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TEMPORARY ORGANIZING COMMITTEE
for WORLD COURT MEETING
CLEVELAND, OHIO

There will be an ORGANIZATION MEETING of the following Committee at 12:15 noon, Wednesday, December 31, 1924 at #2000 UNION TRUST BUILDING (in library), East 9th and Euclid Avenue, to discuss PLANS FOR THE CLEVELAND WORLD COURT MEETING (The expectation being that a mass meeting will be held later at a time and place to be appointed by this Committee):-

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THE CALL FOR THE ABOVE MEETING SIGNED BY:-

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by *John D. Pearmain*

NOTE: The enclosed blue MEMORANDUM suggests briefly a program for Committees to follow or not (as they think best, when they meet).

John D. Pearmain
For the Temporary Organizing Committee and the American Peace.

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Mr. Abba Hillel Silver,
Cleveland,
Ohio.

Dear Mr. Silver:

Mr. Pearmain and I think that as a member of the Organizing Committee for the World Court meeting in your city you may be interested to hear the type of program adopted for the World Court mass meeting by a small town in New York State. In Highland Falls, each of the leading community groups is choosing from its own ranks a speaker to present the World Court, or the proposed participation of the United States in it. The chairman of the Highland Falls Committee reports to us that this method of organizing the program, has resulted in a friendly rivalry among the groups and that enthusiasm for the meeting has been thereby greatly increased.

If the speakers include a representative of the Chamber of Commerce, a Judge or a lawyer chosen by the legal groups, an educator, a delegate from the women's groups, an outstanding Democrat, Republican, Labor leader, etc., a thoroughly inclusive expression of public opinion will result and a certain competitive interest will be stimulated. We do not, of course, urge this form of program for your city. It may not be at all suited to your community but we pass on the suggestion for whatever application it may have.

We very much hope, in any case, that the success of your own meeting will not be made dependent upon "securing a national figure" as speaker. It is very difficult at short notice to secure nationally known speakers. Moreover, the thing aimed at in these meetings is an expression of community sentiment, made by representatives of the community. Nor should we forget that nationally known speakers are exceedingly often not more effective than local men and women.

We hope that the sending of the resolutions by the combined organizations represented at the meeting to the Senators of the state, the chairman and all the members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee will certainly not be omitted. Of course we believe that time should be allowed at the meeting for adequate discussion of the resolution and that questions should be permitted.

With cordial hopes for the success of your meeting, believe me,

Faithfully yours,

Esther Everett Lape

Esther Everett Lape,
Member in charge.

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Dear Mr. Silver:-

I am sure that the members of the many World Court Committees are following with interest the recent news and editorial comment on the Court.

President Coolidge, according to the New York Times of August 14, says that the Court is one of his three leading policies. Senator Curtis states that the only two definite measures on the Republican Senators' program are tax reduction and the World Court. Senators Lenroot and Swanson are the authorities for statements that the Court has a safe majority in the Senate for our adherence to the protocol with the Harding-Hughes-Coolidge reservations, if it is brought to a vote.

Nevertheless, we are not unmindful of an opposition, small in number, but exceedingly active, and of the danger of compromise resolutions, delays and the press of domestic legislative questions, which might serve to repeat the history of last year on the Court. Our best hope is that the Senate may proceed to a record vote on the Court during the first month of the session that opens in December.

May we suggest that the World Court Committees immediately second the President's recent statements by giving to the local papers the list of members of their committees. The effect of a simultaneous public announcement of such strong support in all leading cities will be excellent.

I have written your Chairman to this end, and I hope that he can give the list of your committee to the press for early publication, with whatever news of its plans for the fall may seem desirable. A copy of your committee list is enclosed. Its publication will also, of course, stimulate interest in your later plans.

Sincerely yours,

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Mr. Abba Hillel Silver,
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Mr. Abba Hillel Silver,
1485 East 106th Street,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Mr. Silver:

In connection with the work of the World Court Committee in Cleveland this fall, we think it likely that you may be interested in a book on the World Court, written by one of the Judges of the Court, Antonio de Bustamante. We are sending you therefore the enclosed circular and hope that you may have time to read it.

In commending the book to you and in asking you to commend it to others, may we hasten to say that we have no financial interest in the book whatever and cannot, of course, profit in any way by its sale. We do believe, however, that a wide reading of the book throughout the country will add greatly to the understanding of the Court and of the debates in the Senate which begin, as you know, on December 17 next.

The book is written very much from the "inside" but is so simple and untechnical in its presentation as to be thoroughly interesting to the general reader. Judge Bustamante is eminently qualified to write on the Court and on the historical developments leading to it since he is not only a Judge of the Permanent Court but is also a member of the Hague Court of Arbitration and is Vice President of the Institute of International Law.

Sincerely yours,

Esther Everett Lape

Esther Everett Lape,
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by Mrs. W.
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World Court

1669 UNION TRUST BUILDING
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November 7, 1925.

Abba Hillel Silver,
1485 East 106th Street,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

Mr. Samuel Mather, as Chairman of the Cleveland Committee on the World Court, has been obliged to leave the city before issuing to you a formal invitation to have a Committee meeting at dinner at the Union Club, on Wednesday, November 11th, at 7 o'clock. Mr. Mather will be here for the dinner and hopes that you may be present without fail.

We have the good fortune to entertain that evening Mr. James G. McDonald, of New York, who is a thoroughly informed person on this subject and a gifted speaker. You will not only enjoy Mr. McDonald, but take part in deciding what Cleveland may do, if anything, to render more probable our adhesion to the Court.

Will you kindly direct your reply to me at the above address.

Cordially yours,

A. H. Johnson
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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
Vice-Chairman Zionist Organization of America,
The Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Mr. Meyer W. Weisgal, Secretary of the Zionist Organization of America, has asked us to send you the enclosed leaflet -- "The World Court, Fifteen Questions Answered." We are very happy to do this.

We believe this pamphlet answers adequately the objections most frequently raised to the World Court. You may depend upon the accuracy of the statements contained in it.

You doubtless know that the question of United States adherence to the World Court is scheduled for December 17. As that date approaches, interest in the matter is growing more and more intense and groups everywhere are giving careful consideration to the facts concerning the Court's organization and work. As the Zionist Organization of America is on record for the World Court, we think you will be particularly interested in having this material.

If you are able to use additional copies, we shall be glad to send them to you.

Sincerely yours,

Esther Everett Lape

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Mr. Abba Hillel Silver,
1485 East 106th Street,
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Dear Mr. Silver:

We consider that it is most important that the World Court committees throughout the country should not relax their vigilance as the Court enters upon its critical period with the opening of the Senate discussion on December 17.

In his message to Congress last week, President Coolidge again recommended our adherence to the Court, and enumerated the 5 Harding-Hughes-Coolidge conditions as the basis of adherence. Careful observers maintain that the necessary two-thirds of the members of the Senate are prepared to vote for the Court on these terms, if and when it comes to a record vote.

Few of us apprehend the defeat of the Court on an actual vote. We do, however, realize that all the resources of the Senators for the Court may be needed in order to prevent tactical delays, postponements and radical amendments designed to defeat adherence. Opponents of the Court will take advantage of the pressing necessity of passing the revenue bill before next year's payment becomes due in March, and of passing the bill making the appropriations for the various Federal departments. We also realize that there are other pressing domestic measures which will legitimately require the Senate's consideration. We believe that pressure of other weighty matters should be a reason for expediting rather than delaying action on the Court.

The Senate debate on the Court should not, of course, be cut off while it is proving informing and profitable. But our adherence to the Court is by no means a new question and it is fundamentally a simple one. It would, in our judgment be unfortunate and discreditable if the vote on the Court were further delayed by artificial methods.

