligations whereas this was not the purpose in the Declaration. There is also the fact that the two documents were produced in different working parties.

If I had the time, I would redraft the introduction and bring out these points but the fact is that I have hardly the time to get this letter off to you. I am leaving for Geneva the day after tomorrow in connection with the United Nations Conference on Freedom of Information and have a number of things that must be attended to. I hardly think, however, that it is necessary in such a statement to cross the "T's" and dot the "I's".

In haste,

John P. Humphrey  
Director  
Division of Human Rights

Mr. George V. V. Micholls  
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Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt  
United States Representative to the  
Commission on Human Rights  
Lake Success, New York

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

I have just finished reading the first drafts of the International Covenant and Declaration on Human Rights. I wish to commend you and other members of the Commission for the work you have done for the human rights of the people of the world.

I would like to express my favorable reaction to Article 16 which deals particularly with the religious activities. I hope that this article will remain as it is.

Sincerely yours,

*Arthur Stanley*  
Arthur J. Stanley  
Acting Executive  
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February 26, 1948

Dr. John Humphrey, Director  
Division of Human Rights  
United Nations  
Lake Success, New York

Dear Dr. Humphrey:

It has been my privilege, as representative of the Church of Christ, Scientist, to have some correspondence and a recent interview with Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt concerning aspects of the International Bill of Human Rights. During our talk of about ten days ago Mrs. Roosevelt recommended that I get in touch with you, as Chairman of the Drafting Committee, and seek an interview for the purpose of making clear some of the aspects of the practice of our religion which differ from those of others, and might not be included in the generally accepted sense of religious freedom. Mrs. Roosevelt felt this was a matter which you would wish to place on the agenda and discuss in the further deliberation of your committee.

I should appreciate very much an opportunity to meet with you for the foregoing purpose at your convenience as to time and place.

With cordial good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

*Walter W. Kantack*

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February 24, 1948

Mr. John P. Humphrey  
Division of Human Rights  
Department of Social Affairs  
United Nations  
Lake Success, New York.

Dear John:

Thank you for the documents you have so kindly sent me. I am reprinting the texts of the Covenant and of the Declaration in the March issue of the American Bar Association Journal, together with some historical notes.

The American Bar Association almost went wild over these documents and they at first wanted to oppose the proposals in their entirety. After a long discussion Judge Ransom was persuaded to take a more cautious approach. The final recommendations are in consequence less dangerous than the original ones.

You might be interested in looking over some of my suggestions of amendment which I have proposed in this respect, which I enclose. Most of them were accepted in a slightly modified form.

Sincerely yours,

*Louis*

Louis B. Sohn

LBS/wr  
Enclosure:

P. S. I shall send you later

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Hon. Secretary: THE HON. MRS. HOME PEEL,  
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19, Wellington Square,  
London, S.W.3, England.

25th February, 1948.

Professor John P. Humphrey,  
Director of the Division of Human Rights,  
United Nations,  
Lake Success, NEW YORK.

Dear Professor Humphrey,

I have the honour to submit the recommendations of the Liaison Committee of Women's International Organisations with regard to the Draft Declaration and the Draft Covenant on Human Rights.

Draft Declaration

Articles 1 and 3. You will note that we consider these two Articles should be amalgamated. We do not agree with the inclusion of Comment 1, Annex A. (page 23 E/600) which we consider to be redundant if Articles 1 and 3 are amalgamated.

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28th February, 1948  
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Yours sincerely,

GWENDOLEN PEEL,

Hon. Secretary.

January 24th. 1948

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Ickenham, Middlesex.

The President. Economic and Social Council.  
United Nations. Lake Success. New York.

Dear Sir,

Enclosed, for your information, are the recommendations  
of the Liaison Committee of Women's International Organisations  
with regard to the Draft Declaration and Draft Covenant on Human  
Rights, together with the covering letter sent to Professor John  
Humphrey.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*Gwenoolen Peel*

Hon. Secretary.

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605-5-I-2-3

Dear Sir,

You may remember your letter addressed to me as the Founder-President of the People's Common Law Parliament expressing your appreciation of the work of this organisation, and the proposals contained in its Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities.

In order to assist in the final production and acceptance of a comprehensive Bill of Human Rights as world law, the Peoples' Trust Association Ltd., (an organisation closely linked with the work of PCLP) is organising an international pageant known as The Quest for Peace and Goodwill. Its object is to use pageantry, music and song and the printed word to bring the proposed international Bill of Human Rights before the people of all

lands. The enclosed reprint from the journal of the National Operatic & Dramatic Association will provide further information on The Quest.

The pageant processions and play in Great Britain and some of the countries of Europe have been timed to take place in July and August before the Assembly of the United Nations meets in Paris, with the view of encouraging a spiritual awakening among the people and to inspire their leaders to co-operate to remove, by means of the Bill of Human Rights, the moral and economic causes of war and want, and to use spiritual values as means of solving the problems of the world.

It is our intention to make The Quest an annual event in as many countries as possible and taking place at different times in various parts of the world. This would provide the people with the means to keep the United Nations and the world's leaders continually informed of their desire for friendly commercial and political relationships and peace between all nations.

I would be very grateful if during your coming visit to London you could give me a few moments to discuss with you some of our activities and The Quest and their association with the Bill of Human Rights; your views on these matters would be of great assistance to us in our work. Would it be possible for us to meet shortly before or after your meeting at the Queen Mary Hall (U.S.C.A.), London on March 5th?

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Enclosed: Reprint.

Yours faithfully

Robert J. Scrutton

Robert J. Scrutton.

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*Hon. Secretary:* THE HON. MRS. HOME PEEL,  
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M. Henri Laugier.  
Assistant Secretary-General in charge of Social Affairs.  
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Dear Mr. Laugier,

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Yours sincerely,

*Gwendolen Peel.*

Hon. Secretary.

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Article 15. It seemed to the Committee essential to state when juridical personality is acquired, and to ensure that every person, at a specified age, ceases to be a minor and attains full legal majority.

Yours sincerely,

GWENDOLEN PEEL,

Hon. Secretary.

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21 February 1948

Dear Mr. Jaffé:

Thank you very much indeed for your letter of 16 February. I am very sorry that you have not received the documents but I am making arrangements to have another set sent to you immediately.

I also want to thank you for your kind invitation to put me up at your home during my short stay in London. I appreciate very much your kind thought and, under normal circumstances, would have certainly taken advantage of it but there are a number of complications, including the fact that I am planning to spend Sunday with Professor Lauterpacht in Cambridge. I hope, however, that I will see you when I am in London.

Thanking you again, I am

Yours sincerely,

John P. Humphrey  
Director  
Division of Human Rights

Mr. Arthur Jaffé  
Hon. Secretary General  
International Law Association  
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London, E.C.4, England

# THE CANADIAN BAR REVIEW

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Mr. J.P. Humphrey,  
Director,  
Division of Human Rights,  
United Nations,  
Lake Success, N.Y.

Dear John,

Thank you very much for the introductory remarks to the Draft Declaration and Covenant and for the Report of the Second Session, the latter of which arrived yesterday. I plan to publish your introduction with the text of the Drafts in the March issue, going to press on March 1st.

You will be interested to know that H.W. Macdonnell of the Canadian Manufacturers Association has at my request prepared an article on Freedom of Association and Human Rights, in which he recounts the work of the I.L.O. on the subject at last summer's meeting in Geneva. He refers to the Commission on Human Rights, but does not say anything about the Draft Declaration or Covenant, both of which, I see, refer briefly to freedom of association. I have suggested that he should bring his story up to date for the April issue; it will follow nicely what we are publishing in March. I have also suggested that he might communicate with you to find out what the Commission did about the I.L.O.'s proposals. Perhaps you or one of your staff could help him out.

The only query I have about the introduction you so kindly prepared for us is why it was decided to recommend both a Covenant and a Declaration and what criterion was used in deciding what should go in one and what in the other. I see that some provisions appear in both, but in different words, and some in one only. My I.L.O. experience suggests to me that you incorporated in the Declaration a number of provisions which you felt would not be agreed to by member nations if they were included in a convention, but is that the whole story? For example, the difference in the form of the instruments doesn't altogether explain to me, in my ignorance, the difference in the wording of provisions

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Mr. J.P. Humphrey.

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covering generally the same ground. Would it be possible to add a paragraph to your introduction explaining this in general terms? It is something that most of our lawyer-readers will be curious about, though I can understand that you might not want to speak too frankly.

Yours sincerely,

*Genge*

G.V.V. Nicholls,  
Editor.

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Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt  
 United States Mission to the United Nations  
 2 Park Avenue  
 New York 16, N.Y.

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

Because of your able and wise efforts for human rights, you will be interested in the enclosed copy of a letter to Mr. Rusk, recording the comments of the National Peace Conference on the draft Declaration and Covenant on Human Rights.

Sincerely,

*Richard R. Wood*  
 Richard R. Wood  
 President

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17 February 1948

Dear Sir,

I wish to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 3 December 1947 written on behalf of the People's Common Law Parliament and addressed to Mrs. F.D. Roosevelt, Chairman of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights.

I regret that, owing to the pressure of work at Geneva, it was not possible to reply to your communication earlier.

I am very pleased to learn about the proposed activities of your organization. Your communication has been duly noted for consideration in accordance with the procedure laid down by the United Nations.

Yours sincerely,

John P. Humphrey  
Director  
Division of Human Rights.

Mr. Robert J. Scrutton,  
Founder-President,  
People's Common Law Parliament,  
5 Endsleigh Place,  
London, W.C.1, England.

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Le 17 février 1948

Monsieur,

J'ai l'honneur d'accuser réception de votre lettre en date du 12 décembre 1947, adressée à la Commission des droits de l'homme de la part de l'Union Spirituelle Universelle.

Cette communication étant arrivée à Genève vers la fin de la session de la Commission, je regrette qu'il n'a pas été possible de vous répondre plus tôt.

Je suis heureux d'apprendre que votre Corporation s'intéresse particulièrement aux droits de l'homme et qu'elle aimait être renseignée sur les activités de la Commission des droits de l'homme.

A cet effet je m'empresse de vous faire parvenir, sous pli séparé, le rapport que la Commission a adressé au Conseil économique et social sur le résultat des travaux de sa seconde session (Doc. E/600).

Veuillez agréer, Monsieur, l'assurance de ma considération distinguée.

John P. Humphrey  
Directeur  
Division des droits de l'homme.

Monsieur Mehta  
Secrétaire  
Union Spirituelle Universelle  
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17 February 1948

Dear Sir,

I wish to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of November 1947 enclosing a copy of a memorandum submitted to the members of the Commission on Human Rights on behalf of the Agudas Israel World Organisation.

I regret that owing to the pressure of work at Geneva, it was not possible to reply to your communication earlier.

Your communication has been duly noted for consideration in accordance with the procedure laid down by the United Nations.

Yours sincerely,

John P. Humphrey  
Director  
Division of Human Rights.

Mr. W. Fordham,  
Agudas Israel World Organisation,  
37/38 Mitre Street,  
London, W.C. 3, England.

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16 February 1948

Dear Sir:-

I wish to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated 2 January 1948, written on behalf of the Norwegian Peace Council, concerning the inclusion of the Right of Conscientious Objection in the Bill of Human Rights.

Your communication has been duly noted for consideration, according to the procedure laid down by the United Nations.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

John A. Humphrey  
Director  
Division of Human Rights.

Mr. Einar Edvin  
President  
Norwegian Peace Council  
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Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt  
United States Representative  
Commission on Human Rights  
Lake Success, New York

My dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

As a member of the Department of International Justice and Goodwill of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, I am writing to urge that Article 16 of the Declaration and Article 16 of the Covenant of the United Nations International Bill of Human Rights be retained as they now stand.

