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February 23, 1935

Sir Arthur Currie, President,  
McGill University,  
Montreal, Canada.

Sir:

By virtue of the special clauses annexed to the Peace Treaties for the protection of national minorities left under foreign rule, the Macedonian population under Greek and Serb domination is guaranteed certain minimum rights and national liberties. Notwithstanding the fact that the governments of Yugoslavia and Greece signed the aforementioned treaties and obligated themselves to fulfil their stipulations, the Macedonians under their jurisdiction, particularly those Macedonians of Bulgarian nationality, and they form the bulk of the population, continue to live under an indescribable martyrdom. The strenuous and ceaseless efforts on the part of the Serb and Greek authorities to destroy their buoyant and ever lively national spirit are by now well known to all humane and dispassionate observers of the affairs of the Balkan peninsula. Our compatriots, deprived not alone of those liberties which are guaranteed to them by the minority clauses, but also of the most elementary and innate human rights, have no possibility whatever of combatting in a legal way the barbaric terror exercised upon them. The Bulgarian population in Macedonia under Serb and Greek rule is subjected to an unheard of assimilatory policy. Its national character is denied by the Serbs and the Greeks; its Bulgarian churches have been taken away, the priests and bishops banished, all Bulgarian books, including the Bible, have been strictly forbidden, and all Bulgarian schools closed. In other words, the Macedonian population has been outlawed.

The irrefutable facts concerning this cruel persecution to which have been subjected our unfortunate relatives in our enslaved Fatherland have time and again been made known to the League of Nations, as well as to the enlightened opinion of the world, by detailed memorandums of prominent Macedonian intellectuals escaped from the Serbian yoke, and by innumerable depositions on the part of the legal emigrant Macedonian societies. We cannot, therefore, conceal our profound disappointment that the League of Nations, empowered as it is to see that the minority clauses of the treaties are applied to the letter, has so far failed to take action on the pleas made by the Macedonian population.

The Central Committee of the Macedonian Political Organizations in the United States and Canada, expressing once again the cherished desire of the Macedonians throughout the world that the Balkan problems be settled by peaceable means, and stressing once again the Macedonian demands, wishes to propose, in the name of peace and justice, and in order that an end may be put once for all to the unbearable conditions in Macedonia under Serb and Greek rule—conditions at variance with the stipulations of the Peace Treaties and contrary to inviolate moral precepts—the following;

1. That there be made, in the three torn parts of Macedonia, a verification of the Macedonian complaints. We are ready at any time and with joy to accept an impartial international investigation, which should on the spot establish the truth concerning the situation in Macedonia. This act would be a large contribution toward directing the hostile Balkan nations to live in peace and harmony among themselves. Such an investigation the Macedonian inhabitants and the Macedonian emigrant organizations have demanded many times, but it has always been rejected by the governments of Belgrade and Athens. a fact which confirms most clearly the justice of the Macedonian demands and obviates the guilt of the Yugoslav and Greek governments.

3.

2. Taking into account the recent plebiscite in the Saar province, and having in view the unwillingness so far of Yugoslavia and Greece to observe the minority clauses which guarantee national and cultural rights to the unhappy Macedonian population, we insist that in Macedonia too there be conducted a similar test. In this connection we are ready to accept the following:

(a) While the plebiscite is in preparation the three parts of Macedonia be occupied by an international army, under whose vigilance the plebiscite also to be carried out.

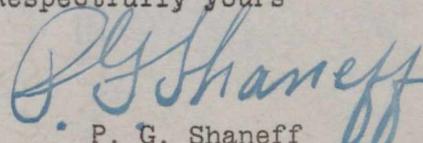
(b) The plebiscite to be conducted under the auspices of the League of Nations, or of the great European powers, the United States and Canada.

We trust that you will give your enlightened attention to the foregoing requests, which are in complete harmony with the spirit of the Peace Treaties, and which, we feel, will be justly appraised by you fair-minded people, to whom we are addressing as the sincere desire of the enslaved Macedonian population and of the Macedonian emigrant societies. We feel that this is a peaceable solution of the Macedonian problem, and we should deem ourselves particularly honored if you, in considering our demands, be moved solely by the principles of justice, legality, and humanity.

In conclusion we wish to say that we consider it our duty to point out that the tragic fate of our people may become the cause, if measures are not taken for the discontinuance of the present terror in Macedonia, for new complications which, contrary to our desire, may disturb the peace of the Balkans and of the entire European continent.

With expressions of the profoundest esteem, we are

Respectfully yours



P. G. Shaneff

President.

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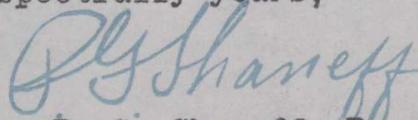
**Sir:**

The enclosed document represents the unanimously adopted resolution of the Sixteenth Congress of the Macedonian Political Organization of the United States, Canada, and Australia convoked on September fifth, sixth, seventh, and eighth, nineteen hundred and thirty-seven, at Indianapolis, Indiana.

In the name of peace and justice, the Central Committee of the MPO urgently begs you to give your careful attention to the enclosed declaration which expounds the tragic fate of the enslaved Macedonian people, who, despite the human privileges promised to them in the Treaty for the Protection of the Minorities, continue to suffer under the cruel impress of the harsh assimilative policies of Jugoslavia and Greece.

We, the Macedonian immigrants in North America and Australia, avow our firm determination to uphold and realize the guiding principle of all Macedonians--MACE-  
DONIA FOR THE MACEDONIANS!

Respectfully yours,



P. G. Shaneff, President

## D E C L A R A T I O N

The Sixteenth Congress of the Macedonian Political Organization of the United States of America, Canada, and Australia convened at Indianapolis, Indiana, on September fifth, sixth, seventh, and eighth, nineteen hundred and thirty-seven with complete unanimity voted the following declaration:

The depressing reports, which we receive incessantly from our native land, Macedonia, obligate this assembly to reveal to the enlightened public opinion of America, Europe, Australia, and the remaining continents and to the controllers of the world's destinies the tragic lot of the enslaved Macedonian people who are living under the impress of a vicious oppression.

In their irrational aspiration to assimilate the Macedono-Bulgarians, who comprise the major portion of the population of Macedonia, the Governments of Jugoslavia and Greece obstinately persist in their policy of enforced subjugation and oppression in our afflicted Motherland.

Jugoslavia and Greece refused to recognize those national and political privileges and liberties which were guaranteed to the Bulgarians in Macedonia by the celebrated covenant for protection of the national minorities under foreign domination. Jugoslavia was obliged to respect these rights by virtue of articles two to nine inclusive, in the Treaty signed between the Allied and Associated Powers and the Kingdom of the Serbs, Croats, and Slovenes, on September tenth, nineteen hundred and nineteen, at St. Germain-En-Laye. The Jugoslavian Government categorically declined to fulfill the decrees of the Minority Agreement, which pledged the national and cultural prerogatives of the subjugated Macedonian people.

The present Jugoslav Government obdurately adopted this same policy. The latter, in order to divert the attention of the world from the outrageous treatment of the Macedonians under Jugoslavia, resorted to a clever artifice—the negotiation and ratification of the Treaty for "Eternal" Jugoslav-Bulgarian Friendship. This shallow treaty was welcomed undiscerningly by some quarters and persons as the threshold of a

peaceful and tranquil relationship between the Balkan Nations. Fully aware of the designs of the existing Jugoslavian regime, the Sixteenth Congress, expressing the will and wish of the patriotic Macedonian organizations, firmly rejected the concluded "munificent" agreement between Belgrade and Sofia for the following reasons:

1. Because the Bulgaro-Jugoslavian Treaty did not restore the abused rights of the downtrodden Macedonian population;
2. Because, since the signing of this pact, the administration of Dr. Milan Stoyadinovich has continued its base endeavors to assimilate the Macedono-Bulgarians under Jugoslavian bondage;
3. Because the "rapprochement", proclaimed and adopted by the Prime Ministers of Bulgaria and Jugoslavia, in no way alleviated the indescribable sufferings of the maltreated Macedonians, who, notwithstanding the deceptive and fallacious propaganda from the Jugoslav Capital, are deprived of the most elementary human rights and prerogatives.