Very little is to be expected before the usual holiday recess which will probably begin on December 19. It is not anticipated that the opposition will begin its attack until the Senate reconvenes very early in January. If we have no signs of an early vote by January 15, we think that will be a danger signal to us. If by January

25, there are still no signs of a vote, we think a vigorous protest from the World Court committees would be in order at the last of January.

Will the Cleveland World Court Committee remain in battle formation, so to speak, until the vote on the Court has actually been taken, and be prepared to express itself vigorously to your Senators if there are obvious attempts at artificial delay?

We will wire your chairman, Mr. Samuel Mather, in an emergency. Will you be ready to cooperate fully with him?

With congratulations on your work for the Court, believe me,



Sincerely yours,

Esther Everett Lape

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
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Dear Rabbi Silver:

We have just sent the following telegram
to your chairman:

Crisis in World Court situation in Senate. Filibustering begun. Opponents of Court forcing displacement of Court by tax bill. Urge immediate sending greatest possible number individual telegrams to your senators with copy to Lenroot and Swanson showing you expect senators to hold to original plan of getting vote on Court before tax bill is allowed to come up. Necessity of tax bill is reason for expediting not delaying action on Court. President Coolidge has just referred to displacement of Court resolution as unnecessary and regrettable. Suggest telegrams also be sent to President showing him majority sentiment of country will be with him if he presses for vote now. Stress importance of individual rather than joint telegrams. Only vigorous genuine protest from Court advocates can avoid dangerous delay and perhaps indefinite postponement.

Will you not personally use your efforts outside the World Court Committee as well as inside to get as many genuine protests from your community as you possibly can, in the form of individual telegrams to the senators?

The enemies of the Court inside the Senate and outside it have recently become exceedingly active. In our judgment, the fate of the World Court resolution rests upon the genuineness and completeness of the expression of popular opinion conveyed to the Senate at this critical point.

Faithfully yours,

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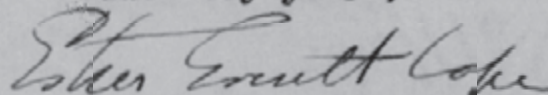
Dear Rabbi Silver:

We should like to send to the members of the Cleveland Committee for the World Court our congratulations. We believe the work of your Committee definitely helped to bring about the passage of the World Court resolution. While the World Court resolution as passed by the Senate is accompanied by more reservations than most of us believe to be necessary, they do not after all affect the psychological and moral value of the adherence of the United States to the Court. They are rather concessions to that lack of understanding of the Court on the part of so many American citizens, which has been the greatest obstacle to action on the Court for the past few years.

In the very near future we expect to send you an important letter, asking that your Committee definitely consider the next step toward the prevention of war. A plan for such a step is now having final consideration by members of the Committee of the American Peace Award and the members of the Jury. It will be ready to be transmitted to you in the very near future. We bespeak your earnest consideration of it at that time.

With cordial greeting to you,
believe me,

Sincerely yours,



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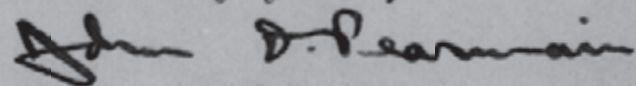
Dear Rabbi Silver:-

As requested by you on the telephoned yesterday, enclosed herewith are copies of the Gillett resolution of February 6th on the matter of the World Court and also copies of the members of the U. S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee. More of each can be had, if you wish them, from my home office in New York.

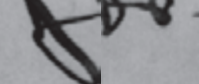
The Gillett resolution is now in the hands of the Foreign Relations Committee of the Senate and will probably be reported out during the next month or six weeks, if the members of the Foreign Relations Committee feel that the country at large is interested in the Gillett resolution. Senator Willis is a member of Foreign Relations Committee, and it is well worth while for those who are interested in the World Court to let both of the Senators from Ohio know that there is the wide and active interest for the resumption of negotiations by this country. The United States has talked a long time in favor of the idea of a World Court - in favor of this World Court - and it is time we did something about it.

Any help you can give in getting endorsements from organizations or groups, and letters from individuals to the Senators, with copies to Senator Gillett and Senator Swanson (Democratic minority leader on the Foreign Relations Committee), will be most useful at this time.

Sincerely yours,


JOHN D. PEARMAIN

N.B. I am asking my home office to send you further literature on the Court and information on the present situation in the U. S. Senate. - They will also keep you informed as to the developments in the Senate, from time to time.

J. D. P. 

Cleveland, Ohio, February 21, 1928.

AN OPEN LETTER TO THE ORGANIZATIONS AND CITIZENS OF CLEVELAND:

Gentlemen:

Senator Frederick H. Gillett of Massachusetts has introduced a resolution suggesting that this Government resume negotiations with regard to the World Court "in order to establish whether the differences between the United States and signatory states can be satisfactorily adjusted." A copy of the Gillett resolution is attached.

We call your attention to the Gillett resolution in the hope that your organization will find it possible to consider it at an early day, and if it meets with your approval that you may take such action in support of the resolution as you deem appropriate.

The idea back of the World Court has had the active support of thoughtful leaders of both political parties in the United States since the time of John Hay. In 1907, President Roosevelt sent Elihu Root as a delegate to the Second Hague Convention with instructions to try to work out a plan for such a court, but no method for the selection of judges, satisfactory to both large and small nations, could be found at the time. After the World War the matter was reopened. International jurists were selected, among them Mr. Root, and his plan for the selection of judges was chosen as being generally satisfactory. In our country every president since the World War has advocated our entrance into the court. President Coolidge urged the Harding-Hughes-Coolidge terms. To these the Senate added a fifth reservation about which differences of opinion arose, though other Governments transmitting their messages to this Government referred "to such further exchange of views as the Government of the United States may think useful."

Eminent jurists believe that the differences are not fundamentally grave, that further conversations and exchanges of views are likely to produce agreement and that the important thing is to have these conversations continued rather than to be abandoned without a full opportunity to get together on a dignified basis.

X Letters from individuals to the Senators and support for the Gillett resolution from organizations like yours is eminently desirable, in order that the Senators from Ohio and the members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee may realize that there exists a widespread interest throughout the country in the matter of our adherence to the World Court.

Should you agree with these views and pass a Resolution favoring the Gillett resolution, copies of it should be sent to our Senators and to the Foreign Relations Committee, a list of whose members are attached hereto.

Cordially yours.

(Samuel Mather)

(Homer H. Johnson)

(Newton D. Baker)

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 6, 1928

Mr. GILLET submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the
Committee on Foreign Relations

RESOLUTION

Whereas the Senate on January 27, 1926, by a vote of seventy-six to seventeen gave its advice and consent to the adherence of the United States to the Permanent Court of International Justice, upon certain conditions and with certain reservations; and

Whereas the signatory States in transmitting their replies referred to "such further exchange of views as the Government of the United States may think useful": Therefore be it

- 1 *Resolved*, That the Senate of the United States respect-
- 2 fully suggests to the President the advisability of a further
- 3 exchange of views with the signatory States in order to
- 4 establish whether the differences between the United States
- 5 and the signatory States can be satisfactorily adjusted.

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RESOLUTION

Suggesting a further exchange of views relative to the World Court.

By Mr. GILLET

FEBRUARY 6, 1928

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JOHN D. PEARMINE
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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
1485 East 106th Street,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am sorry to learn that you are out of town and not to return until after I must leave. - You were always much interested in the matter of the World Court and we are now hoping that you might be interested to help in getting an expression of opinion on the matter of the Gillett Resolution (copy enclosed) relative to a further exchange of views on the Court.

The vote in the Foreign Relations' Committee stands about 9 to 9, as regards reporting out the Resolution, and we believe that it is fair to assume that only a wide expression of interest at this time, representative citizens and organizations writing Senator Fess and Senator Burton, urging them to do all they can toward getting the Resolution favorably reported at an early date in December, will be effective.

