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The book of Peace, 1934.

For "The Book
of Peace"
July 28 1934 34-38

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few will take in the face of crisis. The destruction of capitalism
is ^{not} ~~is~~ ^{guaranteed} ~~guaranteed~~ ^{by a propaganda campaign} ~~by a propaganda campaign~~ against international economic
competition and war.

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~~and the authority of the world must be built~~
~~up. All values must be made to form it~~
and now must be ^{followed} ~~followed~~ ^{an individual} ~~an individual~~ to resign from
it - any more than ^{can} ~~can~~ ^{be} ~~be ^{removed} ~~removed~~ ^{from the sphere} ~~from the sphere~~ ^{by resigning...} ~~by resigning...~~
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~~peace~~



I have no (sure?) formula for universal peace. I am convinced, however, that a reconstructed and reinforced League of Nations offers the only avenue for the ultimate solution of the problem of war and peace. Disarmament is a consequence of peace and security. It is quite hopeless to begin with disarmament conferences. Refusal to fight - pacifism - is a position which only a negligible few will take in the hour of crisis after the masses have been worked upon by a propaganda campaign. The destruction of capitalism is also no guarantee against international economic competition and war.

The authority of the League must be built up and a binding code of international law must be evolved. All nations must be made to join it and none must be allowed free to resign from it - any more than an individual can remove himself from the sphere of civil

and criminal law, simply by resigning... The League must have military power to back up its ~~positions~~ decisions. Sole dependence on public opinion or the pledged word of the members to the League proved to be inadequate. The peace settlement of the world should be focussed upon strengthening the authority of the League which should be rebuilt on principles free from the political inequalities which weaken its present foundations.