Resolutely opposed to the Bulgaro-Jugoslavian Pact which alleges "immortal" friendship between the two Nations, we aver our unhesitating willingness to welcome eagerly any noble initiative for the establishment of a real understanding not only between the South Slavs, but also between the remaining nations inhabiting the Balkan Peninsula.

The Sixteenth Congress of the Macedonian Political Organization of North America and Australia considers it its imperative duty to direct attention to the violent methods of coercion which the Greek Government has employed for the past year in its efforts to disguise the national character of the Bulgarian population in that section of Macedonia which falls under the Greek yoke. The terrorism, which exists in that part of our severed Motherland, is unprecedented. Since the World War, the victimized Macedono-Bulgarians are heralded by the Greek Authorities as "Bulgarophones", Greeks speaking the Bulgarian language. They are divested, also, of their most rudimental national privileges and liberties. They

are debarred from all religious, scholastic, and literary freedom. Despite these and other innumerable barbarities the Macedonian people adhere steadfastly to their national origin. After it established the signal failure of the assimilative policy of Greece in Macedonia, the Dictatorship of General Metaxas, in its efforts to curb the alert national consciousness of the Macedono-Bulgarian, is resorting to additional, despicable methods of malignant oppressiveness. For the past year the Greek Rulers forbid our brother and sister Macedonians the use of their native tongue even in the sanctuary of their homes. Those who violate this inhuman decree and those who cannot fulfill this command (because of a lack of knowledge of the Greek language) are punished severely by the police officary with strict chastisements, heavy monetary penalties, exile to the islands, imprisonment, beatings, etc., etc. Shocking details of unspeakable miseries, to which the Macedono-Bulgarians under Greek rule are subjected, come to us from the various cities and villages in Macedonia under Greek domination.

In imparting the preceding atrocious facts, the Congress proposes the execution of an impartial plebiscite in the three sections of our divided Birthland, Macedonia, for a definite determination of the will of the Macedonian people.

The Macedonian immigrants in North America and Australia declare that they are ready to defray all expenses for the execution of an IMPARTIAL INTERNATIONAL INVESTIGATION, which is to determine justly and conscientiously the actual state of conditions in enslaved Macedonia. The Congress announces, that if necessary measures are not taken opportunely for the cessation of Jugoslavia's and Greece's policies of forced denationalization in our Fatherland, the Macedonian population in the Old Country will consider itself free to employ, in its struggle for national self-preservation, its one resort--armed strife. Such contention (least desired by the peace-loving Macedonian people, who yearn for a peaceful and just solution of the controversial international problems) may cause new and more terrible disturbances not only in the Balkans, but also in the whole of Europe.

The Congress whole-heartedly thanks all noble and enlightened persons who have had the courage to proclaim the truth regarding Macedonia and to espouse the just demands of the trampled Macedonian population, which is struggling for the acquisition of its sacred human rights and prerogatives.

We joyfully proffer our infinite gratitude to the United States of America, Canada, and Australia, where, in the liberal confines of their democratic laws, we have had the privilege of blazoning the truth concerning Macedonia.

The patriotic Macedonian immigrants in North America and Australia solemnly aver their unalterable decision to support vigorously the great struggle which the Macedonian population and the Macedonian immigrants in Bulgaria are leading for the realization of our sacred motto, heralded by the noble English Statesman, William Gladstone,—Macedonia for the Macedonians!

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Sir:

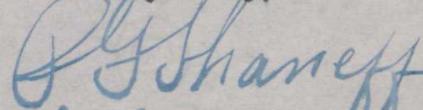
The enclosure is an exposé from Mrs. Elena Tchkatrova--mother of the worthy Macedonian martyr--Dimiter Tchkatroff. The shuddering facts brought forth in this mother's stirring appeal cannot fail to move the heart of any really human being. It clearly describes not only the horrible sufferings to which this Macedonian political prisoner is subjected, but it also portrays the frightful conditions of the subjugated Macedonian peoples in Yugo-Slavia.

During 1927, in connection with the famous students' affair in Skopje, Macedonia, Dimiter Tchkatroff was condemned to a ten years' prison sentence. Simultaneously, there were nine other Macedonian students sentenced to prison--two for twenty years, one for fifteen years, and the others for five years each. These Macedonian students were persecuted and jailed for no other crime than refusing to renounce the Bulgarian for Serbian nationality. Four years ago, however, all of these prisoners except Tchkatroff were pardoned. He is brother of Jordan Tchkatroff, former general secretary of the Macedonian Political Organizations in the United States and Canada.

Notwithstanding the fact that Dimiter Tchkatroff is a political prisoner, yet, in the last four years, the attitude of the Serbian authorities toward him has been one of incredible ferocity. No pen can describe the horrible physical punishment and suffering which he has been undergoing. At present Dimiter Tchkatroff is confined in the prison of Sremska Mitrovitsa. Because of the cruel bastinado punishment, his health is now rapidly declining. Many times he has fallen unconscious. At different times the Serbian persecutors have forcefully tried to compel Tchkatroff to sign a declaration renouncing his Bulgarian nationality.

The Central Committee of the Macedonian Political Organizations in the United States and Canada, in its campaign to save Tchkatroff wishes to inform the world public opinion as to the state of conditions existing in Yugo-Slav Macedonia. The following is Mrs. Tchkatrova's appeal to the Prime Minister of Yugo-Slavia,

Yours very truly,

  
P. G. Shaneff, President.

To His Excellency, the Prime Minister of Yugoslavia

Your Excellency:

During the past several months I have twice appealed to you concerning the treatment of my son, Dimiter Tchkatroff, candidate-engineer, now confined in the prison of Sremska Mitrovitsa. Unfortunately, nothing has been done in this respect, despite the oral promises by the functionaries of the local Yugo-Slav legation to do everything possible that "justice and humanity call for." Since the existing situation of my son has not yet been altered, I am compelled once more to recall my son's misfortune to you, and to express my deep hope that you above all will satisfy the petition of a mother who pleads for a son subjected to such terrible sufferings, because he is, and wishes to remain, Bulgarian.

Your Excellency, permit me, in my anxiety, to recount the afflictions and state of health of my son, in the hope that you may not be misinformed by those officials who, I am certain, seek his death. If you appoint an investigating commission, undoubtedly it would furnish an account of the true state of his health and, I am sure, of this great injustice.

Dimiter Tchkatroff is my dear son. He is one of the twenty Macedonian students tried by a Skopie court in 1927. Among the nine sentenced--two for twenty years, one for fifteen, and the others for five years each--my son was sentenced for ten years. Of all these imprisoned men, he is the only one remaining in prison. The others were pardoned nearly four years ago. While they were confined in the prisons of Skopie and Nish all of them were treated as political prisoners. So was my son. It was quite natural to treat them as such because none of these students ever committed a vulgar crime. Recently my son was singled out for ferocious maltreatment and finally was put with seventy criminal prisoners in the Sremska Mitrovitsa prison. Let me tell you of some of the cruelties inflicted upon my son in prison.

One. While still in the Skopie prison, an attempt was made, by an especially hired Albanian, to assassinate my son. The attempt was unsuccessful only because of the timely intervention of other prisoners, and the quick removal of Dimiter, who, however, was wounded.

Two. At both Skopie and Nish prisons, Dimiter was visited by high administrative and military officials, such as: General Tomitch, reserve member of the present regency, military commandant of Belgrade, and former chief of the gendarmerie in Macedonia; General Naoumovitch, former governor of Skopie; Zeka Lazitch, former minister of the Interior; Professor Shahonitch of the Belgrade University; Milan Nickolitch, former governor of Nish; Dragomir Savitch, director of the police department at Nish; Tsvetko Djordjevitch, former inspector in the Ministry of the Interior; and others, to demand from him a signed declaration to the effect that he is Serbian and that he is willing to be in the service of the Yugo-Slav regime; in other words, to agree to spy on his own brethren.