Very truly yours,

*Ralph W. Lloyd*

Ralph Waldo Lloyd

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16th February, 1948.

Professor John P. Humphrey,  
Director, Division of Human Rights,  
United Nations, Lake Success, New York.

Dear Professor Humphrey,

I am much obliged for your helpful letter of 22nd January.

So far the promised copies of Document E/600 have not reached me.

*though just addressed.*

On hearing from Dr. Loewenfeld that you would be willing to address a meeting in London on your way to Geneva, and that neither the Grotius Society nor the newly-formed British Branch of this Association could make the necessary arrangements, I got in touch with Dr. Gilbert Murray and our British United Nations Association (on the General Council of which Professor Brierly and I are co-opted members representing Law) and am glad to hear that a mid-day meeting has been arranged for you to address on March 8th. I hope to meet you then, if not sooner. If you have not made other arrangements, Mrs. Jaffé and I would be glad to put you up at our home at 59, Putney Hill, London S.W.15, during your short stay in London, although Mrs. Jaffé would not be at home at the week-end, having to attend a U.N.A. Standing Committee Conference in Nottingham. *Please let us know your plans.*

Professor Lauterpacht leaves for Lake Success on March 13th, but we will try to get his Report revised in time for consideration by the Drafting Committee in the first half of May.

Yours sincerely

*Arthur Jaffé*  
Arthur Jaffé

Hon. Secretary General.

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Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt,  
Commission on Human Rights,  
Lake Success, L.I., N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

Through the courtesy of the Department of International Justice and Goodwill of the Federal Council of Churches, I have received copy of the First Draft of the International Bill of Human Rights.

I wish to express to you my personal appreciation for this remarkable document, knowing that you have had great influence in its formation. The whole document is a credit to you and your associates in the Commission.

It has been suggested that we might wish to express some opinion on Article Sixteen especially. So I am taking this opportunity to express the hope that every effort will be made to retain Article Sixteen of the Declaration and the Covenant as it now stands.

With every good wish, I am

Yours very sincerely,

*Mrs. J. D. Bragg*  
Mrs. J. D. Bragg

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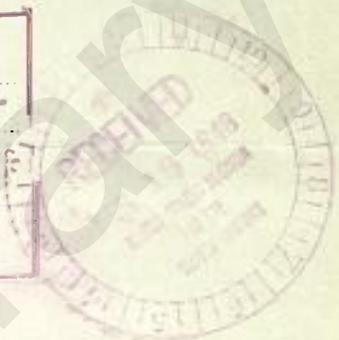
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Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt  
Commission on Human Rights  
Lake Success  
Long Island, New York

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

You have done a masterful job in drafting the International Covenant and Declaration on Human Rights.

I believe that in the interest of the highest goals of human endeavor that Article 16 of the Declaration and that Article 16 of the Dovenant should be retained as they now stand.

Cordially,

*Howard J. Baumgartel*

Howard J. Baumgartel  
Executive Secretary

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*Transmitted by Mrs. Roosevelt 2/17/48*

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10 February 1948

Dear Sir,

I wish to acknowledge the receipt of your two letters dated 10 and 12 December 1947, addressed to Mrs. F. D. Roosevelt, Chairman of the Commission on Human Rights, at Geneva, enclosing a preliminary memorandum on "Stateless Children" and a copy of the "International Child Welfare Review" Volume I.

I regret that, owing to the pressure of work in Geneva, it has not been possible to reply earlier.

Your communications have been duly noted for consideration, according to the procedure laid down by the United Nations.

In this connection, I would like to draw your attention to the Resolution adopted by the Economic and Social Council on 5 August 1947, requesting the Secretary-General:

"To compile a confidential list of communications received concerning human rights before each session of the Commission on Human Rights, with a brief indication of the substance of each;

"to furnish this confidential list to the Commission, in private meeting, without divulging the identity of the authors of the communications..."

The Council further requested the Secretary-General to indicate that the Commission has no power to take any action in regard to any complaint concerning human rights.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Mr. Georges Thelin  
Secretary-General  
International Union for Child Welfare  
43 rue Wilson  
Geneva

JOHN P. HANFORD  
Director  
Division of Human Rights.

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10 February 1948

The Director of the Division of Human Rights  
acknowledges with thanks the receipt of your letter  
dated 13 November 1947 addressed to the Geneva office  
and written on behalf of the World League Against  
Vivisection and for the Protection of Animals, enclosing  
a Resolution concerning the inclusion of a provision in  
the International Bill of Rights in recognition of  
Animals' Rights.

The Director regrets that, owing to the  
pressure of work at Geneva, it was not possible to  
reply to your communication earlier.

The Director wishes to inform you that your  
communication has been duly noted for consideration,  
according to the procedure laid down by the United  
Nations.

Mr. Charles A. Hostaett,  
Chairman,  
World League Against Vivisection and for the  
Protection of Animals,  
47, Hamilton Park,  
Highbury, London, N.5

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BRANCH REGISTRY

10 February 1948

Dear Madam:-

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your two letters dated 25 November 1947 and 2 February 1948 respectively, written on behalf of the St. Joan's International Social and Political Alliance.

I regret to state that, owing to the pressure of work at Geneva, the first of these letters enclosing an article on "Our African Sisters" in the August-September 1947 issue of "The Catholic Citizen" has not been replied to earlier.

This letter and your second letter dated 2 February 1948, containing a current issue of "The Catholic Citizen" and the Resolution passed at the Fifth International Conference of your Organization at Brussels on 3 - 5 September 1947 have been duly noted according to the procedure laid down by the United Nations.

In this connection, I would like to draw your attention to the Resolution adopted by the Economic and Social Council on 5 August 1947, requesting the Secretary-General:

"To compile a confidential list of communications received concerning human rights before each session of the Commission on Human Rights, with a brief indication of the substance of each;

"to furnish this confidential list to the Commission, in private meeting, without divulging the identity of the authors of the communications..."

The Council further requested the Secretary-General to indicate that the Commission has no power to take any action in regard to any complaint concerning human rights.

I have the honour to be,

*Madam,*

Your obedient servant,

Miss F.A. Barry  
Hon. Secretary  
St. Joan's Internatl. Social and  
55 Barners St. Political Alliance  
London, England.

John P. Humphrey  
Director  
Division of Human Rights.

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Le 5 février 1948

Monsieur,

J'ai l'honneur d'accuser réception de votre lettre datée du 16 décembre 1947 adressée à Madame E. Roosevelt, Présidente de la Commission des Droits de l'Homme lors de la session de cette Commission à Genève, ainsi que de l'appel de la Fédération Nationale de la Propriété Agricole pour une déclaration des droits de l'homme et des libertés fondamentales.

Cette communication étant arrivée à Genève après la session de la Commission, il n'a pas été possible de vous répondre plus tôt, mais je suis heureux de vous informer qu'il en a été pris bonne note pour l'examiner conformément à la procédure établie par l'Organisation des Nations Unies.

Je vous prie d'agréer, Monsieur, l'expression de mes sentiments les plus distingués.

John P. Humphrey  
Directeur  
Division des Droits de l'Homme

Monsieur L. Prault,  
Ingénieur agronome,  
Secrétaire général,  
Fédération Nationale de la Propriété Agricole,  
10, rue d'Athènes,  
Paris (9<sup>e</sup>), France.

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Le 3 février 1948

Le Directeur de la Division des Droits de l'Homme a l'honneur d'accuser réception à l'Académie Diplomatique Internationale de sa communication intitulée "RAPPORT DE LA COMMISSION JURIDIQUE SUR L'AVANT-PROJET DE DECLARATION DES DROITS DE L'HOMME".

Il a été pris bonne note de cette communication pour être soumise à l'examen de la Commission des Droits de l'Homme, lors de sa prochaine session, conformément à la procédure établie par le Conseil Economique et Social des Nations Unies.

Académie Diplomatique Internationale,  
10, rue St-Léger,  
Genève, Suisse.

Card

# St. Joan's International Social and Political Alliance (Non-Party)

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Dear Professor Humphrey,

I am enclosing a copy of the resolution on Human Rights passed by the Conference of St Joan's International Social and Political Alliance in Brussels last September. This was forwarded to the Human Rights Commission in October but I am not sure if it has reached you.

I am also sending you a copy of the current issue of the Catholic Citizen in which appears an article by a Welfare Officer in Nigeria supplying graphic illustrations of the problems we wish to emphasise.

My Alliance trusts that the final text of both the Human Rights Declaration and Covenant may be so framed as to cover the five points set out in the resolution. In this connection, I enclose particulars of legislation passed in 1939 in the French Cameroons showing that it is possible to embody such points in legislation.

St Joan's International Alliance, in collaboration with the Liaison Committee of Women's International Organisations, is considering what representations should be made to the Human Rights Commission on this matter.

Yours sincerely,

*Vera Laughton Mathews*  
 President.

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Professor John P. Humphrey,  
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IN THE NAME OF 5000 UKRAINIAN DPS IN SALZBURG WE GREET YOU AS PRESIDENT OF UNO SUBCOMMITTEE FOR PROTECTION RIGHTS OF MAN WE ARE GLAD THAT MOST NOBLE MINDED REPRESENTATIVES OF MANKIND UNDER YOUR GENEROUS LEADERSHIP HAVE=

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Dear Professor Pellat-

I have to thank you most sincerely for your letter of 25 January and your very kind promise to assist this Division in the study of those problems which have formed the object of your activities. I am particularly grateful for your kind statement that you will enlist the co-operation of the two great international institutions over which you preside, namely, the Association Internationale de Droit Pénal and the Bureau International pour l'unification de Droit Pénal.

I am simultaneously making arrangements that two additional copies of the French text of those documents which have already been sent to you, will be dispatched to you by the Distribution Section of the Secretariat without delay.

I further enclose a copy of the French version of Document E/600 which contains the Report of the Second Session of the Commission on Human Rights which was held in Geneva from 2 to 17 December 1947. I also send you a copy of the Report of the Drafting Committee on an International Bill of Human Rights which met at Lake Success from 9 to 25 June (E/CN.4/21) because it is referred to in the Report E/600. I venture to draw your attention to Annex C of the Report of the Commission on Human Rights which consists in the Report of the Working Group on Implementation. It is particularly from this Annex C that very difficult tasks have arisen for the Secretariat. In paragraph 36, sub-paragraph 3 (page 58 of the French text, the Secretariat is being requested to draw up for the Drafting Committee a detailed scheme of regulations on the subject of petitions. As a matter of fact, however, more than a scheme of regulations on the subject of petitions is expected from the Secretariat because apart from the rudimentary provisions of Article 1, Article 3 and Article 4 (2) of the Draft Covenant Annex B (page 32 of the French text) no provisions concerning implementation or enforcement in the international sphere have been formulated either by the Working Group or by the Commission on Human Rights. As you will find in paragraph 26 of the Report of the Commission (page 7 of the French text) the Commission decided to take no decision on any specific principle or solution stated in the Report of the Working Group on the question of Implementation but to transmit the report to the Governments of the various states and to the Economic and Social Council for their consideration and comment.

*Chervin*

Every consideration you would be kind enough to make on the Report of the Commission in general and on its Annex C in particular, and any suggestions you would care to make as to the formulation in concrete texts of draft articles of the proposals of the Working Group would be particularly welcome.

I am very glad that you will come again to Lake Success in the near future and I hope you will be kind enough to let me know in advance in order that I shall have the possibility of conferring with you on all the questions raised in our correspondence.

