

appreciate the compelling necessity for international cooperation to meet and overcome the dangers of economic and social forces which so profoundly affect our lives, if uncontrolled. United Nations offers the means for such international cooperation.

And lastly, and following upon the other reasons I have given the United Nations points the only way to unity of the world, by agreement and consent, instead of by conquest and compulsion. Hitler tried to impose his own idea of unity - and it might be tried again. The United Nations on the other hand offers perhaps a slower way to world unity, but a more worthwhile and more lasting way, based upon collective effort and consent and upon justice to nations large and small.

#### CONCLUSION

If I have spoken emphatically about the reasons which in my opinion should lead us to give all the support we can to the United Nations, I do not mean that we should adopt an attitude of "my United Nations right or wrong". What is needed I would suggest in all humility, is not an uncritical enthusiasm, but a persistent painstaking effort to understand, and in this way to formulate an intelligent public attitude which will bring a constructive influence to bear upon this Organization.

I have therefore tried to present what, in my opinion, is a fair balance sheet between the defects and accomplishments of the United Nations. The accomplishments may seem rather flimsy, especially when compared with the serious defects to which I have referred. They should not, however, be over-estimated.

Peoples of good will, nations of good-will, through the Agency of the United Nations, are bending selfish national interests to the common good, and over a very broad field in international activity are gradually but with considerable effect building up agreement which affects our daily lives.

It cannot be overlooked, however, that in the absence of effective provisions for enforcement, voluntary agreements in an organization composed of 58 member states with widely differing backgrounds and points of view, are apt to be built upon the lowest common denominator and are, therefore, of little weight. But as a delegate was heard to say at Lake Success the other day: - the United Nations "like the prettiest girl in the world, can only give what she has got".

It is a challenge to everyone who wishes to work for peace, to see to it that the United Nations gets more, so that it has more to give. Miracles, however, should not be expected for like every human institution, it is based on human imperfections. I need hardly remind this audience that schools have existed for a much longer time than the United Nations in a large part of the world, but they have not yet done away with ignorance. The United Nations has not banished insecurity or war, but it offers to the world an organization to mobilize all efforts of good-will to work for peace and for better cooperation and understanding between the nations. If it did not exist today it would have to be created. As it does exist today it should be used to the full and constantly improved. For the United Nations is our main hope for world peace.