Three. After his self-inflicted wound, in the vicinity of Kourshoumlia, during his transfer to Nish, Dimiter was maltreated by Michailo Mickesh, head of the technological division of the Nish police department.

Four. On December 25, 1934, about ten o'clock in the morning, although he was dangerously ill from the wound in his chest, Dimiter was taken from the hospital and surrendered to the Nish police to be "removed" into the Sremska Mitrovitsa jail. When in the police station he was placed in a bare cell without even a bed-cover. Shortly after he was asleep, the sub-chief of the gendarmerie, Yantcha, entered his cell, handcuffed and

chained Dimiter, and took him to a room where Radoulovitch, the chief of the political division of the Nish police department, and a police secretary were waiting. Here Dimiter was subjected to an examination. He protested against this, because he had already been tried, sentenced to prison, and had served seven years of his time. Arrested on June 16, 1927, tried and sentenced on December of the same year, he was again surrendered to the police in December, 1934 for an "examination." He was kept there, and quizzed until four o'clock the next morning; then he was put in his cell, handcuffed so he would not be able to sleep. About eight o'clock in the morning, Yantcha, re-entered his cell, chained him and led him before Dragomir Savitch, the Nish chief of police, and Kokevitch, another police official. With incessant profane language in reference to Dimiter's "Bulgarian mother," Savitch boasted of his success in taking him out of the prison hospital, so that my son's life would now depend entirely upon the pleasure of Savitch. "You are in my hands now, you mischievous Bulgarian bandit," said Savitch. "We are not going to let you get out of here until you begin to spit your mother's milk." Such were the threats to my son by this police official. As Dimiter refused to sign the demanded declaration, he was immediately taken to a basement where Radoulovitch and Kokevitch were waiting for him. They made him take his shoes off and lie on his back. Yantcha, with a heavy club, struck merciless blows on his feet. Then they took Dimiter near the wall, placed his feet into a specially prepared stock, and stepping on his injured chest, Kokevitch hit him more than sixty times on the soles of his feet. Useless were the remonstrances of my son for his innocence, and against the barbaric torture inflicted on the body of an already sick man. Radoulovitch then stuffed Dimiter's mouth with a piece of cloth to stifle his protests and screams. After they inflicted over eighty bastinado blows, they forced him to walk on his cruelly crushed feet. "Are you willing now to sign the declaration, and will you be in the service of the police by telling us the names of the citizens of Nish with whom you are connected?" asked the inquisitors. Because he had nothing to reveal and since he refused to sign the declaration, Dimiter was ordered to lie down and again they began to beat him, this time using a board studded with nails projecting an eighth of an inch. They beat his feet until blood began to run on the floor of the basement. Soon after they stopped torturing him, Dimiter began to spit blood and begged his tormentors for a drink of water. They refused; instead, he was subjected to another quizzing. Not having anything to say, he was again given a longer, more ferocious punishment. Tired from delivering the blows, Yantcha gave the board to Kokevitch to continue the frightful beating while he kicked him in the ribs.

The sufferings of my son were witnessed by Mich. Mikilitch and Athanatskivitch (police Commissioner). Kokevitch, cursing the "Bulgarian mother," constantly threatened him by saying, "Here you are, Tchkatrovitch, here is a lesson to convince you what it means not to become a Serbian. Let the Bulgarians now help you...." This incident was witnessed by the police agent, Zbeer, former owner of the coffee house "Prizren", in Nish. After the assault had halted temporarily, Dimiter was compelled to walk on his bleeding feet, and Zebeer was ordered to watch him, while the executioners went to make a report to Dragomir Savitch. Later they returned and renewed the assault in the same manner as before, inflicting upon Dimiter's feet and chest more than one hundred and twenty blows.

Handcuffed, half dead, and half unconscious, he was forcefully compelled to sign some prearranged and specially prepared papers, ostensibly "depositions" for his "connections," with some leading citizens of Nish. In addition to this he was asked to sign another "deposition" with charges that he had taken advantage of the daughter of Rade Triphounovitch, former warden of the Nish prison, and also of a girl employee at the lower court for "conspiracies."

Exhausted and painfully sick, Dimiter again refused to sign a declaration stating that he is Serbian and that he was willing to be in the service of the police authorities. He was now dragged toward his cell, where a pitcher of water was placed at the door. He begged them for a drink but they refused him. Yantcha opened the cell

door and Kokevitch with kicks tried to put Dimiter in the cell. The doorstep being too high for my son to roll in, he was again subjected to torture. A powerful blow by Kokevitch, near the injured chest of my son, broke a rib. He was left lying there all day until the arrival of Savitch and Damianovitch, the director of the prison in the evening. To them, particularly to Damianovitch, my son protested the cruelties inflicted upon him, the false and forcefully extracted "depositions" and the surrender to the police. Naturally these protests were to no avail.

In the same evening, assisted by a few criminal prisoners, he was compelled to walk, with swollen and bloody feet, to the railroad station of Nish, on his way to Sremska Mitrovitsa. Among the prisoners there was a young man, unknown to my son, who, witnessing the agony of Dimiter, was crying all along the way and wiping with his handkerchief the blood from the feet of my son. On the morning of December 27, 1934 he arrived in Belgrade and on the twenty-eighth he was taken to Sremska Mitrovitsa. He was confined here from December 28, 1934 to March 22, 1935. Throughout this period, my son spat blood and maintained a fever temperature. He begged to be placed in the hospital, but was told to keep still, otherwise he would be "sent back to the police of Nish." Finally he was taken to the hospital, registering an alarming temperature on May eleventh. Other prisoners have witnessed the falling off of the skin and decaying flesh from his feet. This was the result of the beating in the Nish prison. No medical help was given him in the Sremska Mitrovitsa prison. As I have already shown, he was placed in a room with seventy criminals, in violation of the order from the Minister of Justice, that Dimiter was to be treated as a political prisoner. On November 14, 1935, he was penalized fifteen days solitary confinement, with hands chained, simply because he resisted the order to go to work on the ground that he was a political criminal and dangerously ill.

Your Excellency:

I have attempted to show you briefly a few objective facts pertaining to the atrocious affairs of my dear son, Dimiter. I am quite sure that this is not the whole truth of the matter, because he is not permitted to write about it. I have received but one letter from him in several months, and that highly censored. Whenever he writes, he usually tells me his state of health, that he is very sick and that he feels pains in his feet and chest. The facts stated in this appeal are enough to stir every human heart. This, therefore, causes me to raise my voice and make an earnest protest against the cruelty, to plead in the name of justice and humanity for the following considerations:

1. That you appoint an impartial commission to investigate and determine the truth of the above statements; to arrange permission for my son to speak freely and state the truth of all that has been done to him.
2. To punish the guilty, if the investigating commission determines that there are such, for the cruelties inflicted on my son.
3. To grant an amnesty to my son, who, being sentenced for ten years, has already served nine.
4. If you think it impossible to accomplish this, in spite of my statements, then I beseech you most insistently:
  - a. To remove him to a more hygienic prison (in my former requests I suggested and pleaded for Pozarevats or Skopie, where he can be visited by relatives), to give him a chance to cure himself; and,
  - b. To be treated as a political prisoner.

Sophia, Bulgaria  
April 30, 1936.

Elena Tchkatrova,  
mother of Dimiter Tchkatroff,  
born in the city of Prilep, Macedonia,  
but living now in Sophia.

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October 28, 1938

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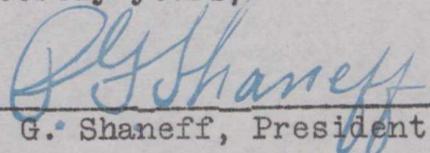
Herein enclosed, we are sending you the declaration which was unanimously adopted by the Seventeenth Congress of the Macedonian Political Organizations of the United States, Canada and Australia.