Yours sincerely,

**ROON SCHWELB**  
Assistant Director  
Division of Human Rights

His Excellency  
Professor Vespasien V. Pella  
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BRANCH OFFICE

22 January 1948

Dear Mr. Jaffé:-

I am much obliged to you for your letter of 13 January together with the preliminary report that Professor Lauterpacht has prepared for the Human Rights Committee of the International Law Association and the preliminary report by Dr. Martin on Human Rights in the Paris Peace Treaties. We shall study these important reports with very great care and I shall write to you and Professor Lauterpacht when this study has been completed.

Under the present arrangements, I shall be leaving New York for Europe on the Cunard liner "Meditia" on 27 February 1948 and will arrive in Liverpool on 6 March 1948. The International Conference on Freedom of Information starts in Geneva on 23 March 1948.

The number of mimeographed copies of the Report of the Second Session of the Commission on Human Rights is, at present, limited. Arrangements have been made, however, to reproduce the Report in print and it is hoped that the printed copies will be available by the beginning of February 1948. I have simultaneously requested the Distribution Section of the United Nations Secretariat to place fifty copies of the printed report at the disposal of your Association as soon as they are ready. I am also asking that 38 copies be sent directly to the addresses of the members of your General Committee on Human Rights, as listed in the document which you have sent me, and 12 copies to your London Headquarters. If the direct dispatch to the individual members of your Human Rights Committee should not be technically possible, the Distribution Section has been asked to send all the copies to you.

I have also made arrangements for two sets of Summary Records and other Geneva documents to be sent to you.

From the Report of the Commission on Human Rights (E/600) you will see that the time table laid down by the Commission is as follows:

The Secretary-General has been asked to transmit the report which includes the Draft International Declaration on Human Rights, the Draft International Covenant on Human Rights and the Suggestions for Implementation, to Member Governments during the first week of January 1948. This has, of course, been done.

The date of 3 April 1948 has been fixed as the time limit for the reception of the replies from Governments on the Draft International Bill of Human Rights (the term International Bill of Human Rights applies to the entirety of documents in preparation - the Declaration, the Covenant, and the Measures for Implementation). The Drafting Committee of the Commission on Human Rights will be meeting at Lake Success in the first half of May 1948; the Third Session of the Commission on Human Rights will be at Lake Success in the second half of May 1948. The Drafting Committee will consider the observations, suggestions and proposals received from Governments and will take the views expressed by Member Governments as a basis for a re-draft if necessary. The Third Session of the Commission on Human Rights will give final consideration to the new drafts in the second half of May 1948. The Report of the Third Session of the Commission on Human Rights will be presented to the Economic and Social Council which will meet either in Europe or in Lake Success in July 1948.

The International Bill of Human Rights should therefore be ready for consideration by the Third Regular Session of the General Assembly in September 1948.

I thought it useful to draw your attention to this time table which has been laid down by the representative bodies of the United Nations.

I thank you very much for your wishes for 1948 and reciprocate them most heartily. The great interest which the International Law Association is taking in the work of the Commission on Human Rights and of this Division is greatly appreciated and we have no doubt that the assistance rendered by the Association will be invaluable.

Yours sincerely,

John P. Humphrey  
Director,  
Division of Human Rights

Mr. Arthur Jaffé  
Honorary Secretary-General  
International Law Association  
3 Paper Buildings  
The Temple  
London, E.C. 4.

Permettez-moi d'ajouter que nous prenons bonne note de votre lettre selon la procédure établie à cet effet par les Nations Unies.

Veuillez agréer, Monsieur, l'expression de mes salutations empressées.

John P. Humphrey  
Directeur  
Division des Droits de l'Homme

Monsieur le Secrétaire  
Union Spirituelle Universelle  
3, rue Richer  
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Monsieur,

A mon retour de Genève, j'ai trouvé votre lettre du 12 décembre 1947. Je suis heureux de vous envoyer, sous pli séparé, un exemplaire du Document E 600 qui contient le rapport de la deuxième session de la Commission des Droits de l'Homme, les articles pour un projet de Déclaration Internationale des Droits de l'Homme, les articles pour un projet de Pacte International des Droits de l'Homme, et les propositions de la Commission des Droits de l'Homme sur la mise en oeuvre.

J'attire votre attention sur l'Article 21 du projet de Pacte International des Droits de l'Homme qui prévoit que "toute propagande en faveur d'une hostilité nationale, raciale ou religieuse, qui constitue une incitation à la violence, sera interdite par la législation nationale."

J'attire également votre attention sur les résolutions adoptées par l'Assemblée générale le 11 décembre 1946 (95 (I) ) et le 21 novembre 1947 (177 (II) ) relatives à l'affirmation des principes du droit international reconnus par la Charte du Tribunal de Nuremberg, ainsi que sur les résolutions adoptées par l'Assemblée générale le 11 novembre 1946 (96 (I) ) et le 21 novembre 1947 (180 (II) ), relatives au crime de génocide, et d'après lesquelles vous remarquerez que les divers organes des Nations Unies sont tout à fait désireux de promouvoir et d'établir des sanctions contre les activités pouvant être qualifiées de crimes contre l'humanité.

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**JORGES FREDSRÅD**  
Norwegian Peace Council

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The Secretariat of the Commission of Human Rights,  
United Nations Organisation,  
Lake Success, Long Island, USA.

Dear Sirs,

The Norwegian Peace Council want to draw the attention of the esteemed Commission of Human Rights to the Right of War Resistance.

This privilege has been appreciated as a fundamental Human Right in Norway through many years. It was established by law that military conscripters are allowed to do their service in civil work for the State when their conscience forbid them to take part in any military training. This alternative service cannot be allowed to serve a military object.

The Norwegian laws thus place the Right of War Resistance in an equal position with the other liberties and privileges which are the basis of our democracy. Similar laws are in existence in the other Nordic countries, and also in Great Britain.

We are of the opinion that the right to refuse military service must by all be considered as a democratic privilege and as one of the fundamental human rights. We therefore strongly recommend that this question be considered by the esteemed Commission and the Right of Conscientious Objection be put in the "Bill of Human Rights" now to be drawn up.

On behalf of the executive committee of the Norwegian Peace Council

Yours very respectfully

*Einar Edwin*

Einar Edwin  
President

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10 Feb. 1948

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Monsieur le Président  
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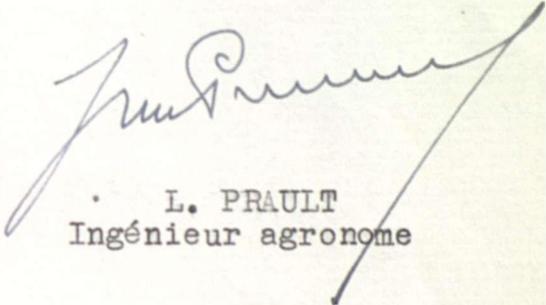
Monsieur le Président,

Au moment où se trouve réunie la Commission des Droits de l'Homme des Nations Unies, nous avons l'honneur de vous soumettre et de vous prier de bien vouloir communiquer à la Commission l' " Appel à l'Organisation des Nations Unies pour une déclaration des droits de l'homme et des libertés fondamentales " adopté, en mai dernier, par le Congrès National de la Propriété Agricole française.

Nous vous serions particulièrement reconnaissants, Monsieur le Président, de bien vouloir nous accuser réception de cette communication et nous faire éventuellement connaître l'accueil qui lui sera réservé.

Veillez, Monsieur le Président, agréer l'hommage de notre profond respect.

Le Secrétaire Général,

  
L. PRAULT  
Ingénieur agronome

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Madame Franklin D. ROOSEVELT 1948  
Représentante des Etats-Unis  
à la COMMISSION DES DROITS DE L'HOMME DES NATIONS UNIES  
REGISTRY

Palais des Nations  
GENEVE (Suisse)

Madame,

Nous avons l'honneur de vous remettre l' "Appel à l'Organisation des Nations Unies pour une déclaration des droits de l'homme et des libertés fondamentales" adopté, à l'unanimité, par le Congrès National de la Propriété Agricole, en mai dernier.

Nous lisons dans la Déclaration des droits qui nous appartiennent, à nous et à nos descendants, et qui doivent être considérés comme la base fondamentale de notre Gouvernement, rendue par les représentants du bon peuple de Virginie, complètement et librement assemblés à Williamsburg, le 1er juin 1776:

" ARTICLE PREMIER. - Tous les hommes naissent également libres et indépendants, et ont des droits naturels et inhérents à leurs personnes, dont ils ne peuvent, par quelque convention que ce soit, priver ni dépouiller leurs descendants; telles sont la vie et la liberté, avec tous les moyens d'acquies et de posséder des biens, de chercher et d'obtenir le bonheur et la sûreté. " ....

" ART. 7. - On ne peut enlever à personne la plus faible portion de sa propriété, ni l'appliquer à des usages publics, sans son propre consentement, ou celui de ses représentants légitimes, et le peuple n'est point obligé d'obéir à d'autres lois qu'à celles qui ont reçu sa sanction de l'une de ces deux manières, pour l'avantage commun. " ....

Nous lisons, d'autre part, dans la Constitution de la République de Pensylvanie, telle qu'elle a été établie par la Convention générale, élue à cet effet, et assemblée à Philadelphie, dans ses séances commencées le 15 juillet 1776 et continuées jusqu'au 28 septembre suivant :

" ART. 1er. - Tous les hommes sont nés également libres et indépendants, et ils ont des droits certains, naturels, essentiels et inaliénables, parmi lesquels on doit compter le droit de jouir de la vie et de la liberté, et de les défendre; ce lui d'acquérir une propriété, de la posséder et de la protéger; enfin, celui de chercher et d'obtenir leur bonheur et leur sûreté. " ....

" ART. 10. - Tout homme a le droit d'être pour sa personne, ses maisons, ses papiers, et pour toutes ses possessions, à l'abri de toutes recherches et de toutes saisies; en conséquence, tout ordre est contraire à ce droit si des serments ou affirmations préliminaires n'en ont pas suffisamment établi le fondement, et si le commandement ou la réquisition donnés par l'ordre, à un officier ou messenger d'Etat, de faire des recherches dans les lieux suspects, d'arrêter une ou plusieurs personnes, ou de saisir leur propriété, ne sont pas accompagnés d'une désignation et description spéciales de la personne ou des objets à rechercher ou à saisir. Enfin, il ne doit être décerné un ordre que dans les cas déterminés par la loi et avec les formalités prescrites." ...

Ces textes fondamentaux, qui sont à l'origine de la formation des Etats-Unis d'Amérique, ont été repris dans les Constitutions Révolutionnaires Françaises, et notamment dans notre Déclaration des Droits de l'Homme et du Citoyen de 1789 spécifiant :

" ART. 2. - Le but de toute association politique est la conservation des droits naturels et imprescriptibles de l'homme. Ces droits sont : la liberté, la propriété, la sûreté, et la résistance à l'oppression. " ...

