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and be affected with equity and amplitude; and that the popular masses do not have the dangerous dissatisfaction in their living standard which produces social conflicts, rebellions, and wars. The greatest wealth is man himself, and, consequently, the people without dividing lines--in one word, humanity--composed of persons under all flags. Hence, to promote the economic welfare and development of the human species is to combat war and to base lasting peace on harmony of interests and the extension of justice.

Uruguay has endeavored to preserve, defend, and guard this fundamental and precious wealth by providing under a decree of July 26, 1944, that its delegates to conferences and congresses of the post-war express the need of combating the disturbing practice of "dumping" in international trade. To this end it has proposed: that governments and peoples give preference in commercial interchange to the merchandise and products of countries in which there prevail effectively the juridical and ethical principles of protection of workers against exploitation by the state or by individuals; to reject the merchandise and products of countries which obtain a lower cost for them at the expense of the rights, health, and freedom of the working masses; and to refrain from entering into commercial agreements with nations which maintain labor organizations oppressive to human beings.

This principle, in the opinion of Uruguay, should guide the activities and work of the Economic and Social Council.

If there is to be an organization entrusted with security, another with justice, and another for the economic and social planning of the world, there should also be an organization entrusted with culture.

My country feels that it is desirable to organize a council charged with promoting, encouraging, and initiating the relations of cultural interchange between the nations, for the same reason that it believes in the spirit, in the moral forces, and in the factors of intelligence which have definitely served as decisive motives for taking up arms and stimulating the conscience in the struggle against the Axis powers.

There will not be peace in the world if there is no peace in the spirit.

It is necessary to reach it for the rebirth of the ideals at the end of the painful crisis of the world,