We are firmly convinced that you will direct the necessary attention to the just Macedonian demands proclaimed, in the name of peace and justice, by the representatives of the Macedonian emigration on this Continent.

We will consider ourselves greatly favored if you inform us that you have received the enclosed declaration.

We beg you to accept our assurances of the high esteem in which we have always held your person.

Very sincerely yours,

  
P. G. Shaneff, President

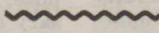
# Declaration and Expository Statement

...of all the various ways and means to establish better race relations...

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## DECLARATION



**Adopted Unanimously by the  
17th Annual Convention of the M P O  
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# Declaration and Expository Statement

Encouraged by the possibility of a lasting peace among the nations that people the troubled Balkan Peninsula, the Seventeenth Congress of the Macedonian Political Organizations, convened at Buffalo, New York, on September 4, 5, and 6, 1938, considers it its supreme and imperative duty to reveal to the enlightened public opinion of America, Europe, and elsewhere and also to those responsible for the world's destinies the true state of the tragic lot of the Macedonian people. After having established the fact that the unspeakable and atrocious cruelty to which the peace-loving Macedonian people are subjected by the governments of Greece and Jugoslavia constitutes a serious threat to the peace of the Balkans, the delegates and representatives of the Macedonian emigrants in North America and Australia, who are organized in the Macedonian Political Organizations, unanimously voted the following declaration and supplementary expository statement.

## Declaration

The Seventeenth Regular Congress of the Macedonian Political Organizations resolutely protests against the preposterous and criminal negligence displayed by the League of Nations towards the legitimate and perfectly just demand of the Macedonians for an impartial enforcement of the treaty for the protection of minorities within the boundaries of our own country. By virtue of this international agreement, the Yugoslav and Greek governments unhesitatingly consented to respect the national, political, and cultural rights of the Macedonian people; nevertheless, to this very day, they have flatly disregarded their promises. The League of Nations, which was entrusted to supervise the exact fulfillment of the treaty for the minorities, did not undertake one sincere step for the protection of the downtrodden national rights of our people. Hence, the Macedonians cannot feel the slightest compunction over the completely abused authority of the Geneva institution, upon which we had based so many sincere expectations for a peaceful solution of the controversial international problems.

The governments of Jugoslavia and Greece contemptuously thrust aside the treaty for the minorities. Instead, they conducted themselves with a fierce cruelty towards the Bulgarian element in Macedonia, which comprises the major portion of the ill-fated and harassed population. The Macedonian Bulgarians are deprived of the most fundamental human and cultural rights. They have been dispossessed of their churches. Their schools have been closed. Before 1912, in the Macedonian part now attached to Greece, there were 378 Bulgarian churches with 300 priests and 340 Bulgarian schools with 750 teachers and 19,000 pupils. In Macedonia under Serb domination, before 1912, there were 761 Bulgarian churches with six bishops and 833 priests and 641 schools with 1,013 teachers and 37,000 pupils. These cultural and religious institutions of the Macedonian Bulgarians were destroyed by the Serbian and Greek governments with a ruthless violence.

Since 1919, the regime which reigns in our mother country is a cruel mockery not only of the present civilization but also of the noble

efforts of all who zealously seek ways and means to establish lasting peace among the nations.

The Congress, with profound and immeasurable sorrow, recognizes the fact that the inflexible efforts of today's rulers of Macedonia—purposing the annihilation of its national countenance—find silent approbation among certain circles and statesmen of Europe. These statesmen, who intentionally or unintentionally close their eyes to the suffering of the Macedonian people, create grounds for new and more fearful cataclysms among the European nations.

Therefore, after pointing out the aforementioned, the Congress directs the following appeal to all societies and persons who will receive this declaration and the expository statement included herewith:

**In the name of justice and truth, support our just demand for the execution of an impartial international investigation in the three sections of our disjoined and enslaved motherland.**

The Congress confers upon the Central Committee of the Macedonian Political Organizations the right to expend the necessary funds for the realization of the above-said purpose. We shall immediately provide the necessary financial resources for an unbiased investigation, which is to determine the actual conditions existing in Macedonia since 1919, with the following reservations:

- a. Written permission must be secured from the governments of Jugoslavia, Greece, and Bulgaria for the admittance of the committee for the investigation into the three parts of our country, where it can effect a completely unhampered and equitable verification of all the Macedonian grievances against the present rulers; and,
- b. After the committee for the investigation has been constituted, its personnel must be comprised of persons of noted impartiality and established integrity.

Some individuals who intentionally ignore the just demands of our people—who are striving for the frustration of a cruel, slavish regime—assign great significance to the pact concluded on August 1, 1938, at Salonika, between the members of the Balkan Entente and the present Sofia government of Kiosseivanoff, who is sustained in power by means of a dictatorship which is despised and wholly abhorred by the populace. This recent agreement has been hailed by certain circles as a contribution towards the advancement of good-neighbor relations among the nations of the Balkan Peninsula. The glorified Jugoslav-Bulgarian pact of "perpetual" friendship, signed last year by the chiefs of the present governments of Sofia and Belgrade, was received with similar naive hopes. The Macedonians, who are ready to support vigorously every sincere effort towards a peaceful solution of the controversial Balkan problems, are not heartened in the least by the contents of the agreement concluded at Salonika. In it, we see no indication whatsoever of an improvement in the tragic lot of the Macedonians—but only a new and more insidious attempt to preserve the shameful status quo in the Balkan Peninsula.

With the sole purpose of discrediting and compromising the just struggle of our nation for freedom and human rights, the foes of Macedonia (and also those persons who are not correctly informed as to the substance of the Macedonian problem and the frightful terror which rages within our subjugated country) have often directed defamatory accusations against the Macedonian movement for liberation. In regard to these delusions, the greater percentage of which are fabricated by the Serbian and Greek authorities, the Congress feels bound, in the name of peace, truth, and justice, to make the following elucidations:

The Macedonians are waging a struggle for the attainment of their human, national, and religious rights. They want nothing which does not belong to them; but also, they shall not surrender anything which is their own.

An unequalled affront will be flung at justice and peace, if the necessary steps are not taken to stop the abominable oppression which exists in our downtrodden country.

At the present, the enslaved Macedonian people are deprived of all right to open and lawful defense. Therefore, recourse to unlawful resistance is the one means now possible to them in their struggle for national self-preservation. Consequently, only today's brazen rulers of Macedonia are responsible for such unlawful incidents as have been executed in the past by our enslaved brothers and sisters—incidents which may very likely occur again in the future, if the necessary steps are not taken to grant at least the most fundamental national and religious prerogatives to the Macedonians, which were guaranteed to them in the Treaty for the Minorities.

The Macedonian emigration in America, Canada, and Australia, organized in the MPO, proclaims once again its firm adherence to the principle of a Free and Independent Macedonia. It was the noble English statesman, William Gladstone, who pointed out that a Free and Independent Macedonia was the only possible and just solution of the Macedonian problem and also the most effective method of establishing a lasting, just peace in the Balkans.

Expressing the sentiments of the major part of the Macedonian emigrants in North America, the Congress avouches their sincere loyalty to the United States and Canada and also their infinite gratitude to these two great nations, where they have found kind refuge. Furthermore, the Macedonian people shall be always thankful to all individuals and organizations who, in any way whatsoever, have upheld our just cause. The Seventeenth Regular Congress of the MPO wholeheartedly greets all worthy and noble friends of Macedonia.

#### EXPOSITORY STATEMENT

##### The Conditions in Macedonia under Greek and Serbian Bondage

The Seventeenth Regular Congress of the Macedonian Political Organization deems it its urgent duty to divulge to the enlightened public opinion of the world the following shameful facts, which attest fully the inexpressible sufferings of the unfortunate Macedonian people.