" ART. 17. - La propriété est un droit inviolable et sacré, nul ne peut en être privé, si ce n'est lorsque la nécessité publique, légalement constatée, l'exige évidemment, et sous la condition d'une juste et préalable indemnité. "

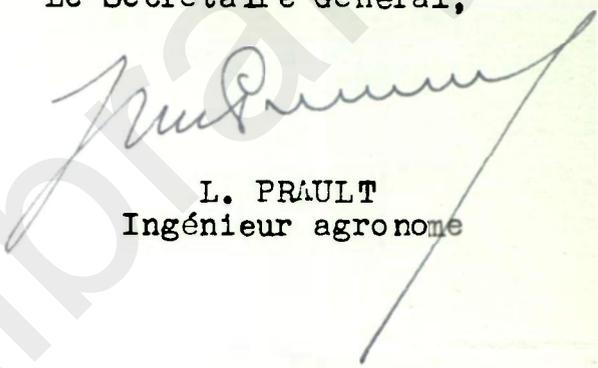
Au moment où les Nations libres veulent affirmer et sauvegarder les droits naturels et imprescriptibles de l'homme, et en considération du fait que votre grand Pays est à l'avant-garde de ce mouvement humain, nous appelons particulièrement votre attention sur notre Appel à l'Organisation des Nations Unies. Nous voulons espérer que la Commission, dont vous faites partie, ne se bornera pas à considérer que " personne ne sera arbitrairement privé de ses biens ", mais bien que la propriété est un des droits naturels essentiels de l'homme et une des sources principales des libertés fondamentales, en marquant comme il se doit que les lois votées par les Parlements, dans le cadre des Constitutions votées directement par les peuples, doivent faciliter l'accession de tous, par le travail et par l'épargne, à la propriété individuelle et favoriser la formation

et la transmission du patrimoine familial. En un mot, nous souhaitons que la propriété soit, par les Nations Unies, reconnue comme un droit fondamental et que, en même temps, soit affirmé le droit, pour chacun, par le travail et par l'épargne, de bénéficier de l'exercice de ce droit.

Nous vous serions infiniment reconnaissants, Madame, si vous vouliez bien nous accuser réception de la présente communication et nous faire connaître les suites que vous aurez cru devoir y donner.

Veillez, Madame, agréer l'hommage de notre profond respect.

Le Secrétaire Général,



L. PRAULT  
Ingénieur agronome

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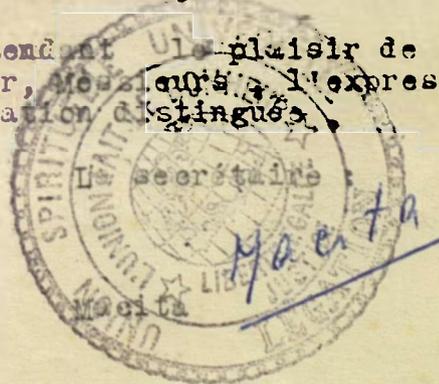
Messieurs

Nous avons l'honneur de vous informer que nous avons pris connaissance par la Presse internationale que la Commission de l'ONU pour le Droit humain a pris d'importantes décisions à l'égard des droits de l'homme en ce qui concerne les citoyens de différentes nations hors de leur propre pays .

Notre Corporation mondiale qui s'intéresse tout particulièrement aux droits de l'homme autant qu'aux problèmes mondiaux , aimerait être renseignée sur les activités de votre Commission le plus rapidement possible .

Nous avons pris également note de ce que les oppositions de caractère racial et religieux n'ont pas été considérées comme un crime punissable. Cette fâcheuse décision mérite d'être mieux éclairée . Nous vous prions de vouloir bien nous renseigner car nous estimons que ce crime de lèse humanité ne peut être considéré comme une entrave à la liberté de pensée ou à la liberté de conscience.

En attendant un plaisir de vous lire , veuillez agréer, Messieurs, l'expression de notre considération distinguée.



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*We will transmit it 17/1/03*

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Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt,  
President,  
United Nations Commission on Human Rights,  
Geneva,  
Switzerland.

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt,

I am sending you herewith a copy of our *New Magna Carta - A Charter of Human Rights & Responsibilities*. I expect you have seen it, as we have been advocating these ideas since pre-war days.

Our Movement and its Associated Organisations at home and abroad are extremely anxious that the proposed International Bill of human rights shall, among other things, establish the economic and social rights and responsibilities of man. Unless this is done we feel that the Bill will, in effect, only give the people the political right to fight for economic security and the right to happiness. But if the Bill is used to establish in the constitutions of the nations man's right to the necessities of Life and to happiness, it will provide a sound basis for a peaceful family of nations brought together to carry out the task of providing for human need, such as proposed by our supporter, Sir John Boyd Orr.

You will be interested to know that, with the assistance of a number of musical and dramatic societies, we are organising a pageant, which will be performed in the streets and parks of the United Kingdom. Its object is to bring before the people in a vivid and dramatic manner the desperate need for a Bill of Human Rights, such as we envisage, and also the need for a new spiritual direction to be given to world society. We hope to be able to produce the pageant in this and other countries before the Bill is discussed by the United Nations Assembly in the autumn of 1948.

God bless and give you strength and inspiration to help this sad world to turn from its madness and set its face towards the Vision Splendid.

Sincerely yours,

*Robert J. Scrutton*

Enc. New Magna Carta.

P.S. I have despatched our PCLP journal to you by ordinary post.

Robert J. Scrutton  
Founder-President

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Dear Sir,

I beg to enclose herewith for your information, copy of a Memorandum this organisation is submitting to the delegation at the Human Rights Conference, meeting under the auspices of United Nations at Geneva in December.

I trust the proposals there made will meet with your interest and support.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

*W. Fordshaw*  
per Secretary.

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 The World's Young Women's Christian  
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 The Women's International League for  
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The International Federation of University  
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 The World Union of Women for International  
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 The World's Woman's Christian  
 Temperance Union.  
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John P. Humphrey, Esq.  
 Director Human Rights Division  
 United Nations, Geneva.

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Dear Sir,

I enclose copy of a letter sent to-day to Mrs. Roosevelt.  
 We should be grateful if it could be circulated to the members of the  
 Commission.

Yours faithfully,

*Gwendolen Peel*

Hon. Secretary.

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 Open Door International.  
 Federation Internationale des Amies de la  
 Jeune Fille.

Hon. Secretary: THE HON. MRS. HOME PEEL,  
 J.P.,  
 19, Wellington Square,  
 London, S.W.3, England.

John P. Mumfrey Esq.  
 Human Rights Division.  
 United Nations. Geneva.

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*Geneva* OFFICE

Dear Mr. Mumfrey,

I wrote to you on December 9th, enclosing a copy  
 of my letter to Mrs. Roosevelt.

Just now I have realised that there may be a  
 serious typing error in the 5th. point. This should read:-

"Widows shall not be inherited....."

I should be extremely grateful if you could  
 make this correction in any copies of the letter you may be  
 circulating.

Yours sincerely,  
*Grwendolen Peel.*  
 Hon. Secretary.

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LIAISON COMMITTEE OF  
WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS.

ORGANISATIONS REPRESENTED:

The International Council of Women.  
The International Alliance of Women for  
Suffrage and Equal Citizenship.  
The World's Young Women's Christian  
Association.  
The Women's International League for  
Peace and Freedom.

The International Federation of University  
Women.  
The World Union of Women for International  
Concord.  
The World's Woman's Christian  
Temperance Union.  
St. Joan's Social and Political Alliance.  
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Professional Women.  
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Associated Countrywomen of the World.  
Open Door International.  
Federation Internationale des Amies de la  
Jeune Fille.

Hon. Secretary: THE HON. MRS. HOME PEEL,  
J.P.,  
19, Wellington Square,  
London, S.W.3, England.

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt,

At the meeting of the Liaison Committee this  
afternoon I was instructed to bring to your notice the points  
enumerated below, which they hope may be specifically included in  
the International Bill of Rights.

The Charter of the United Nations lays down that  
human rights and fundamental freedoms are for all without distinction  
as to race, sex, language or religion. Discriminations due to tribal  
customs are, however, sometimes overlooked; and we consider that  
the points we raise vitally affect the human rights and fundamental  
freedoms of a vast number of human beings.

1. No child or woman, whatever her race, shall be treated as a  
chattel to be sold by her father or alleged proprietor.
2. Every woman shall be permitted to choose her own partner in life  
despite any contract entered into in her name by any other person.
3. No marriage contract shall be made for any girl under 14, nor for  
any woman over 14 without her consent.
4. There shall be no lending ~~of wives~~ out of wives under any  
pretext.
5. Widows shall not be disinherited. They shall be free to dispose  
of themselves and their children as they think fit, remain with  
the husband's family, go back to their own, be independent, or  
remarry.

With reference to the question of nationality which we  
raised in our letter to you of August 1st. 1947 we note that in  
the document E/CK.4/21 of July 1st. that the question of nationality  
now comes under Article 18 and that there is a suggestion from the  
Drafting Committee that this article should be considered a greater  
length as the subject of a Convention.

With our best wishes for the success of this session of the Human  
Rights Commission,

I am, Yours sincerely,

*Gwen Helen Peel.*

Hon. Secretary.

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# INTERNATIONAL UNION FOR CHILD WELFARE

UNION INTERNATIONALE DE PROTECTION DE L'ENFANCE    UNIÓN INTERNACIONAL DE PROTECCIÓN A LA INFANCIA

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DEPT. of SOCIAL AFFAIRS GENEVA  
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BRANCH REGIST

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt,  
Chairman of the Commission on Human Rights,  
United Nations,  
Hôtel Beau-Rivage,  
13, Quai du Mont-Blanc,  
G E N È V E .

Dear Madam Chairman,

On behalf of the International Union for Child Welfare, which has been granted Consultative Status B. by the Economic and Social Council, we desire to express the interest and hope with which we are following the work of the Commission on Human Rights. The principles formulated in the Report of the Drafting Committee are precisely those which have informed the work of the Union in every department of child welfare over a period of twenty-seven years.

Knowing your great interest in these questions, we venture to bring to your notice a problem to which we have devoted much thought, namely, statelessness in children. We have published a memorandum on the subject, a copy of which we have pleasure in enclosing, which represents a comparative study of the national legislations and seeks to find a solution to the legal problem of stateless children. Though we are aware that it is by no means complete, we earnestly desire to make this preliminary study known among personalities and institutions who by their authority and influence may be able to give practical effect to the theoretical measures outlined in our memorandum.

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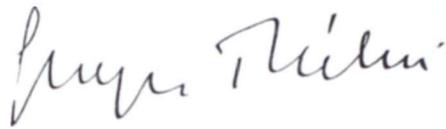
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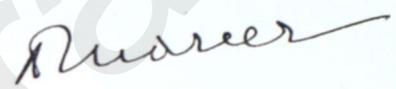
Leading among these personalities are the Members of the Commission on Human Rights, and we should therefore be very grateful if you would study this booklet and let us have any comments or suggestions which it may raise in your mind.

With many thanks in advance for your attention to our request, we beg to remain,

Yours very truly,



Georges THELIN  
Secretary General



A. MORIER  
President

Enclosures.

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# INTERNATIONAL UNION FOR CHILD WELFARE

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DEPT. OF SOCIAL AFFAIRS

QUAI WILSON  
GENEVA  
(SWITZERLAND)

10th December, 1947

Madam Chairman and Members of the Commission,

The International Union for Child Welfare, which has been granted Consultative Status B by the Economic and Social Council, is following the work of the Commission on Human Rights with close attention and desires to convey its best wishes for the success of its deliberations.

The Union assures the Commission of its desire to cooperate to the fullest extent with the efforts made to guarantee to mankind, and therefore also to children, the freedom and dignity which are their right.

The adoption of the Declaration of Human Rights will confer a high authority on the Declaration of the Rights of the Child, commonly known as the Declaration of Geneva, by confirming on a wider plane the principles of the Declaration of Geneva, which is the basis of the work of the International Union for Child Welfare.

Referring to Article 32 of the Report of the Drafting Committee on the International Declaration of Human Rights, which reads: "Every person has the right to a nationality", the Union desires to draw your attention to the fact that it is making a special effort at the present time in the same sense, with a view to doing away with statelessness in children. A preliminary memorandum \* has already been published on this question and the Union has under way certain negotiations and enquiries which aim at finding a solution to these problems. The declaration made in Article 32 is fundamental and the Union therefore, assured of the sympathy of the Commission on Human Rights, is doing its utmost to put an end to the present position as it affects children.