You are undoubtedly interested in the subject of the Kellogg Treaties also. - The enclosed editorial from the Hartford Courant of recent date, clearly and interestingly sets forth the relationship between the Multilateral Treaties and the Court - shows that the one is the form and the other the substance. - I hope you will think both are worth working for at this time.

If you could use more of the enclosures with members of your congregation, or others, in getting them to act too, we would be glad, of course, to send you such as you could make use of.

Sincerely yours,

JOHN D. PEARMINE

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Dear Rabbi Silver:

Don't you agree with us that activity on the part of the Cleveland World Court Committee, organized in 1925, will be greatly needed, at the proper time, in support of the new protocol with Mr. Root's formula? "The proper time," of course, will be when the protocol has been signed and is actually before the Senate.

It is not yet certain when that time will be--whether at the opening of the new session in December or not until the conclusion of the naval debates, probably late in the winter or in the spring. It seems likely, however, that the United States is to sign the protocol in the near future now that it has been accepted by 50 of the 54 member nations of the Court. The signature alone is very important in giving a clear indication of the Administration's approval. Secretary Stimson has already, as you know, expressed his point of view that the protocol if adopted "would fully protect the United States against the dangers anticipated by the Senate."

The strategy of the present situation seems to us to be to prepare adequately for conveying public sentiment to the Senate but to delay doing so until the protocol is before it.

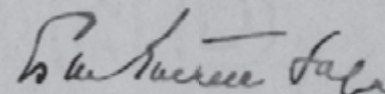
That these expressions of opinion may be the determining influence in securing the necessary two-thirds vote in the Senate can hardly be doubted. The situation in the Foreign Relations Committee needs especial consideration. While only a majority vote of this Committee is needed to bring about a favorable report on the protocol, the Committee contains, as you know, a large proportion of those senators who are opposed to the Court. It will be important, therefore, for public sentiment to be vigorously expressed not merely during the debate on the Senate floor but also while the protocol is in the hands of the Committee.

We enclose now a statement we have just issued, summing up the Court negotiations to date and explaining the force of the new protocol. As you know, it definitely accepts the reservations of 1926 exactly as they were written by the Senate and outlines the method of applying them. In particular, it contains Mr. Root's formula for the operation of the most controversial of our reservations, the fifth relating to advisory opinions.

We should be glad to have your assurance that you will cooperate with the other members of the Committee, in having the Committee express itself vigorously in favor of the new protocol

when the time comes to do so. Meanwhile, can you not bring the protocol to the attention of all of the members of your congregation, both through your own addresses and through having it taken up by the various classes and organizations? If resolutions are passed, they will be extremely useful; but you will be swift to see that they should be held and not sent to the senators until the protocol is actually before the Senate for consideration. Would you like additional copies of the enclosed Bulletin to assist your leaders in presenting the Court matter to their groups?

Sincerely yours,



Esther Everett Lape
Member in charge

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Rabbi Hillel Silver,
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GENERAL SECRETARIES

December 3, 1929.

Rabbi A. H. Silver
 Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:

We are beginning to lay plans for our campaign for securing wide support of American membership on the "Root Formula" in the Permanent Court of International Justice.

There will be urgent need for a new, nation-wide expression of public opinion on this issue when the President submits the Protocol to the Senate for its "advice and consent".

For this campaign we need to secure brief expressions of approval of such membership from a group of our nationally known leaders - sentences of from 25 - 40 words.

I am taking the liberty of asking if you will be so good as to favor us with a brief sentence or two expressing your own point of view on this matter, which we may use over your name.

An early reply will be greatly appreciated.

Very sincerely yours,

Sidney L. Gulick
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Answer 12/12/29 Will be pleased to serve on the National World Court Committee which you
are organizing. A. H. Silver

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WORLD COURT

Dec. 17th, 1929.

Rev. Sidney L. Gulick,
105 E. 22d St.,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Rev. Gulick:-

I trust that the Senate of the United States will vote in favor of American membership in the Permanent Court of International Justice on the basis of the "Root Formula." This Formula completely answers the objections which have been previously raised.

If we are at all in earnest about our eagerness to cooperate in the work of obviating international conflicts, then this is a challenging opportunity for us to demonstrate it.

With kindest regards, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR

The Cleveland World Court Committee

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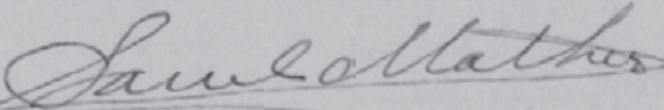
Dear Rabbi Silver:

President Hoover has submitted the American signatures to the Protocols of the World Court to the Senate for ratification. This calls upon all of us who believe that America should join the Court to stand by the President and to evoke such expressions of approval from the people at large as we can, in order that the Senate may know the state of public opinion on the matter.

The World Court Committee, of which you are a member, was organized about a year ago in anticipation of just this situation, and a meeting is now desired in order that plans may be made to present the subject of the Court to our people.

I am, therefore, calling a meeting for Thursday, December 4th, at 3 p. m. in the Board Room of my office in the Union Trust Building. I hope you will honor me with your presence.

Very sincerely yours,



Samuel Mather,
Honorary Chairman.

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Dec. 3d, 1930

Mr. Samuel Mather,
Honorary Chairman, The
Cleveland World Court Committee,
Union Trust Bldg.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Mather:-

I should very much like to attend the meeting of the World Court Committee on Thursday, Dec. 4th at 3 p. m. Unfortunately I have my confirmation class meeting at that hour.

I am of course in sympathy with any move which the World Court Committee will make at the present time to bring about the Senate ratification.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR

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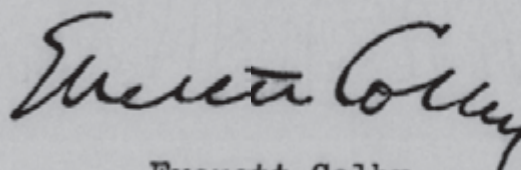
December 17, 1930.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I am enclosing a copy of the resolutions adopted by the National World Court Committee at its meeting on the afternoon of December 9th, and trust that you will bring them to the attention of the officers and membership of the organization with which you are affiliated as soon as possible, that no time may be lost in building up a vigorous and aroused public sentiment in favor of the prompt ratification of the World Court treaties.

In view of the action today of the Foreign Relations Committee of the Senate, I shall call a meeting of the National World Court Committee at an early date, that we may determine our future policy.

Very faithfully yours,



Everett Colby,
Chairman Executive Committee.

P. S. - December 18th:

The Executive Committee met this noon and voted, subject to confirmation of the full committee, that it will not consider as final any such disposition of the World Court Protocols, and urges all participating organizations to make an intensive campaign to secure prompt action.

EMERGENCY MEETING - FULL COMMITTEE - TO CONSIDER DETAILS,
99 Park Avenue, New York, 4 P.M. NEXT TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23rd.
Very anxious that you or someone representing you attend.

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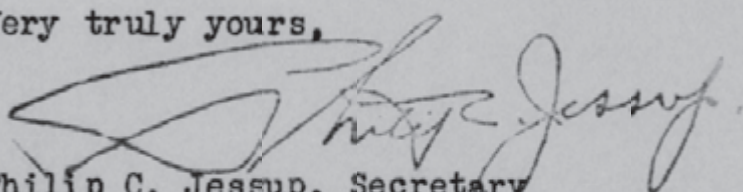
To - Members of the National Committee, and
Organizations Interested in the World Court:

At its meeting held today, the Executive Committee resolved to convene a meeting of the National World Court Committee on Tuesday, February 10th, at 4 P.M., at 99 Park Avenue, New York City.

At this meeting, there will be submitted a report of the activities of the Committee since the last meeting; a report of the present situation in Washington; and plans for future action will be discussed.

It is very much hoped that you will be able to attend.

