

8. Because of violation of the Nine Power Treaty we recommend stopping economic aid to Japan and giving economic aid to China. Upon the withdrawal of Japan from China we urge that the United States participate in efforts for a just settlement of Far Eastern problems, including on the part of the United States a reduction of trade barriers, a removal of racial discriminations from our immigration laws, and renunciation of special rights in China.
9. We would support the government of the United States in offers to mediate in the European war when the opportunity arises. We especially urge our government to initiate at the earliest possible moment a conference of non-combatant governments to offer to all nations at war terms of mediation looking toward a negotiated peace. Any mediation efforts on the part of the United States should be accompanied by a statement that it is the intention of this country to work for a just and lasting peace through institutions in whose constitution and operation we would expect to have a voice.

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As we face the task ahead we realize that the contribution of the United States to the foundation of a just and permanent peace in the world depends upon the maintenance within our own country of the spirit and institutions of democracy; the guarding of civil liberties; and the maintenance and extension of programs of social and economic justice, which may be seriously handicapped by the rising costs of military defense plans.

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War is today a major destructive force in our civilization. This is true in spiritual, economic, political and cultural affairs, as well as in all human relationships and welfare. It is incumbent upon us to strive against it.

To create a world without war we believe it necessary to erect organs of international action through which each nation may exercise responsibility for achieving the common welfare, may accept limitation of its own freedom of action where an international judgment declares the common good will be so served, may deal with its fellows without war and insist that others do the same, and may seek peaceful means to remedy conditions which work harm for itself or others.

We believe that such a program of international organization requires the full cooperation of the United States, and we are prepared to uphold efforts toward this end wherever possible.

We look forward to the establishment of a world order founded upon justice and good will, with a renewed emphasis on moral and spiritual values as fundamental to it.

We recommend this program to our member organizations as a guide for study and as a call to cooperate in effecting the proposals for immediate action.

1. We urge the renewal of the Reciprocal Trade Agreements Act of June 12, 1937.
2. We support the declared policy of the President to keep the United States out of war.
3. We advocate governmental action for financial and economic aid to nations victims of aggression.
4. We support the cooperation of the United States with existing international agencies and urge participation in such as may be created for the purpose of handling peacefully affairs which affect more than the purely domestic concerns of nations.
5. We advocate cooperation in humanitarian efforts, both governmental and private, to alleviate the suffering of victims of persecution, war, and forced migrations.
6. We urge a national defense policy which is correlated with a constructive foreign policy for peace and which recognizes the economic wastefulness of armaments; to this end we urge the creation of a joint Congressional-Executive-civilian national defense commission to integrate foreign and national defense policies and to serve as a medium to supply the public with adequate information on the subject.
7. We advocate the promotion of Inter-American solidarity through continued cooperation in cultural, spiritual, economic and political fields.

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