In expressing again our good wishes and desire to cooperate with the Commission, we have the honour to remain,

Yours very truly,

Georges Thelin  
Secretary General

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President

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To the Commission on Human Rights  
Palais des Nations  
Geneva

\* Enclosed: "Stateless Children" - English and French

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605-5-1-2-3

19 November 1947

Dear Sir,

I wish to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 23 October 1947 written on behalf of the Swedish Central Committee for Peace-work, concerning the right of conscientious objection.

Your letter has been duly noted for consideration in accordance with the procedure laid down by the appropriate organ of the United Nations.

I wish to draw your attention in this connection to a resolution which the Economic and Social Council adopted on 5 August 1947 by which the Secretary-General is requested:

"to compile a confidential list of communications received concerning human rights before each session of the Commission on Human Rights with a brief indication of the substance of each;

"to furnish this confidential list to the Commission, in private meeting, without divulging the identity of the authors of the communications [...]"

Yours faithfully,

Egon Schwab,  
Assistant Director,  
Division of Human Rights.

Mr. G. Ballander,  
President,  
Swedish Central Committee for Peace-work,  
Nockeby, Sweden.

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RESOLUTION

Whereas among thinking and feeling individuals there is acute sensitiveness that exploitation of the so-called lower animals has hitherto taken the place of co-operation with them as sentient fellow-creatures

We on behalf of the English Committee of The World League Against Vivisection and for the Protection of Animals beseech that the International Bill of Rights being framed by the Commission on Human Rights of the United Nations shall include provisions in recognition of Animals' Rights

*Charles A. Westacott*

Chairman

*Marquet E. Ford*

Honorary Secretary

The Secretariat  
The United Nations Commission  
on Human Rights

Geneva  
Switzerland.

*Ltr. ack. 10 Feb '48*

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# INTER AMERICAN COMMISSION OF WOMEN

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## THE INTER AMERICAN COMMISSION OF WOMEN

IS COMPOSED OF ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM EACH REPUBLIC OF THE PAN AMERICAN UNION. IT WAS CREATED BY THE SIXTH PAN AMERICAN CONFERENCE IN 1928. CONTINUED BY THE SEVENTH IN 1933 AND MADE PERMANENT BY THE EIGHTH IN 1938. ITS WORK IS TO STUDY AND REPORT ON PROBLEMS CONCERNING WOMEN IN THE AMERICAS.

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VENEZUELA SRA. ISABEL SANCHEZ DE URDANETA

November 3, 1947.

Miss Léonie Mitchell  
Acting Chief  
Section on the Status of Women  
United Nations  
Lake Success, New York

Dear Miss Mitchell:

I would appreciate it very much if you will send me copy of the United Nations Bulletin No. 2, Volume 3 of July 8, where the draft of the Bill of Rights to be discussed at the Geneva Conference is included.

Thanking you very much, I remain

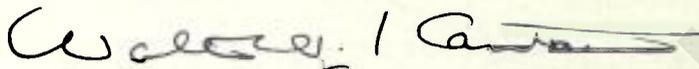
Cordially yours,

*Minerva Bernardino*  
Minerva Bernardino  
Chairman

Brought to M. B. by me on Nov. 6.

toils and pressures of your position to make your unselfish service one of minimum taxation upon your individual self.

Cordially and sincerely,



Walter W. Kantack  
Christian Science Committee on Publication  
for the State of New York

Copy of the Memorandum submitted by the District Manager of the Christian Science Committee on Publication for Great Britain and Ireland constitutes an integral part of this communication.

individual members of so-called minority groups whose intent and purpose is honest, constructive and with no least ulterior motive.

We have examined several proposed drafts of clauses for the International Bill of Human Rights under contemplation and find among them a number of instances of specific provision for medical care. This would appear to make medical care the only legally available remedial means and might be interpreted in some areas in a compulsory way, and thus not only constitute a restrictive but conceivably a monopolistic provision. This would naturally constitute a definite interference with freedom of religious worship and practice.

As an illustration of this point it is our view that Article 14, on page 642 of "The Secretariat's Draft of a Bill of Rights" should be amended by adding the words "and practice" to the clause as it now reads. It would then read:

"14.. There shall be freedom of conscience and belief and of private and public religious worship and practice."

Again, in article 35, on page 643 of the same draft, we believe that without interfering with anyone's right or practice, - the words "the remedial" could and should be substituted for the word "medical" and the words "of his free choice" be added after the word "care." This article would then read:

"35. Everyone has the right to the remedial care of his free choice. The State shall promote public health and safety."

There are several other cases in point, and as the activities of the Christian Science church are world-wide, matters of this kind are, therefore, subject to world-wide discussion and consideration. I shall, therefore, in the interest of brevity, not cite further instances of clauses in the several drafts of this bill which have come to our attention, but rather enclose herewith a copy of a Memorandum on this subject prepared by the District Manager of the Christian Science Committee on Publication for Great Britain and Ireland and submitted to the Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs in England. I would thus make this memorandum (except for conditions having to do only with Great Britain) a specific part of this communication to you.

If, after reading the foregoing there is any question in your thought as to our position, or you feel the need of further information and can possibly fit in a time for a brief interview on the subject, I shall be most happy to join in such a discussion and suit your convenience as to time and place.

If, in your opinion, other members of the United States Delegation would wish to be familiar with the content of this letter, we will be happy to send promptly additional copies if you will advise us as to the required number, which in your good judgment, can be distributed to them.

May I close with the best wishes of this office for a safe and successful mission and an adequate amount of joyous relief from the

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CHRISTIAN SCIENCE COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATION  
 FOR THE STATE OF NEW YORK  
 SUITE 3202  
 551 FIFTH AVENUE  
 NEW YORK 17, N.Y.

October 31, 1947

*Handwritten notes:*  
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 had talk with D.S. Humphrey

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, Chairman  
 Drafting Committee and the Commission  
 on Human Rights  
 29 Washington Square, West  
 New York, N. Y.

My dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

You may possibly recall that I wrote you some eight or ten weeks ago asking for an interview prior to your departure for the then contemplated meeting of the Drafting Committee and the Commission on Human Rights at Geneva. You replied on August 21 that the demands on your time and presence were such as would not permit of an interview and asked me to write about the subject which I wished to discuss with you. It is our understanding that you will be leaving for Europe shortly, with one of your purposes the previous contemplated meeting which had been postponed until November.

I am writing as New York State official representative of the Christian Science Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist in Boston, Massachusetts. I take it, Mrs. Roosevelt, that you are, at least in some degree, familiar with the religious tenets and practices of the Church of Christ, Scientist and its members, as well as the world-wide scope of our Church organization. One basic factor of our practice is full reliance on altogether spiritual remedial means for all of the difficulties which appear to arise in human experience, including the healing of the sick through prayer as defined and understood in Christian Science. In view of State and National Constitutional provisions for freedom of religious teaching and practice, provisions have been made in the United States recognizing Christian Science practice and the treating of physical ills through Christian Science prayer as both legal and lawful.

Inasmuch as freedom to worship and practice the religious beliefs of one's own free choice is one of the contemplated planks in the platform of the International Bill of Human Rights, it is our hope and expectation that similar provisions will be made in this international agreement for the free practice of religious tenets and convictions.

We are naturally aware of the ever broadening range of social legislation and provisions for the individual welfare of citizens of the various States throughout the world, - among them the placing and acceptance of responsibility for the health of the citizenry by national, state, and in some instances, municipal governments. In each such situation we recognize and respect the right of the several communities to adopt such measures if they wish to do so.

The effort of this letter is confined to bringing to your attention what we feel to be the justice and desirability of not having what would appear to be majority wishes interfere with the rights of

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28 October 1947

Dear Sir,

I wish to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated 8 October 1947 concerning the right of conscientious objection to military service. Your letter has been duly noted for consideration in accordance with the procedure laid down by the appropriate organs of the United Nations.

I would like to draw your attention in this connection to a resolution which the Economic and Social Council adopted on 5 August 1947, by which the Secretary-General was requested:

- "to compile a confidential list of communications received concerning human rights before each session of the Commission on Human Rights with a brief indication of the substance of each;"
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Yours sincerely,

John P. Humphrey  
 Director  
 Division of Human Rights

Mr. Olav Satre  
 Norwegian Peace Association  
 Welhavens gt. 79  
 Bergen, Norway.

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28 October 1947

Dear Sir,

I wish to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated 15 August 1947 concerning the inclusion in an international bill of human rights of the right of conscientious objection. Your letter has been duly noted for consideration in accordance with the procedure laid down by the appropriate organs of the United Nations.

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Yours sincerely,

John P. Humphrey  
Director  
Division of Human Rights

Mrs. E. M. Hagenow,  
Australian Peace Pledge Union (Victorian Section),  
210 Clarendon Street,  
East Melbourne,  
Victoria, Australia.

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NAME	IND.
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28 October 1947

Dear Sir,

I wish to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated 15 August 1947 concerning the guaranteeing of equal rights for all inhabitants of any national area to be included in an international bill of human rights. Your letter has been duly noted for consideration in accordance with the procedure laid down by the appropriate organs of the United Nations.

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Yours sincerely,

John P. Humphrey  
Director  
Division of Human Rights

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To The United Nations Commission on Human Rights

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The Swedish Central Committee for Peace-work representing eleven organisations with in all about 80 000 members begs herewith respectfully to inform you that it agrees to the statement about the right of refusal of military service in obedience to conscience circulated by the Committee for the universal Recognition of Conscientious Objection to Military service and to its appeal that the proposed International Bill of Rights include an article recognizing this right.



(G. Bellander)

president

Nockeby, Sweden

23 Oct. 1947

605-5-1-2-3

NAME IND.                     SUBJ. IND.                     

23 October 1947

Dear Madam:

I wish to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 16 October 1947, written on behalf of the Norwegian Group of W.I.L.P.F., concerning the resolutions of Folkereisingen mot krig d.d. 1. Sept. 1947.

Your letter has been duly noted for consideration in accordance with the procedure laid down by the appropriate organ of the United Nations.

I wish to draw your attention in this connection to a resolution which the Economic and Social Council adopted on 5 August 1947 whereby the Secretary-General is requested:

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Very truly yours,

John P. Humphrey  
Director  
Division of Human Rights

Frida Endereed, Secretary  
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Fred Og Frihet  
Norsk Gruppe  
Meltzeragt. 1 ",  
Oslo, Norway

*Women's Intl League for  
Peace + Freedom*

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17 October 1947

The Director of the Division of Human Rights acknowledges the receipt of your letter, concerning the inclusion of a provision in the International Bill of Human Rights relating to conscientious objectors.

He wishes to inform you that this communication has been duly noted in connection with the procedure laid down by the United Nations.

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United Sindical Argentina,  
Necochea 1133,  
Buenos Aires,  
Argentina.

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2 October 1947

Dear Mr. Ebnals,

Thank you very much indeed for your letter of 17 September with which you enclosed the text of the main decisions taken by the recent Plenary Assembly of the World Federation of United Nations Associations. I have sent the document, together with Resolution 30 on Human Rights, to Mr. Lyman White of the Division of Coordination and Liaison who is, I understand, arranging to have it brought to the attention to the Economic and Social Council. Those parts of the Resolutions which are of interest to the Commission on Human Rights will also be brought to the attention of that Commission. In any event, Mr. White has promised to write to you direct.

I have not had any further word from Contact and I am, therefore, assuming that they have changed their mind regarding the proposed article.