Very truly yours,


Philip C. Jessup, Secretary
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October 2, 1931

To: Members of the National World Court Committee
and to Interested Organizations

A meeting of the National World Court Committee, and of representatives of interested organizations, is to be held on Wednesday, October 14th, at 4 o'clock, at 99 Park Avenue, New York City. Please use the enclosed card to indicate whether you will be able to attend. We hope the members of the Committee will make every effort to be present at this meeting. The National World Court Committee meeting will follow immediately after that of the Disarmament group.

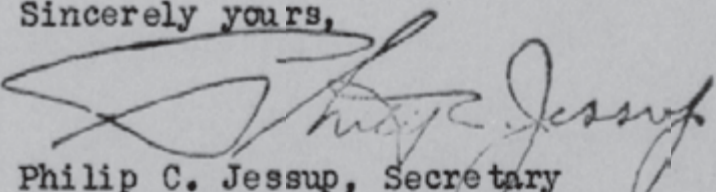
Work at the national office has been continued through the summer, and some gratifying additional support of the Court has been secured. Our plans for work before Congress convenes must now be made immediately, and this is the purpose for which the general meeting is now being called.

Last week your Executive Committee met, and there was presented to it a plan for concentrated work in ten states, a brief outline of which is attached to this letter. The Executive Committee approved the plan, provided the necessary funds for this work are available.

A meeting called by Mr. Colby was held here in New York on September 30th, to secure the advice and endorsement of a group including Mr. Newton D. Baker, Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, Mr. John W. Davis, former Ambassador Houghton, Mr. James G. McDonald, Major-General John F. O'Ryan, Mr. John D. Rockefeller 3rd and Professor James T. Shotwell. The group was unanimously in favor of going ahead with this aggressive plan of campaign. We now wish, before proceeding to carry it out, to have the benefit of your advice and suggestions. Will you not therefore go over the suggested plan of activity and send us your comments on it if you will be unable to attend the meeting on the 14th - though, of course, we very much hope you will be able to come.

We must make this drive on behalf of American adherence to the World Court a successful one, and we are counting on your giving us your cooperation to make it so.

Sincerely yours,



Philip C. Jessup, Secretary
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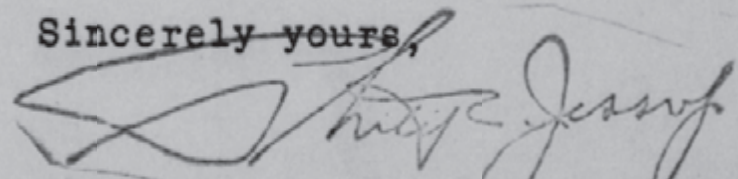
To Members of the Committee and Cooperating Organizations:

It is anticipated that the President will send a special message to the Senate, relative to the World Court and probably some other matters in the field of foreign affairs. The message may already be public when this letter reaches you. We believe that the President is eager to have the World Court treaties disposed of at this session, and our information indicates that this will be done. It seems to be of the greatest importance that those advocating the ratification of the World Court treaties give the President the fullest possible measure of support in this connection. In the past, special effort has sometimes been made to impress the President with the extent of the popular support of the Court in this country in order to persuade him to push the project in the Senate. It now seems highly desirable to convince the President that he has a large popular backing in urging the Senate to take prompt action.

In view of these circumstances, it is urgently hoped that when the President's message on the World Court is made public, as many people as possible will notify him of their approval. I am accordingly writing to ask you to bear this matter in mind and to write or telegraph the President as soon as the message is transmitted. We hope that all the national organizations will make special effort to induce their branches and individual members to take such action.

The indications are that this long delayed issue is finally approaching its conclusion and very special efforts will be necessary from now on. We are preparing a statement for the Senate, containing the results of the circularization of various groups throughout the country; a copy of this statement will be sent to you next week, and you will be kept informed of any further developments.

Sincerely yours,



Philip C. Jessup, Secretary.

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To: The National World Court Committee
and Interested Organizations

For your information we are sending you the following expression of views which has recently been circulated by the Policy Committee of the National Council for Prevention of War. I am in complete agreement with the view expressed.

"The decision of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee to postpone consideration of the World Court Protocols 'until pressing domestic matters are disposed of' - we quote from Senator Borah - was reached 'with the understanding that a report would be made to the Senate in due course.' This was done, he said, to establish that the subject was not to be pigeon-holed. Senator Swanson corroborates this interpretation, adding that the decision 'is not unfriendly.'

The response demanded of us in this situation is clearly to support the purpose of the committee and to prevent this postponement from becoming indefinite.

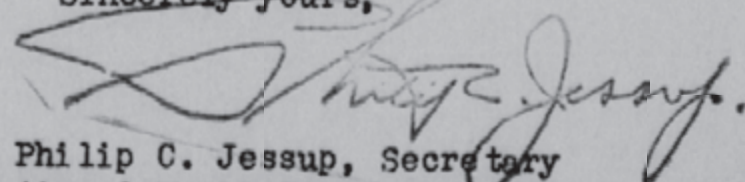
To this end, the Policy Committee recommends that you ask your members to take the World Court up with their Senators at once - in person if they are at home for the holidays - and that the Senators who are favorable be urged to use their influence with the members of the Foreign Relations Committee to secure an early report."

We will send you further suggestions about future action in the near future.

On December 18th we had delivered to each one of the Senators, a statement showing the result of the circularizations completed by the Committee during the summer and fall. A copy of this statement is being sent to you under separate cover. The contents of the statement were released to the press on December 21st.

The financial statement for the month of November is also enclosed.

Sincerely yours,



Philip C. Jessup, Secretary
National World Court Committee

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE NATIONAL WORLD COURT COMMITTEE

HELD AT THE TOWN HALL CLUB, NEW YORK CITY, JAN. 25TH, 1932, AT 4 P.M.

There were 32 persons present at this meeting - 20 national organizations being represented. Mr. Jessup called the meeting to order - acting as Chairman in the absence of General O'Ryan and Mr. Colby, neither of whom was able to attend.

The Chairman reviewed the work at the office of the Committee since October: it has included continued circularizing; the preparation of the printed statement with respect to adherence of the United States to the Court, sent to the President, Vice-President, Secretary of State and members of the Senate; the release on the statement furnished to 747 newspapers; the series of 5 cartoons prepared for the Committee by Mr. Gus Uhlmann and circulated in mat form to small papers throughout the country; the carrying on of correspondence with representatives of national organizations; two special releases; and the two publications printed for the Committee by the Margaret C. Peabody Fund - 5,000 copies of the Independence of the Permanent Court of International Justice, and 3,000 copies of The World Court and the Austro-German Customs Regime, both written by Professor Manley O. Hudson. The Chairman noted that this excellent record has been made possible by the fine and devoted services of the office staff of the Committee, and the active cooperation of Mr. Bauer.

The Chairman also stated that a total of \$4,347 in contributions had been received to date. The balance now on hand was stated to be \$2,920, with some outstanding obligations.

The Chairman said that a vigorous campaign for action on the Court at this session of the Congress is now contemplated. This campaign had already received the endorsement of General O'Ryan, Mr. Colby, Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler and others. Although there had been many conflicting reports, depending upon the senators consulted, it seemed likely that pressure from all over the country would lead to action by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on the Court Protocols, and that a definite date for debate in the Senate on the Court, at the present session, might be obtained.

A draft of a letter to be sent from the office of the Committee to 5,000 individuals asking that they write their senators, was read by the Chairman. He then asked for discussion of the contemplated program, suggesting that the national organizations backing the Court take united action along this line.

There was some discussion as to the attitude of the President, and the feeling seemed to be that no new steps would be taken by him. It was stated that Senator Borah would not oppose bringing the Court protocols out of the Foreign Relations Committee. Although from every indication the poll of the Senate does not seem as conclusive as it was in 1926, nevertheless there was general agreement among the persons present at the meeting that there would be enough votes to ratify the Court treaties.

