

## THE OBJECTS OF FEDERAL UNION

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# Federal Union Official Policy

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which are binding on all members, are :—

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- (3) And within such a federation to secure peace, economic security for all, and the civil rights of the individual.

**PEACE IS THE FIRST CONDITION OF HUMAN FREEDOM.** Only under peace can the time, energy and resources of the community be used to solve the vast problems of malnutrition, ignorance, inadequate social services, gross inequalities of economic opportunity and social standing, which confront ordinary people in every country, and which stand between them and "freedom."

**GAPS BETWEEN WARS ARE NOT PEACE.** In 1918, the Allies won the war, but lost the peace. Homes for Heroes did not appear ; the World was not Made Safe For Democracy ; World War No. 1 did not prove to be a War to End War. If we are to break the vicious circle of fear of war, preparation for war and war itself, we must learn from the mistakes of the lost peace.

**COMPETITION FOR POWER BETWEEN NATIONS MUST END.** At present there is no competition for power among the United Nations, because the war has brought a common objective to the forefront, and national interests are forgotten in the common effort. The peace must have its common objective, too. The peace must mobilise the peoples for a world war on WANT. But co-operation will not last, however sincerely desired, if it is left to Treaties, to Kellogg Pacts, Protocols and Economic Conferences. These methods of co-operation simply do not work. What one government agrees to-day its successor may undo to-morrow ; there is no continuity, no security, no control across frontiers. If we really want to tackle international problems by international action, we must have an authority superior to the individual states.

**A LEAGUE WILL NOT DO.** We have seen what happens to Leagues. They break up because separate states remain separate, and merely enter into gentlemen's agreements which they can disregard later if they think it "in the national interest" to do so.

## FEDERATION IS THE SOLUTION

Federation is a way of linking up a number of different countries under one government for certain purposes. When countries join a Federation, they transfer to the Federal government their power to control certain matters of common concern. (Most important of these common matters is control of arms and armed forces, and of foreign policy.) The citizens of all the states which federate automatically become citizens of the Federation. Military service can only be in the forces of the Federation, and the soldier's allegiance is to the Federal, not to the national, army. The latter will no longer exist. Therefore any individual or group seeking to take up arms against the Federation would be a traitor.

N.B.—Federation is not a new form of government. Countries governed under Federal Constitutions are the U.S.A., the U.S.S.R., Switzerland, Canada, Australia.

World Federation is the ultimate aim of FEDERAL UNION. But world federation cannot come at once. The FIRST STEP is to form, as a nucleus, a Democratic Federation, *open to all countries willing to accept the Charter and Constitution* (see below) upon which it must be based. Until Federation is world-wide, there must also be some looser form of world *confederation* or league (a form of organisation which will not prevent war, but which will at any rate provide some machinery for peaceful co-operation), incorporating whatever remains of value in the League of Nations, the I.L.O. and the Permanent Court of International Justice.

### THE CHARTER of a DEMOCRATIC FEDERATION

will declare the Needs and Rights of Man as a basis for the world war on WANT, and will recognise civil liberties and economic freedom, as well as political freedom, as essentials for Twentieth Century man.

### THE CONSTITUTION of a DEMOCRATIC FEDERATION

will define the powers which are to be transferred to the Federal government, and those which are to remain in the hands of the separate national governments which will continue to function within the Federation.

**FEDERAL UNION** is working to get governments to sign a **CONSTITUTION** for a **democratic federation**, covering at least the following points :—

- (1) Common federal citizenship in addition to national citizenship for every individual.
- (2) Federal Parliament—like the national parliaments—to be elected by the citizens.
- (3) Federal government to have sole authority over foreign affairs and over armed forces and arms supply. National governments would have no separate diplomats or armed forces.
- (4) Federal government to have substantial powers over such matters as currency, tariffs, social welfare, migration, colonial administration.
- (5) Federal government to lay down minimum standards for human welfare in accordance with the Charter of Human Needs and Rights, and to take responsibility for seeing that member states conform.
- (6) Federal government to make laws in its own field. These laws to act directly on the citizens, and to be backed by Federal Police and Federal Courts. (cf. a League which can only draw up agreements between governments).
- (7) Federal government to have power to tax or otherwise raise funds in order to finance its projects. National government, relieved of the burden of financing national armed forces, embassies and so on, to have power to tax for internal projects only.
- (8) Within these limits, national governments to be guaranteed freedom to develop their own national life culturally, socially, economically and politically.

## NEXT STEPS Federal Union's Immediate Policy

What are the next steps? How can these aims be realised?

**FEDERAL UNION** has issued a detailed statement (*Federation—Peace Aim: War Weapon*; 4d.) showing what action could be taken now, while the war is on, to develop war-time co-operation into permanent co-operation on the lines of Federal Union policy. The chief points in the programme for immediate action are:—

(a) **Constructive Peace Aims and a Political Warfare Board** are needed. Peace aims including an offer of Democratic Federation as the alternative to Fascist Domination must be used as the basis of Allied Propaganda. A Political Warfare Board, with representatives from the United Nations and the free movements of states without free governments, should be formed at once to co-ordinate and direct this propaganda. The Atlantic Charter is too vague and must be implemented. The Allies must state *how* they propose to organise a Peoples' Peace if the will to resist and revolt is to be strengthened.

(b) **An International Consultative Parliament is needed.** By open discussion of common problems and of different policies for solving them, the peoples would be able to keep governments aware of the trends of international public opinion. The tremendous effect of the visit of Russian Trade Unionists to Britain was an indication of the value of personal contact between the peoples. Members of this International Consultative Parliament would be all-Party delegations elected by different sections of the national parliaments.

(c) **An Allied Reconstruction Commission is needed.** An international body must be appointed to plan and control the transition from war organisation to peace organisation, particularly in the sphere of relief and economic reconstruction. The Commission should draw up a Draft Treaty outlining the structure of the future world organisation, including a nucleus federation. National bargaining is a real danger to common action. Therefore not only the plans but also the machinery for joint action must be ready in advance. The peace will grow out of the war; continuity of joint machinery is essential.

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