After the advent of the present Greek dictator, Metaxas, into power, the terrorism practised in Macedonia by the Greek authorities has taken on

fearful proportions. The present Greek government, denying the nationality of the Macedonian Bulgarians, has instituted in Macedonia under Greek rule an inquisitorial regime unparalleled in its cruelty. The savage persecution of the Macedonians by Dictator Metaxas is a flagrant transgression of the most elementary human laws. For example, use of the Bulgarian language—even in private conversations among the members of a family group—is strictly forbidden in this section of Macedonia. The Macedonian emigrants in America and elsewhere in the world cannot send letters to their dear ones; nor can they receive such letters, if these are written in Bulgarian. After such letters are thoroughly censored by the local police authorities, they are returned to the addresser with the notice, "Addressee unknown." Furthermore, hundreds of Macedonian Bulgarians who have never uttered a word of Bulgarian in public have been banished to the islands; while still others are punished with heavy fines and beatings by the police authorities. Even old people are beaten and cruelly tortured. In many villages, night schools for the study of the Greek language have been opened, which all elderly people—even septuagenarians—are compelled to attend. Those for whom it was impossible to learn Greek were mercilessly maltreated, upon the suspicion that they were boycotting the Greek assimilatory policies in Macedonia. Lately, eighty-three villagers from the county of Lerin, most of them inhabitants of the village of Breznitsa, were marshalled into court by a large police convoy, because they had been speaking in their native tongue. Each was given a fine varying from three hundred to eight hundred drachmas. Many of the leading Bulgarians are tormented on the pretext that they are engaging in communistic activities. With similar false fabrications, the Athens News Agency is assiduously endeavoring to deceive the public opinion of the world in regard to the cruel persecutions, to which the Bulgarian element in Macedonia under Greek rule is subjected. We could enumerate thousands of incidents which would manifest the ruthlessness of the Greek authorities with regard to our enslaved country. As we have pointed out in our declaration, we are ready to accept an impartial international investigation, which can establish the authenticity of the above-said facts.

No less tragic is the state of our subjugated brothers and sisters in Macedonia under Serbian rule. The Yugoslav rulers, likewise, repudiate the national characteristics of the Macedonian Bulgarians. The Bulgarian churches of the Macedonians under Serbian bondage are closed; the schools are abolished. The possession of a Bulgarian bible is considered a punishable crime by the Serbian police authorities.

The MPO of the United States, Canada, and Australia signifies its willingness to support the above-stated facts with additional detailed information; for the facts, herein exposed, are but a minimal example of the real suffering of the Macedonian people.

The Congress heartily thanks all individuals and organizations who will turn their kind attention to our just demands, which we forward in the name of truth and peace.



**DOCKET ENDS:**

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MAGNA CHARTA DAY ASSOCIATION

No.3

MAGNA CHARTA DAY ASSOCIATION

Brief notes for the convenience of Vice Presidents in addressing public gatherings.

TO OUR VICE PRESIDENTS:

So far as opportunity affords you the occasion it will be a splendid thing for the development of our work if you will be prepared to make an address before local schools, universities, colleges or theological seminaries, or even state legislatures, and the following has been prepared for your convenience.

You have our leaflets, and a thorough knowledge of their contents will give you a splendid ground work, but in addition the following paragraphs cover a synopsis of a fine article by Wm. Archer, Esq., the English writer and critic which appeared in the June, 1921 Atlantic Monthly and which ought to be read by everyone!

"We cannot afford to ignore the solidarity of the interests of the English speaking nations, regardless of friction which may arise from time to time." (We do not ignore the solidarity of our state even if we bitterly criticise the sins of commission and omission of some of them).

"This country is the creation of the Anglo-Saxon spirit, even though it is not an Anglo-Saxon nation truly. Unilateral common sense must prevail in our relations. The Anglo-Saxon world has no inclination, no motive in trampling upon the rest of the world. The future of the World depends upon whether magnanimity or petty fogging meanness shall count in the Councils of Great Britain and America."

"The solidarity of THE SEVEN NATIONS is the one cornerstone of world peace. Only by presenting an unbroken front to the colored races can the white people maintain their supremacy over Europe and America. A firm Anglo-Saxon understanding is certainly the keystone of the white world. World Peace is indispensable to the "fortunate" solution of the international problems which surround America no less than England"

"Should that cornerstone be split who shall set the limit to the disintegration which may follow."

"Englishmen do not love all Englishmen and why expect them to love all Americans if Americans do not love all of their own people."

J.W.HAMILTON,

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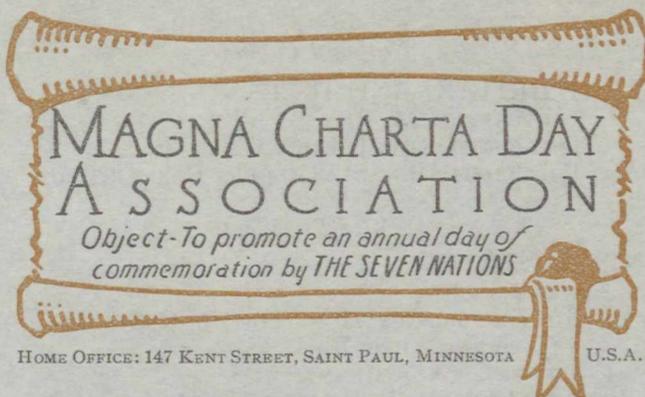
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The Magna Charta was signed June 15, 1215  
The Third Sunday in June is Magna Charta Sunday **March 22, 1922**

Sir Arthur Currie,  
Principal of McGill University.

Dear Sir Arthur Currie:

*Montreal*

Your name is very kindly suggested by Sir John Willison, of Toronto, as a member of the Canadian National Committee for the Magna Charta Day Association.

This letterhead shows the splendid progress we have made and that President Harding is our Honorary President for this country. The standing of our National Committee is no doubt well known to you as you look over the names.

This is not a legal holiday. There is no legal organization, nor have we a regular membership with dues. We are anxious to avoid another organization.

We want one day in common for the entire English speaking race and some of our plans will make for Canadianization and more rapid amalgamation of racial strains in the Canadian body politic.

I enclose our light leaflet and a copy of the Magna Charta Study Clubs, as well as the Objects of the Association. We have other literature but I hesitate to overburden you.

A very cordial letter has been received from Mr. Lloyd-George and letters promising warm support from the Honorary Secretaries of the British Parliamentary Association in Australia and New Zealand.

May I say that, thanks to the sympathy and support of Sir James Aikins of Winnipeg, arrangements are being made to have the Provincial organization of Canadian Clubs give us their support.

Awaiting <sup>see</sup> your reply with deep interest, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

*There will be no stalls on your side of the parade.*

*J. W. Hammett*

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THE MAGNA CHARTA WAS SIGNED JUNE 15, 1215.

The Third Sunday in June is MAGNA CHARTA SUNDAY.

# Magna Charta Day Association

## The Objects of the Association Are:

1. To have the English Speaking Nations observe Magna Charta Day annually—the one outstanding event which we can all hold in common—as they celebrate July 4th and Empire Day even though it may not be done on so large a scale, or with so much enthusiasm.

- a. The press to touch upon the event on June 15th, the day the Charter was signed in 1215, and
- b. Churches and Sunday Schools to celebrate MAGNA CHARTA SUNDAY, the third Sunday in June, a fixed date.

2. To bring about a closer sense of unity of purpose on the part of our widely scattered race, and to develop a greater feeling of responsibility for the peace of the world, which literally hangs upon the continuing of our cordial relations.

3. By means of Magna Charta Study Clubs.

- a. To encourage the widespread study of the origin and development of the liberties of the English speaking peoples of the world.
- b. To awaken a higher appreciation of the principles set forth in this great document and a better understanding of the far-reaching influence of these principles in the framing of the Constitution of the United States and of the Constitutions, written or unwritten, of the other English speaking nations.
- c. By thus emphasizing this and other elements in our common political heritage, to promote peace, harmony and co-operation among all English speaking nations and the speedy removal of all misunderstandings that may arise.
- d. To act as clearing house of ideas looking to the closer union of thought and purpose of the English Speaking Nations.