The opinion of the meeting was that there would be an absence of vigorous leadership on both the Democratic and Republican sides, but Senators Reed and Walsh are generally considered to be willing to assume the leadership for their respective parties when debates begin. The general feeling of the meeting was that there is need for arousing public sentiment on the Court, and that the Austro-German Customs Union decision was still providing argument among those opposed. Miss Morgan stated that Mrs. Lamb has just prepared an article on that decision, and copies will be made available for distribution to the national organizations.

Mr. Rich then put forward the suggestion that it might be possible to secure one or two of the outstanding members of each party to interview all the various potential candidates for the presidency, to secure a statement from all of them that they support the Court. After some discussion it was finally decided to leave this suggestion to the Executive Committee for their further consideration.

It was then MOVED by Mr. Bauer, that the Executive Committee be authorized to dispatch immediately the 5,000 letters to constituents of senators on the Foreign Relations Committee, and to people in other states, and that the Executive Committee also be authorized to take such steps as will be most likely to lead to ratification of the protocols at this session of the Congress. This motion was seconded and passed unanimously. It was further the unanimous sense of the meeting, that no suggestion of the possibility of an adverse vote in the Senate should deter those advocating American adherence to the Court from pressing for action at this session of the Congress.

Mr. Nash also asked that all national organizations working for the Court be informed that the above action had been taken, and that they be urged to lend active assistance to the program.

There was some further discussion of additional work necessary to bring pressure on the Senate when the protocols shall have been reported out. It was agreed that such a campaign required different methods, and that when a date is set to bring the question up in the Senate, plans will have to be formulated for assuring the necessary votes to pass a resolution for ratification.

The Chairman then adjourned the meeting at 5:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Philip C. Jessup, Secretary
NATIONAL WORLD COURT COMMITTEE



NATIONAL WORLD COURT COMMITTEE - - - MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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Cash Balance January 1, 1932. \$629.63

R E C E I P T S:

Contributions -

Edward J. Berwind	100.00	H. A. Garfield	10.00
Dr. Katharine Blunt	10.00	Mrs. F. A. Hazard	10.00
P. I. Bugbee	10.00	Dr. Franklin W. Johnson	10.00
James Byrne	10.00	Col. Howard T. Kingsbury	25.00
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Charles P. Ford	25.00	John D. Rockefeller, Jr.	1500.00
W. D. Furry	10.00	Dr. D. B. Waldo	10.00
		Constance Warren	10.00
	\$1310.00		\$1702.00-3012.00

Miscellaneous -

H. O. Hudson, reimbursement for Austro-German pamphlets and circularizing law professors	74.06
Interest on U. S. Trust Company account	4.08
7 World Court Maps @ 15¢	1.05
	79.19

Total Receipts. \$3720.82

E X P E N S E S:

Rent - Office rent for January 100.00

Salaries -

Neal Bauer Pell (12/28-1/25) @ \$175 a month	161.52
Elizabeth Walker (12/28-1/25) @ \$100 a month	100.00
Mildred Longstreth (12/24-1/25) \$ 1 a day	25.00
Outside overtime	9.43
	295.95

Printing -

5th cartoon - mats, plates, proofs, etc.	28.47
2000 World Court letterheads	12.00
	40.47

Postage -

Stamps	63.50
Stamped envelopes	160.52
Postage due	.02
	224.04

Office Supplies -

3 months' typewriter rent	9.00
Sundry supplies	4.00
	13.00

Stationery -

3000 plain envelopes	14.25
paper	.10
	14.35

Miscellaneous -

Telephone & telegraph charges	34.57
Price, Waterhouse - Audit	65.00
Traveling expenses (P. C. Jessup)	20.03
Outside typing	6.61
Committee luncheon	4.90
World Almanac	.50
Carfare	.10
	131.61

Total Expenses.....\$819.52

CASH ON HAND:

United States Trust Company of New York	\$2807.09
Philip C. Jessup, Special (Chase Natl. Bank)	91.20
Petty Cash	3.01
	\$ 2901.30
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To: The National World Court Committee
and Interested Organizations

The minutes of the meeting of January 25th and the monthly financial statement are enclosed for your information.

Our letter of January 26th has already given to you the three points in our immediate program:

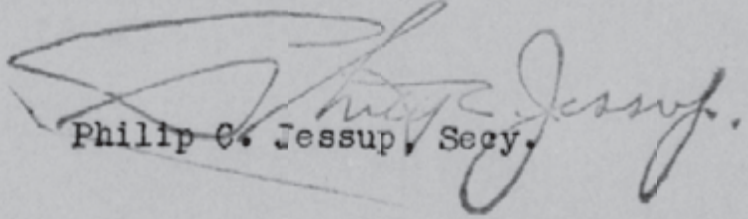
1. Letters from constituents of Senators on the Foreign Relations Committee to induce the Committee to report the protocols to the Senate.
2. Letters from constituents of all Senators, especially those in favor of the Court, urging that a day be fixed during this session on and after which this issue will have precedence.
3. Letters to doubtful or non-committal Senators urging them to vote for ratification.

The first two items should have precedence, but the ground-work for the third should be begun at once.

The efforts of the peace movement of the whole country during the course of nine years will be put to the test this spring on the World Court issue. The present international crisis presents a demand for new and still more vigorous action to support the world peace machinery. May we count on you and your members to help us meet the situation?

When the date for starting the World Court debate in the Senate has been fixed, we shall communicate with you again and ask for your further help.

Sincerely yours,


Philip C. Jessup, Secy.

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FOR RELEASE MONDAY, APRIL 11, 1932

The following is an open letter from Philip C. Jessup, Secretary, National World Court Committee, to Senator Key Pittman of Nevada. There is attached a copy of the letter written by Senator Pittman to Bishop Jenkins of Nevada.

The National World Court Committee, in whose work some 53 national organizations cooperate, has for its Chairman Major-General John F. O'Ryan, with Everett Colby as Chairman of the Executive Committee.

Honorable Key Pittman
Senate Office Building
Washington, D. C.

April 7, 1932

My dear Senator Pittman:

Since your letter to Bishop Jenkins has been printed in the Congressional Record of April 4th, and since you state in that letter that you desire to have the letter published in the press of Nevada, I feel it is not inappropriate to address to you this open letter in regard to the statements which you make therein.

In your second paragraph you appear to set out an objection to advisory opinions, which seems to be basic in your consideration of American adherence to the Court. You state: "We do not tolerate advisory opinions by our courts." I venture to call your attention to the following facts:

The Constitution of Massachusetts (Chap. 3, Art. 2) has since 1780 provided that the Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court may give advisory opinions "on important questions of law and upon solemn occasion" at the request of the Governor and Council or of either branch of the Legislature. You will find five such opinions reported in Vol. 237 of the Massachusetts Reports, two such opinions in Vol. 239 and three such opinions in Vol. 240. It is true that these opinions are rendered by the Justices and not by the Court as such, but it remains true that this function is entrusted to the highest judicial officers of the State.

Since 1784 the Constitution of New Hampshire has provided for such opinions; the same is true of the Constitution of Maine since 1820 and the Constitution of Rhode Island since 1842. Since 1868 the Governor of Florida has been authorized to secure the opinion of the Justices on certain questions. The same situation has existed in South Dakota since 1884. Under the Colorado Constitution it is clear that the court itself and not simply the individual judges have the duty to give advisory opinions, and these opinions "have all the force and effect of judicial procedure." (See 12 Colorado Reports 469).