With best regards and looking forward to seeing  
you in Geneva in November, I am

Yours sincerely,

John P. Humphrey  
Director  
Division of Human Rights

Mr. John P.A. Fonnals,  
Secretary-General,  
World Federation of United  
Nations Associations,  
45 East 65th Street,  
New York 21, N.Y.

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INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

605-5-1-2-3

TO: Mr. Lyman White,  
Division of Coordination and Liaison.  
FROM: John P. Humphrey, *J.P.H.*  
Division of Human Rights.

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SUBJECT:

Date 2 October 1947

I am sending you herewith File No. 605-5-1-2-3, which includes a letter addressed to me by the Secretary-General of the World Federation of United Nations Associations as well as my reply to him. I am also sending you a suggested draft of a letter to be sent out by your Division, although you are, of course, at liberty to make any changes which you may deem advisable. You will note that in my letter I have said that you have promised to reply direct. It is my understanding that you intend to publish the whole of the WFUNA document for distribution to the Economic and Social Council, but that you will return the file to us so that we may call the attention of the Commission on Human Rights to those parts of the resolutions which are of interest to it.

*J.P.H.*  
*17 Oct*  
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Draft 605-5-1-2-3

1 October 1947

Dear Sir:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 17 September 1947 addressed to the Director of the Division of Human Rights and enclosing a text of the main decisions taken by the Plenary Assembly of the World Federation of United Nations Association held at Mariánské Lázně, Czechoslovakia. Arrangements are being made for the circulation of the whole Resolution to the Economic and Social Council. In addition, Section E (Human Rights) will be brought to the attention of the Commission on Human Rights.

Yours faithfully,

Mr. John F.A. Ennals  
Secretary-General  
World Federation of United Nations Associations  
45 East 65th Street  
New York 21, N.Y.

*John F. A. Ennals*

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605-5-1-2-3/JPH

1 October 1947

Dear Mr. Gourevitch,

I wish to acknowledge and to thank you for your letter of 27 September together with copies of statements concerning the Report of the Committee on Palestine enclosed therewith, which I assume you sent to me for my information.

Yours sincerely,

Henri Langier  
Assistant Secretary-General  
Department of Social Affairs

Mr. Boris Gourevitch,  
Vice-President,  
Union for the Protection  
of the Human Person,  
110 West 80th Street,  
New York City.

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605-5-1-2-3

30 September 1947

Dear Sir:-

I acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated 2 September 1947, requesting that the right of conscientious objection to compulsory military service be recognized in the International Bill of Human Rights and write to inform you that your communication has been duly noted for consideration in accordance with the procedure laid down by the United Nations.

Yours faithfully,

John F. Humphrey  
 Director  
 Human Rights Division

Rev. J.B.Th. Hugenholtz,  
 Secretary,  
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 Vredes Actie ANVA,  
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To the Secretariat of  
the COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS  
of the UNITED NATIONS  
LAKE SUCCESS  
Long Island USA

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6 OCT 1947

REGISTR.

No. 3646

Dear Sir,

The undersigned, Secretary of "Kerk en Vrede", dutch branch of the International Fellowship of Reconciliation (IFOR) note, in the name of the Board of the mentioned Organisation, with approval the effort that has been initiated by the War Resisters' International to bring before the public and the United Nations' Organisation' Commission on Human Rights the need for recognising the right of refusal of military service in obedience to conscience.

We therefore respectfully urge that an article be included in the proposed International Bill of Rights to read as follows:

"The Right of the individual to refuse military service in obedience to conscience shall be recognised."

Truly yours,

*Jan P. Hogenhout*  
International Secretary

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September 27  
New York City, 1947

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30 SEP 1947

REGISTRY

No. *3568*

**Professor Henri Laugier  
Assistant Secretary General  
United Nations  
Lake Success, L.I., N.Y.**

**Dear Professor Laugier:**

Enclosed please find our statement of September 25  
addressed to the Delegates of the Second Session of the General  
Assembly of the United Nations and referring to the report of the majority  
of the U.N. Committee for the Inquiry into Palestine, as well as our  
statements of April 23 and June 4.

**Very truly yours,**

**for the Union:**

*Boris Gourevitch*  
**Boris Gourevitch,  
Vice-President**

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Translated from Spanish

The Secretary,  
Commission on Human Rights,  
United Nations,  
Lake Success, L.I.

The undersigned organizations have the honour to submit the present petition to the Commission responsible for the drafting of the Bill of Human Rights, as a contribution to that important task.

With this object in view, they beg to draw your attention to a right which, in their opinion, ought to be included as one of the inalienable rights of man, namely the right to refuse to take part in acts of the community whenever the individual conscience requires such refusal, especially (since these are the grounds on which the moral views of the individual most frequently enter into conflict with those of the State) the right to refuse to take part in war and military preparations, which in practice amounts to the right to refuse, on grounds of conscience, to perform military service.

It is public knowledge that this right has been recognized and sanctioned by law in many countries. Its recognition has been fairly widespread and liberal, although some countries recognize the right to refuse to perform military service only on religious grounds while others, more fairly, recognize it on ideological or moral grounds. The countries in which there exist (or have existed) laws granting exemption from military service to conscientious objectors are: Brazil, United States of America, Uruguay (Law No. 9943, Article 14), Paraguay (Law No. 914 of 27 August 1927), Belgium (1928), Denmark (Law No. 187 of 1933),

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Finland (1931), Great Britain, Netherlands, (1923), Norway (Law of 10 July 1925), Sweden (Law No. 338 of 12 June 1928), the USSR (Law No. 424 of 13 August 1930), Australia and New Zealand. It is to be supposed and hoped that these countries' delegates to the United Nations will support the inclusion of the right to exemption from military service in the Bill of Human Rights.

The propriety of including the right to refuse to perform military service as one of the "international human rights" is supported by numerous arguments, among which we cite the following: 1.- the nations enjoying this right won it only after heroic struggles, which claimed many martyrs; 2.- the number of conscientious objectors is steadily increasing (in Great Britain, for example, there were 10,000 during the First World War and 66,000 in the Second); 3.- The Briand-Kellogg Pact renouncing war and the Nuremberg Trials introduced into International Law the notion that war - at least the war of aggression - is a crime. This principle must be given practical recognition and sanction in all countries. It is absurd to condemn warmongers and permit the punishment of conscientious objectors, who are the creators of peace; 4.- it is closely linked with the campaign against war in which in certain cases the rights of the human person conflict with the will of the State. In such cases it would seem to be the duty of the United Nations to use its authority on behalf of humanity (the individual).

We draw your attention also to the close relationship between peace - the establishment of which is the very purpose of the United Nations - and freedom. Peace is the condition of freedom,

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but freedom is the instrument for the achievement of peace. For that reason the freedoms won in previous centuries, but still threatened, ought at all times and in all places to be defended: freedom of worship, freedom of thought and of speech, freedom of assembly. For that reason also the right to refuse to take part in war or in military preparations ought to receive international sanction.

We therefore respectfully submit to you our request that, as an effective and substantial contribution to the long-desired establishment of lasting peace, the right to refuse to perform military service in accordance with the dictates of the individual conscience, should be included in the Bill of Human Rights.

Signed: - Union Sindical Argentina  
Necochea 1133  
Buenos Aires,  
Argentina

Secretaría de la Comisión de los Derechos Humanos  
United Nations Organisation.  
Lake Success, Long Island, N.Y. U.S.A.

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26 SEP 1947  
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Las Entidades que firman la presente solicitud tienen el honor de dirigirse a esa Comisión que tiene a su cargo la preparación de una Carta de los Derechos Humanos, con el propósito de aportar una colaboración a esa tarea de capital importancia.

Con ese objeto se permiten atraer su atención sobre un derecho que, a su parecer, debe ser incluido entre los derechos inalienables del individuo: Trátase del derecho de rehusar su participación en los actos de la colectividad cuando la propia conciencia así lo exige, tratase en especial (porque es el terreno en que la moral individual y la moral de los Estados entran más a menudo en conflicto) del derecho de rehusar su participación en la guerra y su preparación, es decir prácticamente, de negarse por motivos de conciencia a cumplir el servicio militar.

Como es público y notorio este derecho ha sido reconocido y sancionado por las leyes en numerosos países. Lo ha sido en forma más o menos amplia y más o menos liberal, puesto que algunos países reconocen el derecho a negarse a cumplir el servicio militar sólo cuando se invocan motivos de índole religiosa, y otros reconocen este derecho cualquiera sea la suerte de motivos de orden ideológico o moral que se invoque; solución esta última que es la más justa y satisfactoria. Los países en que existen (o existieron) leyes de excepción del servicio militar para los objetores de conciencia son los siguientes: Brasil, Estados Unidos de Norte América, Uruguay (Ley No. 9943 art. 14), y Paraguay (Ley No. 914 del 27 de Agosto de 1927). Bélgica (1928), Dinamarca (Ley No. 187 del año 1933), Finlandia (1931), Gran Bretaña, Holanda (1923), Noruega (Ley del 10 de Julio de 1925), Suecia (Ley No. 338 del 12 de Junio de 1928) y URSS (Ley No. 424 del 13 de Agosto de 1930). Australia y Nueva Zelanda. Es de suponer y de esperar que los Delegados de estos países en la ONU apoyarán la inclusión del derecho a no cumplir el servicio militar en la Carta de los Derechos Humanos.

La conveniencia de que se incluya el derecho de no cumplir el servicio militar entre los "Derechos Internacionales del Hombre" está abonada por numerosos motivos entre los que citaremos algunos a continuación: 1.- Este derecho ha sido conquistado por los pueblos que gozan de él, merced a heroicas y perseverantes luchas en las que no faltaron mártires; 2.- El número de los objetores de conciencia está creciendo continuamente (en Gran Bretaña por ejemplo, fueron 16.000 durante la primera guerra mundial, 66.000 en la segunda); 3.- El pacto Briand-Kellog de renunciación a la guerra y los procesos de Nuremberg han introducido en el Derecho Internacional la noción de que la guerra -por lo menos la guerra de agresión- es un crimen. Es necesario que este principio sea reconocido y sancionado prácticamente, en todos los países. Es absurdo condenar a los autores de guerra y permitir que se castigue a los creadores de paz que son los objetores de conciencia; 4.- Trátase de un problema estrechamente relacionado con el problema de la lucha contra la guerra y en el que, por consiguiente tienden a oponerse los derechos de la humanidad (los de la persona) y las voluntades de ciertos Estados nacionales. En estos casos parece ser el deber de la Organización de las Naciones Unidas colocar su autoridad del lado de la humanidad (del lado del individuo).

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Nos permitimos pues atraer también su atención sobre las estrechas relaciones que existen entre la paz -cuyo establecimiento es la finalidad de la ONU- y la libertad. La paz es la condición de la libertad, pero la libertad es el medio para llegar a la paz. Por eso deben defenderse, siempre y en todas partes, las libertades que los hombres han conquistado en los siglos anteriores que todavía están amenazadas: la libertad de credo y de culto; la libertad de pensar y de expresar públicamente su pensamiento; la libertad de agruparse. Por eso también debe ser sancionada internacionalmente la libertad de no participar en la guerra o su preparación.

Nos permitimos pues, elevar respetuosamente a esa Comisión nuestra solicitud de que, como una contribución efectiva y substancial al ansiado establecimiento de una paz definitiva, se incluya en la Carta de los Derechos Humanos, el derecho de negarse a prestar servicio militar, por obediencia a los dictados de la propia conciencia.

Saludamos a Vds. con nuestra más alta consideración.



*Nevochea 1133*

*Buenos Aires  
Rep. Argentina*

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23 September 1947

Union for the Protection of the Human Person,  
100 West 90th Street,  
New York City,  
N.Y.