Broad and generous thoughts are frequently expressed in press and pulpit; assemblies and parliaments which lacking an organization of this kind rarely get more than local notice.

These clubs finding a splendid editorial and extract from a speech or magazine, promotive of harmony in THE SEVEN NATIONS, would clip and reproduce them for publication in the papers of each of THE SEVEN NATIONS, and would thwart by all means in their power the efforts of those who seek to make trouble between England and the United States by the distribution of lying propaganda.

4. To strengthen our national stability by having our children know the many important steps in the development of the liberties our race enjoys, as we now encourage them to know by heart our patriotic songs and the leading events in our national history.

This will make them better citizens, and it will be more difficult for disloyal elements to interfere with our liberties.

5. We have dreamed that some day Magna Charta Day might become the greatest outstanding world day, on which the free minds in every country will join with us in spirit, and which in time will

make the nations themselves realize that they must behave toward each other as we individually behave toward each other.

6. To have erected in every Legislative Hall in THE SEVEN NATIONS, a bronze tablet Commemorative of what Magna Charta embodied of our liberties up to that time, and the further developments in our civil and religious liberties which have sprung from it.

The message this bronze will bear is now definitely under way.

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This Association is formed for the purpose of annually celebrating the birthday of our Liberty, Magna Charta Day. In the observance thereof we cordially welcome all those people in every country who recognize that the great Charter has helped to shape the larger liberties of their own people.

MAGNA CHARTA DAY ASSOCIATION,

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March, 1922.

## Magna Charta

The Great Charter or the Charter of Liberties, as it is commonly called, is a constitutional instrument executed by King John of England, June 15, 1215, guaranteeing to the people in perpetuity certain rights and privileges. The nobles, who procured it, are often called the Patriots of their age.

The concessions these nobles wrested from the feeble hands of King John, were far from being original, but had their origin, in principle at least, in the old Anglo-Saxon times. It was intended mainly for the nobles and landowners of England, but it embraced in its terms all freemen, so that they looked up to it with reverence and confidence. Its force has never lost by disuse and its principles never forgotten and now, today, wherever the English speaking people hold sway, the principles of freedom and personal liberty, as inculcated in that doctrine, live and rule. As Mr. Hallam fitly says, "It is the keystone of English Liberty."

Even in America Magna Charta is often appealed to in discussions of constitutional questions, and its promise of protection by "the law of the land," is incorporated in some form in every American constitution.

It is well named MAGNA CHARTA.

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We emphasize the spirit of conservative progress in political affairs which seems to be the unique possession of the Anglo-Saxon peoples, in that they hold fast to the best of the old while modifying it to meet new conditions.

At the end of the 18th century, and today, we have examples of two other races, both great peoples, who are types of the opposite way of making progress by destroying their entire political system in order to build it up anew.

Thus to the spirit of conservative progress do the Anglo-Saxon people owe their political advancement.

FRANK ADYLOTTE,

President of Swathmore College.

This is prepared at the suggestion of William Archer, Esq., the English critic and author, so that the friends of this widespread movement may have in convenient form the plans which are arousing so much enthusiasm.

"Not Another Legal Holiday"

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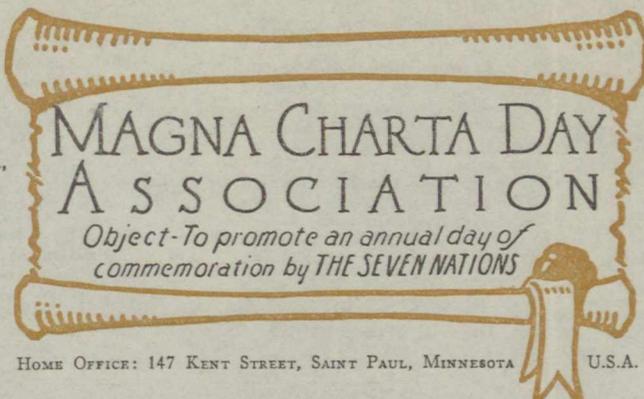
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147 Kent Street,  
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January 27, 1923

General Sir Arthur Currie, K.C.B.,  
McGill University,  
Montreal, Quebec, Canada.

Dear Sir Arthur Currie:

This letterhead and leaflets 6, 7 and 8 tell the story of the progress of this great MAGNA CHARTA DAY movement which you are so kindly supporting and which is sweeping all over the world. We are appointing Vice-Presidents in foreign countries so as to link up our race everywhere.

Please read No. 8 carefully.

If you would like a supply of these leaflets for the library of the University for distribution to your students generally, I shall be glad indeed to send them to you.

We would greatly appreciate it if you would see your way clear to referring to the Day for the benefit of all your students. If the University closes before June 15th, then bring the subject up before you do close.

I hope to hear from you and trust that this request will be in accordance with your own views.

*no doubt you have  
a University organ in  
wh ref. could be made.  
JWH-d  
Encl.*

Very sincerely yours,

*J. W. Hamilton*  
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*This day is for the annual recognition of certain great principles of human freedom.*

*It is not alone for the glory of a race.*

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With all good wishes, I am,

Ever yours faithfully,

Principal.

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Dear Sir:-

I am directed by the Principal to  
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General Sir Arthur W. Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B.,  
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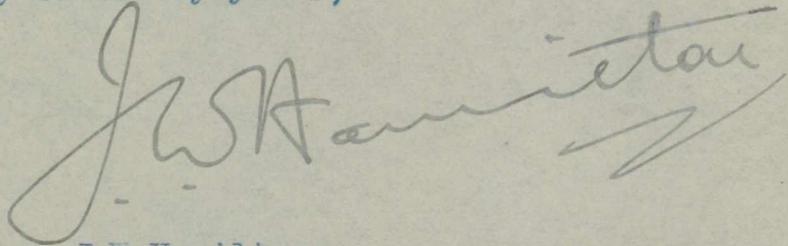
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I will send you literature and keep you posted about all important matters.

Note our Objects enclosed.

Very sincerely yours,



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Faithfully yours,

R. L. Baden

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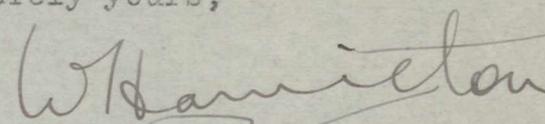
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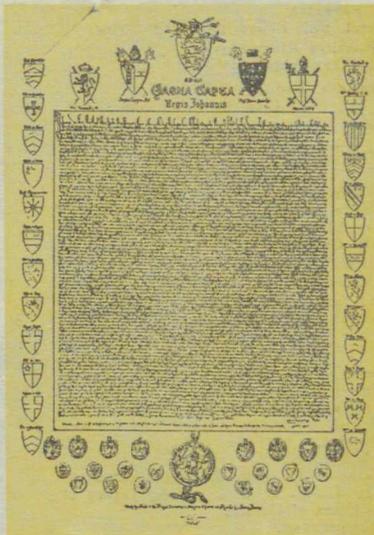
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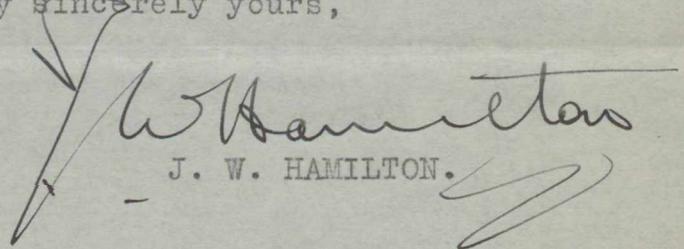
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This is a great movement, which needs the personal support of people of your standing, as well as the necessary funds.

Your reply is awaited with the deepest interest.

Very sincerely yours,

  
J. W. HAMILTON.

JWH-t

February 19, 1925.