A Delaware Statute of 1852 requires the Chancellor and judges to give opinions to the Governor on certain questions. By an Act of February 13, 1923, the Legislature of Alabama provided that the Governor or either house of the Legisla-

ture may obtain the opinion of Justices of the Supreme Court on constitutional questions. Attention may also be directed to the situation in Oklahoma where in criminal cases, the Judges of the Criminal Court of Appeals are empowered by statute to give an opinion to the Governor on certain questions. The Missouri Constitution of 1865 provided for advisory opinions, although this provision was not retained in the revision of 1875. It is also appropriate to mention that a number of Canadian courts are authorized to give advisory opinions.

There is nothing new about these facts; they are fully discussed in an article by Professor Manley O. Hudson of the Harvard Law School in the American Journal for International Law, January, 1924, page 1, and this article was reprinted in Professor Hudson's book entitled "The Permanent Court of International Justice and the Question of American Participation", published in 1925 (see pages 60 and following of that volume.

I confess that I find it rather surprising that a person like yourself who has devoted so much time to the study of the question of American adherence to the Court, should not be familiar with this material. I must assume that you are not familiar with it in view of the statement in your letter to Bishop Jenkins, which I have quoted above.

You must be aware that in regard to the advisory opinions of the Permanent Court of International Justice, a strictly judicial procedure has been followed from the very outset, and that as a matter of fact, a visitor attending a session of that court would probably be unable to detect from the nature of the proceedings whether the court was seized of a request for an advisory opinion or of a contested case submitted by parties. In both types of cases, the interested parties submit briefs and make oral arguments, and the court reaches its conclusions by a purely judicial process.

Although you purport to favor American adherence to the Court, you now seek indefinitely to postpone such adherence by reopening the negotiations which were successfully brought to a close by Mr. Elihu Root in 1929. Mr. Root, the drafter and negotiator of the Protocol of American Accession has testified that this protocol constitutes an acceptance of the fifth reservation. Secretary Stimson, in his letter of March 22nd to Senator Borah, has emphatically affirmed his concurrence in that interpretation. Moreover, Secretary Stimson there pointed out that the resolution introduced by Senator Reed and embodied in the resolution introduced by Senator Walsh, affirms the clear understanding of the Senate that this interpretation is correct. The Secretary of State's opinion as to the force of

such an interpretative resolution is certainly of the highest authority, and he asserted that "By Senator Reed's resolution, it could be put beyond the possibility of future question that the interpretation which has been given us by Mr. Root shall be the authoritative interpretation of the future."

May I also venture to call to your attention the fact that your resolution as introduced on March 16th seems, from its preamble, to be based upon a misunderstanding of the Secretary of State's opinion regarding the interpretation of the so-called Root Protocol? Now that this doubt has been removed, it would seem that the reason for your resolution has also been removed. It appears to me also, that since your letter to Bishop Jenkins seems to be based on a slight misconception of the nature of advisory opinions, the conclusions expressed in that letter are also without sound basis in law and in fact.

In view of the above facts, it is difficult for anyone who favors American adherence to the Permanent Court of International Justice to see in your resolution anything other than an attempt to delay action upon this important question which has so long been kept dormant in the Foreign Relations Committee. I venture to express the hope that upon further consideration of this matter you will come to the conclusion that you should no longer press for the adoption of your resolution, but that you should meet the wishes expressed by thousands of American citizens that the United States should take its part in sustaining the only existing permanent court of international justice.

Respectfully yours,

Philip C. Jessup, Secy.
National World Court Committee

Rev. Thomas Jenkins
Bishop of Nevada
Lovelock, Nev.

United States Senate
Washington, D. C., March 31, 1932

My dear Bishop:

I am in receipt of your telegram of the 28th, requesting me to "do nothing by resolution or vote, or in any way to delay or defeat the United States entrance into the Court of International Relations."

It is conclusively evident from the former action not only of the Foreign Relations Committee but of the United States Senate that there is an abiding opposition to the rendering of ex parte advisory opinions in matters affecting the United States. We do not tolerate advisory opinions by our courts. I feel the courts should only act where there are issues joined. That is the general theory of the World Court, but unfortunately this theory is set at naught by the provisions for an advisory opinion.

A majority of the committee are now ready to report out a resolution for adherence to the court, but exactly upon the same conditions that the Senate authorized adherence before, and which conditions were refused by the other governments, members of the World Court. Unless these governments have changed their position with regard to the matter, as indicated by Mr. Root and the Secretary of State, then they would again refuse to approve our fifth reservation,

I am fearful that another disapproval by the other member governments of the World Court would long delay, if not permanently end, any further efforts upon our part to adhere to the court. It is for this reason that I feel that we should attempt to ascertain definitely from such governments their attitude toward amending the protocol by reasserting the fifth reservation.

I have written to Mrs. Helen T. Belford fully with regard to this matter, and I am now requesting her to have the letter published in the press of Nevada, so that my position may be understood by all of my constituents, and save the necessity of individually answering many communications.

With expressions of respect and regard, I am,

Sincerely,

Key Pittman

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April 13, 1932

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To: Members of the National World Court
Committee and Cooperating Organizations

The Senate Foreign Relations Committee at its meeting this morning voted on the Pittman resolution and defeated it by a vote of 11 to 8, 3 members of the Committee being absent. The line-up was as follows:

<u>Against</u>	<u>For</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Capper (Kas.)	Borah (Idaho)	Moses (N.H.) (For)
Reed (Penn.)	Johnson (Calif.)	George (Ga.) (Prob.no)
Fess (Ohio)	La Follette (Wis.)	Wagner (N.Y.) (against)
Vandenberg (Mich.)	Robinson (Ind.)	
Cutting (N. Mexico)	Glenn (Ill.)	
Robinson (Ark.)	Pittman (Nev.)	
Walsh (Mont.)	Lewis (Ill.)	
Harrison (Miss.)	Shipstead (Minn.)	
Black (Ala.)		
Connally (Tex.)		
Swanson (Va.) by proxy		

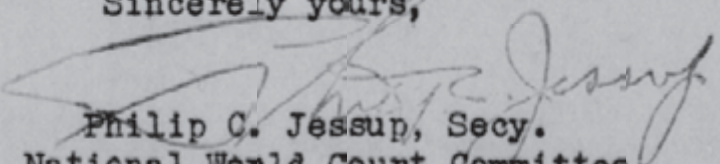
It will be noted that Senator Vandenberg who has been considered favorable to the Pittman resolution and who, with Senator Cutting, voted for postponement on March 2nd, no longer seems to be supporting the efforts for delay.

We urge that organizations and individuals wire or write senators on the Foreign Relations Committee who opposed the Pittman resolution, congratulating them on the position they took.

No other action was taken by the Committee. This of course does not mean that the fight is won, but at the same time it is highly gratifying and is a thorough justification of the intense efforts which we have all been making during the past few weeks.

A steady continuation of the same intense effort is certainly necessary and promises further satisfactory results. I hope that we can count on your continued cooperation and assistance. The immediate objective now, of course, is to induce the Committee to report out the Walsh resolution for ratification to the Senate, in order that this question may be taken up on the floor. If the Committee does take this action, all our efforts will then be needed to endeavor to secure a favorable vote on the floor of the Senate.