Sirs:-

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated 2 September 1947, addressed to the Chairman of the Sub-commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities, enclosing a copy of a letter sent to Mrs. Roosevelt, Chairman of the Commission on Human Rights and a copy of an article on "The Stateless".

I have the honour to inform you that your letter with its enclosures has been duly noted in accordance with the procedure laid down by the appropriate organ of the United Nations.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

John P. Humphrey,  
Director,  
Human Rights Division.

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23 September 1947

Asociacion Pacificista Argentina,  
Dean Funes 447,  
Cordoba, Argentina.

Sir:-

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated 21 June 1947, concerning the inclusion in the draft Bill of Human Rights of a provision recognizing the right to refuse to do military service for reasons of conscience.

I have the honour to inform you that your communication has been duly noted for consideration in accordance with the procedure laid down by the appropriate organ of the United Nations.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

John P. Humphrey,  
Director,  
Human Rights Division.

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23 September 1947

*International*

War Registers ~~Inc.~~  
5 Beckman Street,  
New York 7,  
N. Y.

Sir:-

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated 26 August 1947, requesting the inclusion in the International Bill of Rights of a provision recognizing the right of conscientious objection to military service.

I have the honour to inform you that your communication has been duly noted in accordance with the procedure laid down by the appropriate organ of the United Nations.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

John P. Humphrey,  
Director,  
Human Rights Division.

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19 September 1947

The Director of the Division of Human Rights  
 acknowledges with thanks the receipt of  
 your letter of 27 August 1947 with a second  
 revision of a declaration of your organization.

Mr. Theodor Kiendl,  
 The International League for  
 the Rights of Man,  
 (Berlin Section)  
 Berlin-Wilmersdorf,  
 Nassauische Strasse 3,  
 Berlin.

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SOCIAL AFFAIRS DEP  
22 SEP 1947  
REGISTRY  
No. 3450

18 September 1947

Dear Sir:-

I am directed to acknowledge with thanks receipt of your letter addressed to the Chairman of the Commission on Human Rights. I wish to say that your suggestions both as to the substance of the draft International Bill of Human Rights and as to its distribution have been duly noted for consideration in accordance with the procedure laid down by the United Nations.

I am very grateful to you both for the interest you have shown in the work of the Commission on Human Rights and for the kind words of appreciation of the preparatory work done so far.

Yours faithfully,

John P. Humphrey  
Director  
Division of Human Rights

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18 September 1947

SOCIAL AFFAIRS DEPT.	
22 SEP 1947	
REGISTRY	
No.	3454

Dear Sir:-

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 9 September and to thank you for sending me your paper "Freedom of Conscience" from the symposium 'Freedom of Expression.'

Your letter and the enclosed article have been duly noted for consideration in accordance with the procedure laid down by the United Nations.

Yours faithfully,

John P. Humphrey  
Director  
Division of Human Rights

Mr. R.S.W. Pollard  
c/o Pollard, Cooper & Thoroughgood  
17 Victoria Street  
Westminster  
London, S.W. 1

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18 September 1947

SOCIAL AFFAIRS DEPT.	
22 SEP 1947	
REGISTRY	
No.	3455

Dear Sir:-

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 27 August written on behalf of the Peace Pledge Union advocating that there should be included either in the preamble or in the text of the proposed International Bill of Rights a clause recognising the right of the individual to refuse military service in obedience to conscience.

I wish to inform you that your letter has been duly noted for consideration in accordance with the procedure laid down by the United Nations.

Yours faithfully,

John P. Humphrey  
 Director  
 Division of Human Rights

Mr. Stuart Morris  
 General Secretary,  
 Peace Pledge Union  
 Dick Shoppard House  
 Ennalsleigh Street  
 London W.C.1.

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17 September 1947.

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22 SEP 1947  
REGISTRY  
No. 3459

Dr John Humphrey,  
Division of Human Rights,  
United Nations,  
Lake Succes, New York.

Dear Dr Humphrey,

I beg to enclose for your information the text of the main decisions taken by the recent Plenary Assembly of the World Federation of United Nations Associations.

In sending this document may we draw your particular attention to resolution 30 concerning Human Rights and request, as a non-governmental organisation granted consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, that the text of this resolution be communicated to the members of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights.

Assuring you of our deep interest in the work of your Division and with warm regards,  
I am,

Yours sincerely,

John A.F. Ennals,  
Secretary-General

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10, RUE ST-JACQUES OUEST,

(suite 205)

Montréal, September 13th., 1947.

The Chairman  
 Executive Committee  
 The Committee on Human Rights

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16 SEP 1947

REGISTER

No 3397

Mr. Chairman,

I just had the privilege of reading the Bill of Human Rights as published by the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace.

I want to let you know that, in my opinion, this is the greatest contribution of the U.N. to international peace and Peace, for which you cannot be praised too much.

May I suggest that the final draft or even a semi final draft be made into hundreds of millions of books or pamphlets in two different editions: The first, to be given away at the rate of one per human being on earth, containing the straight text of the Bill; the second, an edition containing comments and explanations by such good writers as could make it the best "Best-Seller" in all the countries of the world

While making suggestions, I would like to make a few others. Although I am sure that my views are not the best possible, I feel that it is possible that they might bring about some improvements:

1.- Change the title of the Bill:

"Bill of Fundamental Rights and Duties"

because rights and duties are correlative, and because human beings are likely to forget duties when they believe too much in their rights.

2.- Definition of terms used in the Bill.

To further a correct interpretation. We cannot afford individual or nations fooling around with what is meant.

3.- Substitute the more comprehensive words "Human Being" for the word "person" unless person is defined as meaning every human being in possession of his normal mental faculties.

4.- Substitute "Community" for "Democratic State" - this

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on account of the phony interpretation too often given to "democratic state".

5.- Emphasize in Article 3 the correlation of rights and duties.

Such suggestions as the above may have been made before, but it may not be useless to repeat them.

I wanted, chiefly, to tell you how much I appreciate your work. Frankly, I have no criticisms to offer.

Faithfully yours,

*Paul D. Quinn*

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12 September 1947

The Secretary-General,  
Asociacion Pacificista Argentina,  
10 Rue El Day,  
Genebra,  
Suiza.

Sir:-

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 1 September 1947 concerning the inclusion in the International Bill of Human Rights of a provision relating to conscientious objection to military service.

I have the honour to inform you that your communication has been duly noted for consideration in accordance with the procedure laid down by the appropriate organ of the United Nations.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

John P. Humphrey,  
Director,  
Human Rights Division.

The Economic and Social Council also suggested to the Commission on Human Rights that it should at each session appoint an ad hoc committee to meet shortly before the next session of the Commission for the purpose of reviewing the confidential list of communications prepared by the Secretary-General and of recommending which of these communications, in original, should be made available to members of the Commission on request.

Your communications will be brought to the attention of the Commission on Human Rights, at its next session in December 1947, in accordance with this procedure. I should like to add that the Secretariat is carefully registering all drafts, comments and observations received from organizations and individuals and that, in preparing a survey of all such papers and suggestions, due regard will be had also to the Charter drawn up by the People's Common Law Parliament.

May I take this opportunity of expressing my great appreciation of your and your organization's interest in the aims of the Commission on Human Rights, and of your efforts to arouse the interest of the public in its work.

Yours faithfully,

John P. Humphrey,  
Director,  
Division of Human Rights.

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Mr. Robert J. Scrutton,  
People's Common Law Parliament,  
5 Endsleigh Place,  
London W.C. 1.

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NAME IND.

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605-5-1-2-3

11 September 1947

Dear Sir,

I am directed by the Secretary-General to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of your letter of 14 June 1947, together with the documents enclosed therewith, which were received in this office after considerable delay.

In reply to your remark that the Charter on Human Rights and Responsibilities, drawn up by your organization, has not been inserted among the list of eighteen drafts, I am directed to point out that this was due to the fact that your draft was received after the compilation and printing of the list.

In its last session, the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations has laid down detailed rules about the handling of communications of this character. The Secretary-General of the United Nations has been requested

"(a) to compile a confidential list of communications received concerning human rights before each session of the Commission, with a brief indication of the substance of each;

(b) to furnish this confidential list to the Commission, in private meeting, without divulging the identity of the authors of the communications;

(c) to enable the members of the Commission, upon request, to consult the originals of communications dealing with the principles involved in the promotion of universal respect for and observance of human rights;"

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9th September 1947.

John P. Humphrey, Esq.,  
Director,  
Division of Human Rights,  
United Nations Organization,  
Lake Success,  
New York.

Dear Sir,

I am writing to express the hope that the Commission on Human Rights will consider including in its draft Bill a provision for conscientious objection to military service.

The enclosed article by me on this subject may be of interest to you.

Yours faithfully,

*R.S.W. Pollard*

*R.S.W. Pollard*

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 17 SEP 1947  
 REGISTRY  
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NAME IND.	WAT
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605-5-1-2-3

5 September 1947

Dear Sir:

I acknowledge with thanks the receipt of your letter of 28 August 1947 addressed to Mrs. Roosevelt, and enclosing the signatures of 429 persons, who have associated themselves in support of the recognition of the right to refuse military service in obedience to conscience, and requesting that such recognition be included in the International Bill of Rights.

I write to inform you that your communication has been noted for consideration in accordance with the procedure laid down by the United Nations.

May I take this opportunity of expressing my appreciation of the interest you have shown in the work of the Commission on Human Rights.

Yours faithfully,

Egon Schwelb  
 Assistant Director  
 Division of Human Rights

Mr. Abraham Kaufman  
 Committee for the Universal Recognition of  
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605-5-1-2-3

5 September 1947

Gentlemen:

I acknowledge with thanks the receipt of your letter dated 23 August 1947 concerning the United Kingdom draft of an International Bill of Rights and have the honour to inform you that your communication has been noted for consideration in accordance with the procedure laid down by the United Nations.

I have the honour to be,  
Sirs,  
Your obedient Servant,

Egon Schwelb  
Assistant Director  
Division of Human Rights

The Progressive League  
20, Buckingham Street  
Adelphi, London, W.C.2  
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3 September 1947

The Assistant Director of the Division of Human Rights of the United Nations acknowledges with thanks the receipt of your letter of 5 August 1947, containing an additional note on your memorandum of 10 June 1947.

He wishes to inform you that your communication has been duly noted for consideration in accordance with the procedure laid down by the United Nations.

Theodor Kiendl  
Kassauische Strasse 3  
Berlin-Wilmersdorf.

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# Stichting Algemene Nederlandse Vredes Actie ANVA

Voorl. Secretariaat: Tel. Bergambacht 405 - Giro 123046

## Missie en Doel

Artikel 1. De Stichting ANVA wil allen verenigen, die de oorlog veroordelen als een internationale misdaad en die erkennen, dat hieruit de plicht voortvloeit om te streven naar een op gerechtigheid gerichte wereldorde, waarin oorlog zal zijn uitgesloten.

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To the Secretariat of the Commission on Human Rights  
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Lake Success

22 SEP 1947

Long Island, U.S.A.

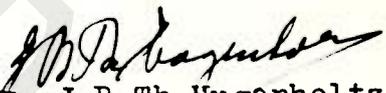
REGISTRY

No. 3460

Dear Sir,

The undersigned, secretary of the Stichting "Algemene Nederlandse Vredes Actie" ANVA (Foundation "Universal Dutch Peace Action") on behalf of the Board and the members of ~~his~~ society requests that the right of conscientious objection against compulsory military service be included in the Charter of Human Rights which is being drafted by your Commission.

