

# ADDITIONS, INTEGRATIONS, CORRECTIONS AND SUPPLEMENTS TO THE BIBLIOGRAPHY OF ARNOLD JOSEPH TOYNBEE\*

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189) Toynbee was among the 20 signatories of *The World Foundation: A Proposal for Immediate Action on a World Basis*, Oxford, The University Press, 1936, p. 3. Other signatories included Lord Allen of Hurtwood, Sir Norman Angell, W. Arnold-Foster, Dr. M.J. Bonn, Guglielmo Ferrero, W.E. Hocking, J.A. Johnston, Commander Stephen King-Hall, Lord Lytton, Thomas Mann, F. Maurette, Professor Gilbert Murray, E.J. Phelan, H.S.L. Polak, Jules Romains, Sir Arthur Salter, Dr. Ray Lyman Wilbur.

190) *The World as a Unit. Objects of a New Organization. Research and Education*, in «The Times», December 21, 1936, p. 9. An account of 189.

191) *World as a Unit. New Organisation. Appeal for Fund of £ 1.000.000*, in «The Manchester Guardian», December 21, 1936, p. 16. Another account of 189.

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\* *A Bibliography of Arnold J. Toynbee*, compiled by S. Fiona Morton, with a Foreword by Veronica M. Toynbee, Oxford, Oxford University Press, 1980.

THE WORLD AS A UNIT  
OBJECTS OF A NEW ORGANIZATION  
RESEARCH AND EDUCATION\*\*

There is published to-day, by a group of men of various nationalities and professions, a manifesto under the title of *The World Foundation: a Proposal for Immediate Action on a World Basis*. It is issued as a 50-page pamphlet by an organizing committee having its London office in the Haymarket. The 20 signatories include Lord Allen of Hurtwood, Sir Arthur Salter, Sir Norman Angell, Dr. Ray Lyman Wilbur, Dr. M.J. Bonn, Guglielmo Ferrero, Jules Romain, Lord Lytton, Professor Gilbert Murray, Mr. Arnold Toynbee, and Salvador de Madariaga (chairman).

«Undeterred by the growing virulence of war-like tendencies» – the pamphlet begins –, «and stimulated by the yearning for peace equally intense throughout the world, a group of men have been working for some time on the following proposals. They now put them forward as one of the means whereby in their opinion constructive peace and endeavours should be raised above mere pacifism, and provided with a concrete aim – the intelligent organization of life on this planet». With this introduction, the pamphlet proceeds to set forth the case for a World Foundation. Its main thesis is that the troubles that harass people all over the earth to-day proceed from the fact that, while (thanks to the swiftness of modern communications) the world has become a unit and the people of the 60 nations are in fact a world community, they do not realize this fact, but continue blindly to try to run their lives as 60 independent entities. This, it is contended, makes for chaos and anarchy.

The sponsors of the World Foundation assert that it will be difficult, if not impossible, to remedy present troubles until the general public has come to realize the unity of life and interests that actually exists, and that the world life must be organized accordingly; in other words, until the development among the people of the world of a world consciousness, this

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\*\* The Times», December 21, 1936, p. 9.

consciousness to be fostered particularly among the leading men of the various countries, and through them gradually to permeate a sufficient number of people to put in world affairs the modicum of conscious co-ordination which they require.

## A WORLD FOUNDATION

«In the service of this high purpose» – the manifesto continues – we propose to enlist a group of men endowed with experience of world affairs and in a position to spread the new idea throughout the world. Such a group is hereafter described as the World Foundation. The World Foundation will be an un-official institution, free from all national fetters. Its aim will be to promote the idea and the feeling of world unity among the people of all national communities in order to prepare the way for a system of world management supported by an informed public opinion». The Foundation will be governed by (a) a board of trustees, whose chief function shall be to invite and invest funds, and (b) a governing body of some 12 to 20 members, who will direct general policy. The Foundation seat will be at some conveniently placed European city, such as Geneva, Vienna, or The Hague.

Under the general direction of the governing body the Foundation will operate through two main departments: one, research and study; two, dissemination and education. Under the first department, studies would be made towards an effective world economic organization. world political organization, world financial organization. One of the important functions of the Foundation would be to act as a bridge between the men in power and the mass of human intelligence concentrated in the universities and among specialists of various sorts. It should furnish these busy men with a considerable amount of the "raw material" they require. At the same time, through its educational activities, it should also be a bridge between a world-spirited public opinion and intelligent political action.

## LOCAL CENTRES

The department of dissemination and education would operate through conferences, local centres, contact with existing institutions the publication of a world periodical, and the

facilities offered by broadcasting. Under this department a world affairs conference would meet once a year, and to it would be invited key-men of the various countries – such as educators, lecturers, editorial writers, political leaders, and so on. These men would spend 10 days or two weeks in the comradeship of daily life together, and would give the bulk of their time to the study of some important world problem presented to them from the world point of view. These leaders would then return to their various countries and spheres of life, acting as “relays” for the world unity impulse stimulated by the conference. Local centres would be set up in every country, translating this impulse into the national idiom and into that of the various environments – university, religious, working class, business, &c. – so that its influence would be most widely felt. Thus, it is believed, gradually would come the change of attitude and the conversion of minds to the feeling of world unity which is the chief aim of the Foundation.

To carry out this programme, an endowment of £1.000.000 or \$5.000.000 is sought. It is hoped that this will be obtained through small as well as large gifts from the people of all nations. Five trustees are being appointed to receive and deposit funds. Associate membership in the Foundation is open to anyone sympathizing with its aims and desiring to further them. All information may be obtained from the World Foundation Committee, 53-4, Haymarket, London. S.W.1, and 50, East 58th Street, New York.