Sincerely yours,


Philip C. Jessup, Secy.
National World Court Committee

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What the
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ALABAMA

"There remain no reasonable arguments, either by advocates or opponents of American adherence to the World Court, against immediate consideration of the Protocols by the whole Senate. . . . There is no question but what public opinion is overwhelmingly in favor of American adherence to the Court. There is no reason to make it a campaign issue. On the contrary, dragging it into the campaign would do great harm." *Birmingham News*, March 27, 1932

"The truth of the long delay and the alleged confusion is that not even the passing of 11 years has given the Senate courage enough to discuss the Court intelligently and reasonably The Senate, in delaying consideration is endeavoring to turn back the hands of the clock. Not even the Senate can go on indefinitely living in the past. The present quarreling in the committee (the Senate Foreign Relations Committee) reflects no credit on the august body as a whole nor does it reflect the new attitude of this country which no longer underestimates the importance of the world outside our boundaries." *Mobile Register*, March 31, 1932

CALIFORNIA

"Nobody should be fooled by the hullabaloo of infinitesimals raised by quibbling Senators who want to stave off a vote on the World Court They are likely to use it (i. e. a technicality)—because they have nothing else—as a voting point to confuse the people. The real purpose is to sidetrack American membership in the Court entirely. And the motive for that is not primarily objection to the Court. It is objection to everything international. It is the last stand of isolationism." *San Francisco Chronicle*, March 26, 1932

CONNECTICUT

"There has never been any valid reason since Mr. Root went to Geneva to negotiate the formula that would surmount the Senate's Fifth Reservation, why the Senate should not have voted upon the question promptly. But those members of the Foreign Relations Committee hostile to adherence have presented one flimsy excuse after another to keep the three Protocols pigeonholed. Even though emergency domestic legislation has claimed the right of way, the Senate has had plenty of time to bring the World Court issue to a definite settlement." *Hartford Courant*, March 28, 1932

"All these devices, then, obviously aim not at sincere reappraisal of an issue that has been appraised until it is threadbare; all they seek is to mark time. But the interest of no one, certainly not the national interest, is served by marking time. . . . there can be little doubt that those who are blocking progress in the Senate contravene not only the most informed, but the most numerous opinion in this country on the matter." *New Haven Journal-Courier*, March 28, 1932

"It is time, then for the majority which voted against delay to realize what is happening, and to insist upon the immediate report of the protocols, leaving to the Senate as a whole the question of the meaning of the protocol of accession. It is a question which the Senate must decide for itself, anyhow, and the quicker it gets at it the better." *Waterbury Republican*, March 31, 1932

GEORGIA

"For four successive weeks action has been postponed, over the protest of those favoring them (the Protocols), and

notwithstanding the fact that the emergent legislation which furnished the excuse for delay earlier in the session is now largely out of the way. Unless the Protocols are reported out at an early date, they will not be considered by the Senate at this session, and a long delay will result in taking action which promises beneficial results to the whole world, and to which there is now but little opposition." *Atlanta Constitution*, March 28, 1932

"The foreign affairs committee had had the Protocols pigeon-holed for 15 months. Before that, President Hoover kept them about a year. They have languished in committee while opponents, headed by Senator Borah, played a peanut-politician game of delaying consideration. Senator Walsh of Montana, has been trying to get the committee to report for four successive weeks and it has failed or refused to do so.

"The resolution now pending—the Pittman resolution—is unnecessary in the face of what Secretary Stimson says and in the face of what Elihu Root told the committee: . . . The Senate has played a game of delay with the World Court proposal that has been shameful to the country. *Macon Telegraph & News*, March 27, 1932

"The Senate has really chloroformed adherence to the World Court. If it were ever submitted to the Senate it would be adopted. But the committee on foreign affairs is ingenious in keeping it from being considered in open Senate. . . . There is an insistent demand for its submission. Senators are lending themselves to a continuance of delay for fear of the people." *Savannah Evening Press*, March 29, 1932

LOUISIANA

"This gesture toward further consideration probably is intended to pacify those adherence advocates outside Congress who are demanding action. But few or none of these will be so easily deceived in the face of the abundant indications that the Senate—whether or not a majority favors adherence—is as reluctant now as ever it has been in the past to meet the issue and settle it." *New Orleans Times-Picayune*, March 19, 1932

MASSACHUSETTS

"Both the Lewis and the Pittman resolutions would succeed in putting the question off until after the presidential election of next November. It is difficult to escape the conclusion that this is the real object. Indeed, the purpose is so transparent that no one who favors American membership in the World Court will be misled. A vote for the Lewis or Pittman resolution is equivalent to a vote against American adherence to the World Court." *Christian Science Monitor*, March 24, 1932

"The Senate of the United States still possesses, we hope, some credit in the eyes of the nation and of the world. The members of the Court have acceded to the American reservation. All danger of 'entanglement' has been put out of the way. Common decency calls for action. Are we to have it, or merely an exhibition of cowardice, reflecting a petty political intrigue?" *Boston Transcript*, March 26, 1932

MICHIGAN

"But the truth is that, with the clarification now made possible by Senator Reed's reservation, few senators would dare to stand out against ratification on terms which imply no conceivable encroachment on the independence of this

country in its international relations. Supporters of the World Court have nothing to fear either as to the cause or as to themselves by insisting on a quick disposition of this subject which has been hanging fire for an unconscionably long time." *Marshall Evening Chronicle*, March 28, 1932

"The need in Washington apparently is for more men who will stand and declare that they will vote for what they think is right regardless of re-election. Evasion of issues, whether World Court, revenue or budget, is not the purpose for which members of congress are chosen. Mrs. Catt's letter is an indication that an aroused public may finally demand performance of the functions expected of the national legislature." *Grand Rapids Press*, March 24, 1932

"Senator Vandenberg's willingness to place almost every other major item of legislation ahead of consideration of the World Court protocols does not give the appearance of leadership on this great international question . . . It may be granted, also, that the present temper of congress is not wholly favorable to early consideration of the protocols . . . But to assume apathetically that it cannot be taken up for weeks or months seems merely an admission that no one is ready to take a courageous stand for earlier consideration." *Grand Rapids Press*, March 28, 1932

"The importance of the world court as an instrument of peace and as a tremendous advancement in the efforts of civilized peoples to settle their affairs by civilized methods overshadows the touchiness which the senate committee seems to feel because Secretary Stimson made his letter public before transmitting it to the committee." *Battle Creek Enquirer & Evening News*, March 29, 1932

MINNESOTA

"Secretary Stimson's assertion . . . does not satisfy Senator Borah and the others. However, they are plainly determined not to be satisfied by anything except the death of the World Court protocol. It is time the pledges of the Republican and Democratic parties were being put to a test in the Senate." *St. Paul Pioneer Press*, March 25, 1932

MONTANA

"Despite this preponderance of public and official opinion those who advocate delay may have their way again unless the senate committee can be convinced that the United States should stop procrastinating and at least tell the world that it has some kind of an opinion on this subject." *Great Falls Tribune*, March 30, 1932

NEW JERSEY

"The persistent delay by the Senate is without excuse . . . The Senate should approve the World Court Protocol. And it should do it at this session." *Camden Courier-Post*, March 24, 1932

"The people of the United States want the resolution of adherence on the part of their country to the World Court adopted. They are tired and ashamed that the matter has already been delayed so long by the Senate." *Elizabeth Daily Journal*, March 25, 1932

"Why then, should there be any further delay? Every inquiry conducted within the past five years has proved that public opinion is overwhelmingly favorable to American entry into the international tribunal. And yet the Senate irreconcilables still seem able to prevent a final showdown on the issue." *Trenton State Gazette*, March 26, 1932

"As repeatedly pointed out in these columns, American entry into the World Court would exert a stabilizing in-

fluence upon international affairs at a moment when increased confidence is urgently needed. The Senate Foreign Relations Committee, of which Mr. Borah is chairman, will do well to approach disposition of the issue with this consideration in mind." *Trenton Evening Times*, March 28, 1932

NEW YORK

"Despite the wide evidence of popular support, despite the repeated statements of Mr. Root and Secretary Stimson that American interests are fully protected in the new protocol and despite the important effect which our membership might well have upon the disarmament negotiations, the issue draws no nearer settlement. The delay has become a scandal." *New York Evening Post*, March 26, 1932

"A few weeks ago the opponents of the World Court professed to be willing to allow it to come to a vote in the Senate, because they then thought that they could muster more than one-third and defeat it. Latterly they have not been so sure of this and have been resorting to every kind of excuse for delay. It is now their apparent intention not to permit the question to be voted upon during this session of Congress." *New York Times*, March 31, 1932

