

during the days of the League of Nations. At San Francisco in 1945 mankind believed that it was about to be mobilized.

An International Police Force is still the hope of an assured world peace, but to become a mighty instrument in the maintenance of the Rule of Law it has yet to receive more than vocal approbation among world leaders.

Jurisdiction in Outer Space

There have been many times in history when man has stood on the threshold of a new age, but none to surpass the present, as man is poised to explore and to exploit the universe of outer space. This is the age of nucleus -- that infinitesimally minute world, held together by forces so titanic that whether released in bombs for death or reactors for life, they have changed man's thinking and his future. Considerable progress has been made in the control and peaceful use of atomic energy through the establishment of the International Atomic Energy Agency of the United Nations, through the creation of "EURATOM" for the Community of Six in Europe, and through a number of bilateral agreements as well.

To facilitate the peaceful interchange of atomic energy information and the supply of the necessary raw materials and know-how is an immediate problem, so that mankind can benefit from the almost limitless but manageable power that nature has stored in the nucleus.

The scientific break-through which, when linked with nuclear energy, spells either heroic adventure or total disaster for mankind, began with Sputnik and has developed into an international race to launch a human being into space.

The question of jurisdiction in outer space and of the control of celestial objects such as the moon, which scientists believe is but a generation away from discovery and physical exploitation by man and states, has brought problems which deserve and demand early solution.

Canada, and other nations of the Commonwealth, have been willing to enter into an agreement that would jointly control outer space missiles and satellite developments, but the U.S.S.R. is not willing to do so.

Canada has advocated that objects projected into outer space must be for peaceful or scientific purposes.

I have advocated:

- (a) the setting up of an international space agency, named by the United Nations General Assembly, with inspection and control powers to police all operations, to assure that jurisdiction of the atmosphere shall