This request is the result of the fact that in our country the right of conscientious objectors has been recognised in our legislation as far back as 1923 and which law is valid ~~until~~ to the present day.

  
Rev. J.B.Th. Hugenholtz  
Secretary ANVA

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The Chairman  
Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination  
and Protection of Minorities  
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Lake Success, NY

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Please find enclosed a copy of a letter that  
we addressed today to Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, Chairman,  
Commission on Human Rights and the copy of article on  
"The Stateless" mentioned therein.

Respectfully yours,

*Boris Gourevitch*

Boris Gourevitch  
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Dear Miss Walker,

In the absence of Prof. Humphrey, Director of the Division of Human Rights, I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated 10 June 1947, addressed to Mrs. Roosevelt requesting that "equality of the sexes" be included as a specific provision in the declaration of Human Rights.

Your communication will be brought to the attention of the Commission on Human Rights at its next session.

Yours sincerely,

Margaret Kitchen  
 Social Affairs Officer

Miss Anelia Hines Walker  
 144 B Street, N.E.  
 Capitol Hill, Washington, D.C.

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27 February 1947

Miss Margaret Gleason,  
Secretary,  
Commission to Study the Organization of Peace,  
45 East 65th Street,  
New York 21, N.Y.

Dear Miss Gleason:

Thank you very much indeed for the copies of  
the Draft International Bill of Human Rights that you sent to me  
the other day. If we need any additional copies, I shall let you  
know.

Yours sincerely,

John P. Humphrey  
Director  
Division of Human Rights

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Professor John Humphrey  
Division of Human Rights  
United Nations  
Lake Success, New York

Dear Mr. Humphrey:

Enclosed are some printed copies of our draft International Bill of Human Rights. If you should want any additional copies, please let me know.

Sincerely yours,

*Margaret Olson*  
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Dear Mrs. Roosevelt,

As Honorary Secretary of the Liaison Committee of Women's International Organisations I have the honour to express their feelings by sending you cordial congratulations on your re-election as Chairman of the Human Rights Commission.

A few days ago I sent you a cable from a group of women's international organisations, which read as follows:-

Roosevelt. Chairman Human Rights Commission. Unations. New York.

"Group major international Women's Organisations members of Liaison Committee express urgent hope that equality of sexes will be specifically included as a basic principle of Human Rights in all Declarations and other action Commission".

(signed) Gwandolen Peck. Hon. Secretary Liaison Committee of Women's International Organisations.

The signatories to this cable were: International Council of Women membership about 30,000,000

*This was acknowledged*

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International Alliance of Women  
(27 Societies in 23 countries).

St. Joan's Social and Political Alliance  
(membership 10,000)

Associated Country Women of the World.  
(membership 4 to 5,000,000.)

International Co-operative Women's Guild  
(membership 18,000,000)

International Federation of University Women  
(membership over 100,000)

International Federation of Women Magistrates  
and Members of the Legal Profession.  
(membership 5,000).

Open Door International

The words "equality of sexes", as you will easily understand, have been used as the abbreviation of "equality of persons of both sexes" in all Human Rights.

We note that you, Dr. Chang and the Rapporteur of the Human Rights Commission have undertaken, with the assistance of the Secretariat the task of formulating a preliminary draft of the International Bill of ~~Rights~~ Human Rights in accordance with the instructions and decisions of the First Session of the Commission, and we earnestly hope that our considered opinion will then receive full consideration.

May I say how warmly we support and appreciate your endeavours.

Yours sincerely,  
(The Hon. Mrs. Home Peel) Gwendolen Peel

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November 23, 1947

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt  
chairman, U.N. Commission on Human Rights  
Palais des Nations  
Geneva, Switzerland

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt,-

As a consultative agency in Class B for special contact with your Commission, may we transmit to you and your colleagues the following observations on the drafts of an International Bill for Human Rights which we understand you will be considering at your Geneva meeting?

1. We appreciate the moral force of a declaration of rights as a standard to put before the world. But we are far more concerned with steps to make such rights effective in practice. We trust that the Commission will indicate what rights are suitable for conventions between nations, what are suitable for declarations by the Social and Economic Council and by the General Assembly, and what may, because of their relation to preservation of the peace, be appropriate for consideration by the Security Council.

2. We assume that conventions might provide for reference by the nations signing them to the International Court of Justice wherever violations occur subject to judicial review. Resort to the methods of a judicial tribunal appear to us to afford the desirable direction for the development of world law in this basic field.

3. Specifically on the published drafts, we suggest your consideration of the following points:

(1) No mention is made of the highly important issue of freedom of political opinion. The right to hold and express political beliefs in opposition to governments is basic to democracy. A single-party state prohibiting opposition is incompatible with any consent of fundamental rights. The drafts, as at present worded, do not make clear the right of opposition or of political minorities.

(2) In Article 3 the phrase "obedience to law" appears. This ignores the moral obligation to disobey laws not democratically adopted or in violation of moral principles. Some of the greatest advance in human rights have rested on violations of repressive and despotic law. The phrase

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Mr. John P. Humphrey  
Director, Human Rights  
Division, United Nations

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should be removed. "Respect for the rights of others" might well be added as an obligation of citizenship.

(3) In Article 27 the phrase "democratic elections" is subject to such a variety of interpretations that it should be qualified. An election is not in fact "democratic" unless opposing parties are permitted with equal access to the electorate.

(4) In Article 13 the limitations on freedom of movement "in the interest of national welfare and security" opens the way to complete negation.

(5) Article 29 appears meaningless because of the use of the words "socially useful" work, which leave to interpretation by governments the exercise of that right. Simply "the right to work" would appear sufficient.

Your draft is based on the concept that all persons have certain rights. But no mention is made of restraints on governments to insure these rights. Some provision should be inserted, in our judgment, which would limit governmental power, as in the American Bill of Rights, and assert the positive obligation of governments to protect these rights from official or private violations.

May we express our fraternal support of your efforts in exploring the standards and enforcement of this whole new field of international law, with the assurances of such cooperation as we are able to render.

We are, with high regard,

Sincerely yours,

Roger N. Baldwin

Roger N. Baldwin  
for the Board

# THE CANADIAN BAR REVIEW

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ROOM 530, BOARD OF TRADE BUILDING  
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November 5, 1947.

Mr. John P. Humphrey,  
Director,  
Division of Human Rights,  
United Nations,  
Lake Success, N.Y.

Dear John,

Your suggestion of René Cassin as a prospective author on the proposed Declaration of Human Rights has borne fruit; at least he has promised to write us an article. If you come across any other people down there who might write on this subject, or on the codification of international law, I should be very glad to hear about them.

Professor Paul Sayre of the State University of Iowa sent us a week or two ago a review copy of "Interpretations of Modern Legal Philosophies: Essays in Honor of Roscoe Pound", which he has edited. Perhaps you know the book, but if not it is a most imposing looking production, with contributions from a whole raft of distinguished people. This sort of thing is never very easy to review, but do you think you could find time to do it for us? It is some little time now since your name appeared in the Review.

Yours sincerely,



G.V.V. Nicholls,  
Editor.

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55, BERNERS STREET,  
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ENGLAND.  
24th April, 1947.  
Tel.—MUSEUM 4181.

Dear Miss Bowerman :

Thank you so much for your letter of April 14th and for sending me a copy of the report of the Committee on Applications of N.G.O's (E/2 98) which I was so very glad to have.

I note St. Joan's is among the organisations whose applications will be reconsidered at a later date. Could you let me know when this reconsideration is likely to take place, and if there is anything further we should do in this matter?

I enclose copy <sup>of the Memorandum</sup> ~~of the Memorandum~~ we have sent to the Human Rights Commission. As requested, a few days ago I sent you a further copy of our Statement on the Status of Women of Native Races.

One of our British members, Miss Margaret Bond, is sailing for U.S.A. on Monday and I have asked her to call on you, if you can spare her a few minutes.

Looking forward to seeing you here next June or thereabouts,

Yours sincerely,

*Florence Barry*

Hon. Secretary.

*acknowledged*  
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Miss Elsie Bowerman,  
United Nations,  
Section on Status of Women  
LAKE SUCCESS  
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*P.S. I hope our memorandum will be considered by the sub-commission at present preparing the draft International Bill of Rights & not relegated to the next meeting of the Status of Women Commission*

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February 19, 1947

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Mrs. Gwendolen Peel,  
Liaison Committee of Women's  
International Organisation,  
19 Wellington Square,  
LONDON, S.W. 3

Dear Madam:

I acknowledge with thanks your letter of February 10, 1947 concerning the agreement of the World Union of Women for International Concord with the cable sent to Mrs. Roosevelt, requesting that equality of sexes be included as a basic principle of human rights in all Declarations.

I will bring this to the attention of the Commission on Human Rights at its next session.

Yours faithfully,

(John P. Humphrey) Director,  
Human Rights Division

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February 11th, 1947.

Hon. Treasurer—Mlle Delaval.

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To  
The Chairman  
Status of Women Commission,  
United Nations.

Dear Madam,

Whereas in the preamble to the Charter, the Peoples of the United Nations have re-affirmed faith in the equal rights of men and women, and in Article 1, it is stated that purposes of the United Nations are, among others, to achieve international co-operation in promoting and encouraging respect for human rights and for fundamental freedoms, for all without distinction as to sex:

We would earnestly beg the Status of Women Commission to request the Human Rights Commission when drafting the International Bill of Rights, to ensure that in dealing with fundamental freedoms, the word sex be specifically included.

We stress this point because we have seen the text of a proposed Convention of the I.L.O. regarding Social Policy in Non-Metropolitan Territories in which the word sex is omitted, and non-discrimination mentioned only as regards "race, colour, religion or tribal association".

Trusting that the Status of Women Commission will give consideration to this matter,

I am,

Yours faithfully,

*Joane Barry.*  
Hon. Secretary.

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19 Wellington Square  
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Non. Secretary. The Honble. Mrs. Home Peel.

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The Secretary. Human Rights Commission. United Nations. Lake Success.  
New York.

Dear Sir,

Last week I sent a cable to Mrs. Roosevelt on behalf of the major women's international organisations. It read as follows:-

ROOSEVELT. CHAIRMAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION .  
UNATIONS. NEW YORK

"Group major international women's organisations members  
Liaison Committee express urgent hope that equality of sexes  
"will be specifically included as a basic principle of Human  
"Rights in all Declarations and other action Commission."

signed:- Gwendolen Peel. Honorary Secretary Liaison  
Committee of Women's International Organisations.

The signatories to this cable were:-

The International Council of Women.  
The International Alliance of Women  
St. Joan's Social and Political Alliance  
The Associated Country Women of the World  
International Co-operative Women's Guild.  
International Federation of University Women.  
International Federation of Women Magistrates and Members of the Legal Profession.

Open Door International  
The World Union of Women for International Concord.

The last named organisation has only just sent their agreement to their signature being included. It is, therefore, not in the list sent to Mrs. Roosevelt. Will you be good enough to add it to the list I sent to her.?.

Yours faithfully,  
*Gwendolen Peel.*  
Non. Secretary.

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November 1, 1946

Miss Margaret Olson,  
Commission to Study the Organization of Peace,  
15 East 67th Street,  
New York 21, N.Y.

Dear Miss Olson:

Thank you very much, indeed, for your letter of October 30 and the Draft International Bill of Human Rights referred to therein. It was very kind of Mr. Richalberger to think of letting me see the draft before it has been finally endorsed by your Commission and other American national organizations.

I understand that you propose to send the draft to the United States delegation to the United Nations and to the Commission on Human Rights when it has been finally endorsed by the various organizations to which you refer.

Yours sincerely,

John P. Humphrey  
Director  
Division of Human Rights