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Dear Mr. Hamilton:-

I am much interested in your letter of February 14th regarding the proposed Magna Charta Day Service in Westminster Abbey. I note, however, that you are aiming at getting ten or fifteen signatures to say that such a service would be much appreciated by the American people. Would it not be better if your letters of approval were signed by Americans?

Yours faithfully,

Principal.

Dear Mr. Hamilton:-

I hope the Dean of Westminster will be able to grant the favor of a Special Service in Westminster Abbey next June to commemorate the granting of MAGNA CHARTA and all that it has meant to our race and to the world.

Our people will certainly highly value such a Service, and the example will be widely followed by our churches here.

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February 14, 1925.

Sir Arthur W. Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B., LL.D.,  
Principal, McGill University,  
Montreal, Canada.

Dear Sir Arthur:-

Bishop Welldon, Dean of Durham, has kindly consented to see the Dean of Westminster with reference to a Special Magna Charta Day Service in the Abbey next June, but suggests that the first step is to get ten or fifteen of our most influential citizens to say that such a Service would be highly valued by the American people. Knowing how deeply interested our people will be in such a Service, will you write me a letter approving of the Service and express your belief that it will be greatly appreciated by our people, mailing it to me at your earliest convenience.

As an added precaution, will you sign the enclosed slip. It will be gummed with similar slips on sheets of paper, as it may be more convenient for Bishop Welldon to present these to the Dean of Westminster. However, both letters and slips will be sent.

We are under many obligations to Bishop Welldon for his kindness in handling this matter for us.

Your prompt response will be very helpful.

JWH-t

Faithfully yours, *J. W. Hamilton*  
J. W. HAMILTON.

## OBJECTS

1. To enable The English Speaking Nations to recognize one day in common annually, but not a legal holiday,
2. To arouse the consciousness of our race everywhere and those affiliated with us to the necessity of holding more closely together and of permitting no enemy to sow seeds of trouble between us,
3. That the dangerous influence of racialism in our midst will be set aside with a corresponding growth of sound feeling in THE SEVEN NATIONS,
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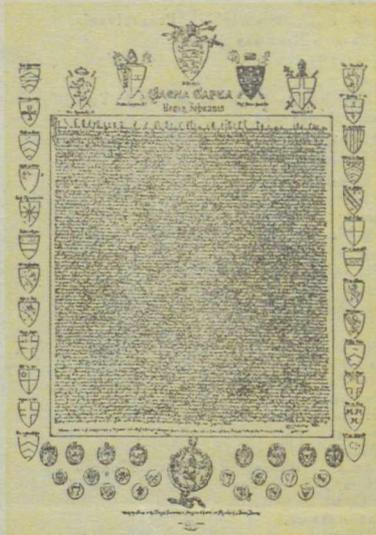
I have given some thought to the request contained in your letter of January 24th that I should undertake to act as an Executive Vice-President for Quebec.

Much as I would like to do so I am afraid that it is quite impossible. The work which has to be done in my office has increased to such an extent that I do not think it would be fair to you for me to undertake it and I do not feel that in justice to myself I should take on any additional duties which could scarcely be carried out effectively. I notice that you already have an Executive Vice-President in Montreal. Would it not be possible for him to undertake the work for the Province of Quebec?

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February 28, 1925.

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G.C.M.G., K.C.B.,  
McGill University,  
Montreal, Canada.

Dear Sir Arthur:

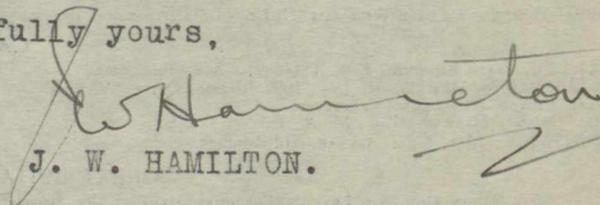
It is just a mistake on the part of my stenographer and my-  
self that the letter you got had reference to the American people.

Two lots of letters went off registered mail today to Bishop  
Welldon at Durham, twelve or fourteen from leading Americans from one  
coast to the other, and the rest prominent Canadians, and among the  
latter we shall be glad to enclose yours. Perhaps six more will  
reach me in the next week.

You will be interested in knowing that His Excellency, Sir  
William Allardyce, Governor of Newfoundland, is taking it up per-  
sonally. The letters we have received from such men as Governor  
Pinchot of Pennsylvania, Governor of Virginia, Otto H. Kahn, and  
some prominent women, are very gratifying, one of the strongest  
coming from Governor Pinchot.

I trust we may have the satisfaction of sending your letter  
in because the names of few Canadians carry greater weight than yours.

Faithfully yours,

  
J. W. HAMILTON.

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## OBJECTS

1. To enable The English Speaking Nations to recognize one day in common annually, but not a legal holiday,
2. To arouse the consciousness of our race everywhere and those affiliated with us to the necessity of holding more closely together and of permitting no enemy to sow seeds of trouble between us,
3. That the dangerous influence of racialism in our midst will be set aside with a corresponding growth of sound feeling in THE SEVEN NATIONS,
4. This closer unity of purpose exerting a profound influence for world peace, which literally hangs upon the closest co-operation of The English Speaking Nations.

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To obtain your colored facsimile copy of Magna Charta, write Bomaca Pub. Co., 189 Puritan Ave., Detroit, Michigan.

147 Kent St.,  
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February 28, 1925.

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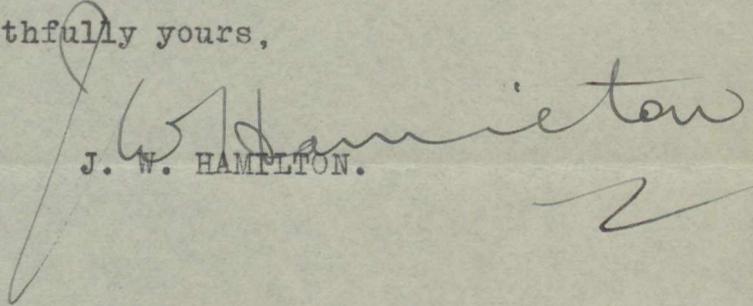
Dear Sir Arthur:

The MAGNA CHARTA DAY Movement to which you have been good enough to give your approval, has reached such a point of development that we must have funds. I do not know whether you are a wealthy man or not, if you are and can send a substantial check to assist in the heavy cost of the 1925 campaign, we shall be very thankful for it.

To whom could we turn in Canada for help?

We are glad to spend every penny we get from Canada in Canada.

Faithfully yours,

  
J. W. HAMPLTON.

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Sir Arthur W. Currie,  
G.C.M.G., K.C.B.,  
McGill University,  
Montreal, Canada.

*Ex. V.P. for Educational  
Institutions in Quebec*

Dear Sir Arthur:

We did have an executive vice president with headquarters in Montreal, Canada. But without notice, he dropped out, I presume he was ill or passed away.

Would you suggest anyone in Quebec who has a stenographer, who would do this little work for us.

I greatly appreciate the tone of your letter. I know you must have a very heavy burden but an admirer of yours across the line suggested your name, hence my letter.

If you can give us any help in this way, it will be of very great assistance, I assure you.

Faithfully yours,

*J. W. Hamilton*  
J. W. HAMILTON.

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St. Paul, Minn.,  
147 Kent St.,  
February 28, 1925.

Sir Arthur W. Currie,  
G.C.M.G., K.C.B.,  
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Montreal, Canada.

Dear Sir Arthur:

A Movement that I know will appeal to you is that outlined in "The Tribute" leaflet attached.

We should like very much to have the University take this up and buy enough copies of the leaflet to give one to each student or to handle it in any way that appeals to them.

We can sell these leaflets in lots of 1000 for 2¢ a copy, you to pay carriage and any duty. They are not copyrighted, however, and could be reproduced in Montreal.

This can be a very beautiful Movement and one that will be of value as well.

Faithfully yours,

*J. W. Hamilton*  
J. W. HAMILTON.

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Encls.

*Magna Carta*

March 11th, 1925.