"Every scrap of information which would clarify the protocol and define America's position as a member under it, has been laid before the Senate foreign relations committee. It needs nothing more if its members possess the intelligence they are presumed to have, and honestly it wants no more Calling of the secretary personally by the anti-court senators 'for further information' is a dishonest statement. The whole purpose is to delay consideration further, indefinitely if possible." *Utica Press*, March 26, 1932

OREGON

"Every motion made in the committee would, if adopted, cause further delay. An example is the resolution of Senator Pittman Refusal of the committee to act is due to the fact that enemies of the world court have risen, through the working of the seniority rule, to dominant positions in the committee. In its attitude toward the court the committee does not express the opinion of the majority of the senate, much less that of the majority of the American people." *Portland Oregonian*, March 31, 1932

PENNSYLVANIA

"And fear and imaginings, rather than convincing reason, are operating to keep the protocols tied up in the Foreign Relations Committee." *Philadelphia Evening Bulletin*, March 28, 1932

SOUTH CAROLINA

"The time has about arrived for us to come forward bravely and declare under which banner we fight the battles of peace and amity and enlightenment." *Columbia State*, April 4, 1932

SOUTH DAKOTA

". . . the Senate's continued pettifoggery over the matter of entering the World Court becomes even more humiliating. The Senate's delay in ratifying the proposal of three successive Presidents to enter the World Court is utterly indefensible." *The Evening Republican* (Mitchell, S. D.) April 5, 1932

TENNESSEE

"We are quite aware that, on election years, politically-minded Senators favor avoidance of these issues. It is, however, not only good statesmanship, but good politics as well, to favor the World Court now, since the people who cast the ballots are in favor of it. . . . Let us bring out the Walsh resolution, and let us adopt it. Southern Senators who any longer encourage delay will be going against the desires of their people." *Chattanooga News*, March 29, 1932

TEXAS

"If the friends of the World Court now in Washington are afraid to stand up and be counted, let them say so. We do not believe that Senators Pittman and King, sincere though they may be, reflect the sentiment of Woodrow Wilson's party and its representatives now in Congress when they propose further delay in a test vote on the issue. Now is the time for action—not next year or some future indeterminate date." *Houston Chronicle*, March 23, 1932

"The hollowness of the case against entrance into the World Court would be absurd if it were anywhere else than in politics. In politics the more absurd a position the angrier people can get on either side. . . . Politics seems to make the common man either a bluffer or a coward—and of uncommon men in politics there is a dearth now." *Dallas Morning News*, March 24, 1932

"This delay seems prompted by the Senate's fear that the question would complicate the presidential election in November. Such an attitude of political expediency on the part of Congress is not surprising, but, nevertheless, it is unthinkable that the delay will be allowed without the active protest of all lovers of peace. Two more years may be too late." *Austin Daily Texan*, March 22, 1932

"There is no other object to be served by the Pittman resolution except further delay of the matter which has already been pending 11 years. . . . If Senator Pittman's resolution is adopted by the committee, the reason will be that the Senators members of the committee are merely 'stalling' for time. . . . The spectacle of endless quibbling over words, of express and implied suspicions of the rest of the world, is not one of which Americans may be proud. The Foreign Relations Committee, out of self-respect if nothing else, should have done with such childish and un-American antics." *Fort Worth Star Telegram*, March 26, 1932

"The Senate should put technicalities and hair-splitting aside in considering the protocol, which was drafted by Elihu Root and several Old World statesmen along the lines which the United States had requested. . . . It would be indeed regrettable should the Senate adjourn without ratifying an instrument which fully protects this Nation's interests." *San Antonio Express*, March 30, 1932

WISCONSIN

"Adherence to the World Court is one of the duties which our place among the nations puts upon us. There should be no question about that adherence. But, more than that, there should be no question about our willingness to vote on adherence. Americans will want to see the question of adherence out in the open during this session, regardless of where they stand on the question itself." *Milwaukee Journal*, March 30, 1932

“The occasion requires an expression of public opinion so loud and so general as will drive the committee to report or will drive the Senate to discharge the committee from consideration of the matter. There have been scattering protests; they should go in floods to the Senate from every organization of every kind that favors the World Court.”

*From the Portland (Oregon) Oregonian,
March 31, 1932*

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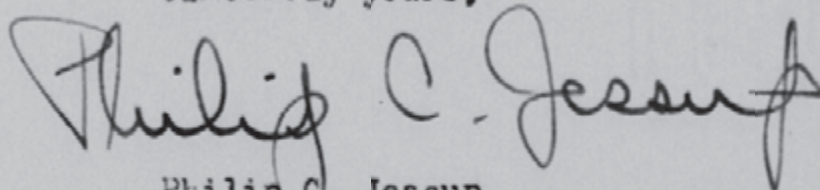
To the members of the National World Court
Committee and to cooperating organizations:

A meeting of your Executive Committee was held last week. Mrs. Catt and Miss Lape of the American Foundation attended the meeting. It was the unanimous view of those present that we should not allow the World Court question to pass unnoticed at this session of Congress. There is considerable evidence that many Senators believe the issue is now dead and that people in the country have lost interest in it. We believe that this impression should be corrected.

We therefore intend to take steps to revive the question. We consider that this should be done without regard to the possibility of securing action upon the protocols at this session. The recent statement of the Administration indicates that they do not plan to press for action at this session, but it is possible that this decision could be changed. Whether it can or not, we believe that Senators should be reminded of the fact that eight years have passed since they last voted on the question, in spite of the pledges in the platforms of both major parties in favor of adherence.

We consider it advisable to complete our plans carefully before launching any drive, but as soon as these plans are more fully developed, we will keep you informed regarding them. I am sure that we can count on your help and cooperation now as in the past.

Sincerely yours,



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Through the courtesy of Senator Joseph T. Robinson, there is being sent to you, under separate cover, a copy of the report of the hearing held on March 23rd by the Committee on Foreign Relations of the United States Senate. The report is so complete we are sure you will wish to have a copy.

While it was found impossible to secure action on the Court protocols at the recent session of the Congress, the Committee on Foreign Relations, at its meeting held on May 30th, unanimously adopted the following resolution offered by Senator Robinson:

"RESOLVED by the Committee on Foreign Relations that at the first meeting of the Committee at the next regular session of the Congress, the protocols relating to the World Court will be proceeded with, and that consideration of the same be concluded as early as practicable during that session."

This resolution would seem to ensure definite action next January or February. While every indication points to the fact that more than two-thirds of the members of the Senate will vote for ratification when the final vote is taken, the National World Court Committee, nevertheless, believes that the forces throughout the country which have been supporting membership in the Court, should not relax their efforts in the least. We hope, therefore, to be able to continue our activities until the matter has been favorably disposed of.

Thanking you on behalf of the Committee for your past support and cooperation, I am

Very sincerely yours

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Dr. A. H. Silver
The Temple, Ansel Rd. & 105th
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My dear Dr. Silver:

This will acknowledge the receipt of the generous contribution of \$10. which you sent toward the expenses of the National World Court Committee. We are very grateful to you for this support and want you to know how much we appreciate it. I am sorry to say, however, that we have been defeated for the present.

As you likely have noted from the newspapers, the protocols were defeated on the final roll-call by a vote of 52 to 36. It is strange how difficult it is to find out for certain what the attitude of the Senators is on matters of this sort. There were about nine Senators who were looked upon as favoring the Court Treaties and there were two counted as against, who voted in just the opposite way. This made a switch of seven votes which was just the number needed to bring victory.

We shall not be discouraged, however, and are holding a meeting in a few days to decide what our immediate course shall be.

With a renewed expression of our thanks for all you have done for us, I am

Very sincerely yours

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