

The responsible government of a Great Power, France, has on two occasions submitted a plan for an International Air Force to the Disarmament Conference, based upon the technical knowledge of its air experts.

A number of distinguished military and naval experts have declared, that from the technical standpoint, an International Police Force is a practical proposition. One of the aims of the New Commonwealth is to organise investigation and research by enlisting the assistance of experts for elucidating the technical problems involved in the organisation of an International Police Force.

THE real difficulties, however, are not technical, but political. Impracticability is now used as a weapon in the hands of our political opponents. The problem can be solved, but there still remains the conversion of public opinion, which can only be accomplished by intensive education. The New Commonwealth seeks to concentrate its activities upon the two essential elements in the Reign of Law—a tribunal and a police force. It confines its attention to these two practical objectives, and endeavours to mobilise public opinion in every country in their support. It seeks to merge the defence of each in the defence of all ; it substitutes the policing for the duelling system ; it combines moral and physical force as the strongest deterrent to international crime ; above all, it is based upon the concept of justice which alone can be the foundation of permanent peace. It is clear, however, that it cannot undertake this enormous task unless it is generously supported, morally and financially, by all those people of good will who earnestly desire to save our civilisation from annihilation. Therefore, we confidently appeal to individuals, voluntary bodies, and educational institutions to support the aims and objects of the New Commonwealth.



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