J. W. Hamilton, Esq.,  
147 Kent Street,  
Saint Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Mr. Hamilton:-

I have your four letters of  
February 28th.

In reply let me say that I really have not the time to act in Montreal in the capacity which you suggest. Also I am not by any means a wealthy man. In fact the state of my exchequer at the present time does not permit me to make a contribution to the cost of the 1925 campaign. I find that one's present engagements in support of local charities, churches, hospitals, educational movements, etc., is as much as one can bear.

The Finance Committee of the University have not approved of the expenditure of any University funds to purchase copies of "The Tribute" leaflet.

Yours faithfully,

FOR ENGLISH SPEAKING UNITY

# International Magna Charta Day Association

To Develop English Speaking Patriotism and Co-operation Through an Annual Commemoration by the English Speaking Nations of the Common Origin of their Liberties on Magna Charta Day, June 15. (Not a Legal Holiday.)

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## MAGNA CHARTA SUNDAY

The Third Sunday in June is the Fixed Date

740 Fuller Ave

March 1, 1927

Dear Sir Arthur

This is our letter head, general leaflet  
15 and a long "The Seven Nations". I hope  
you are pleased with them.

Then want you read circular  
A. enclosed. I hope you feel it  
has a thought worth while.

Sincerely yours

J. W. Hamilton

## THE ASSOCIATION HAS TWO MAIN PURPOSES:

a. To link The English Speaking Nations still more closely together, thus aiding World Peace; and by arousing our race consciousness, making it more difficult for unwise racialism to develop, and for our enemies to sow trouble among us.

b. To build up respect for law. It seems fitting that this Association formed to commemorate MAGNA CHARTA and all it stands for, should interest itself in plans to preserve our liberties through greater respect for the law and for those in authority, a proper understanding of the sacredness of citizenship, and unfailing loyalty to The Flag in peace as well as in war. This is a natural development of the Movement, for MAGNA CHARTA was designed to be obeyed. It is the essence of Law and Order.

### Not a Legal Holiday.

The Association was formed in St. Paul, Minnesota, many years ago for the purpose of furthering plans to develop the essential unity of thought and purpose and the closest affiliation of The Seven English Speaking Nations. THE SEVEN NATIONS are: The United States, Canada, Newfoundland, Great Britain and Ireland, South Africa, Australia and New Zealand. Dr. Charles W. Eliot writes that in his judgment the phrase, THE SEVEN NATIONS, will in time take rank with that historic phrase, THE THIRTEEN COLONIES.

## OBJECTS

### This Movement Urges The English Speaking Nations—

1. To commemorate annually the common origin of their liberties in the observance of June 15 as MAGNA CHARTA DAY. Among Churches and Sunday Schools the Third Sunday in June is observed as MAGNA CHARTA SUNDAY. The support of the Press is vital and is most earnestly requested. Public School Teachers are urged to impress upon their pupils the importance and significance of The Day.

Our nations, with their common responsibilities and "Common Dangers," against which Hon. Elihu Root solemnly warns us; with so great a destiny from their vast potential development must work most closely together.

2. Through this annual observance it seeks to arouse the consciousness of our race everywhere, and of those affiliated with us, to the necessity of holding more closely together, and of being on our guard to prevent the sowing of seeds of trouble among us.

3. To supplant the dangerous influence of narrow racialism in our borders, with a corresponding growth of sound nationalism. By arousing our own race consciousness it will weaken that danger in definite measure and ultimately defeat it.

4. Through this closer unity of purpose to exert a profound influence for World Peace, which, in the judgment of many, literally hangs upon the close co-operation of The English Speaking Nations.

5. To increase respect for law through a broader knowledge of the Great Charter and of the instruments which have grown out of it, so that the people shall have a nobler reverence for and a deeper knowledge of the cost of their liberties, with a larger sense of their responsibility for the continuance of those liberties. And that the people shall know the sacredness of citizenship, that it is not automatic; and that they shall more fully realize its duties as well as its privileges.

## PLANS

A. The importance of annual MAGNA CHARTA DAY gatherings in homes and public places on or about June 15 is urged. Hundreds of meetings have been held by friends of the movement including very important ones in Brisbane, New York and Winnipeg as well as those on Runnymede Field itself under the supervision of our late Executive Vice President for Great Britain. It is hoped to secure the adoption by the Parliaments of the race of June 15 as MAGNA CHARTA DAY to be observed by us all, not as a holiday, but by appropriate exercises.

B. To have His Majesty, The King of England, issue a proclamation recognizing the annual observance of MAGNA CHARTA DAY throughout The Empire.

C. To erect on Runnymede Field some simple physical commemoration to the Great Charter; and to persuade the British Government to place this sacred spot in the hands of the National Trust.

D. To prepare facsimiles of MAGNA CHARTA and the other great documents of our freedom for the Congressional Library, and to prepare a Bronze, dedicated to MAGNA CHARTA, to be presented by the American people to the Mother of Parliaments. The dedication is being prepared by Dean West, of Princeton University, and the plan has the warm approval of the Speaker of the House of Commons.

E. An English Speaking Chautauqua to send lecturers throughout The English Speaking Nations.

F. To act as a Clearing House of ideas looking to the closer union of thought and purpose of The English Speaking Nations. Informing and inspiring editorials, extracts from speeches, etc., promotive of harmony, could be handled through the Clearing House so as to give them widespread distribution to papers, publishers, speakers, etc.

## CITIZENSHIP

Much will be gained for sound thinking and responsibility for the duties of citizenship, by the cumulative affect upon young people of the following:

G. Through the widespread distribution of copies of MAGNA CHARTA, suitable for framing, a plan heartily commended by many of the world's best thinkers, and by the preparation of a brief statement of what MAGNA CHARTA means to our people. These will awaken a higher appreciation of the principles set forth in this great document and a better understanding of the far-reaching influence of these principles in the framing of the Constitution of the United States and of the Constitutions, written or unwritten, of the other English Speaking Nations.

H. Through the preparations of ten oil paintings, showing the steps in our liberties, beginning with MAGNA CHARTA, to be reproduced in colors for Public Schools, Homes, Sunday Schools, Lodges, etc. It will strengthen the national stability of each of THE SEVEN NATIONS, by having the children thus visualize the many important steps in the development of our liberties, and will make them stronger citizens, for it will be more difficult for disloyal elements to interfere with our liberties.

I. By the appointment of Executive Vice Presidents for our Educational Institutions in groups of states and provinces, whose object it will be to create a larger interest in the study of the development of civil and religious liberty and better citizenship. From these Institutions go forth the future leaders of our people. It is important that they catch this great vision.

J. By means of MAGNA CHARTA STUDY CLUBS, to encourage a widespread study of the origin and development of our liberties and as an aid to better citizenship.

K. And in the insertion in school books of the matchless oration of Pericles over the fallen heroes of Athens, the finest incentive to patriotism and good citizenship found in any language.

L. To furnish teachers with brief papers on patriotism, the sacredness of citizenship and its duties, the necessity of law and order and respect for those in authority, which they will use in talks to their pupils. They will point out that liberty is not automatic and that we must live for The Flag in peace as we would fight for it in war. It is hoped to have these inserted in the papers taken by the twenty million Sunday School Teachers and Scholars of the Nation. It is the aim to use the daily and weekly press for this purpose also, as well as have the makers of patent insides for country papers adopt this plan. We will thus be able to reach practically all the children of the nation and millions of adults.

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## The Song of The Seven Nations

BY

MARIBELLE CORMACK

Park Museum  
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Upon the field of Runnymede was Magna Charta signed,  
A sacred pledge of liberty, a pledge to all mankind.  
Beside the gently flowing Thames on that eventful morn  
Full seven hundred years ago was English freedom born.

With the same heroic spirit that marched to Runnymede  
Went forth her sons across the seas to sow the sacred seed  
Of justice, law and liberty for men of every birth—  
The heritage that England has carried o'er the earth.

To the step of SEVEN NATIONS that keep the English law,  
We march to challenge anarchy at last to stand in awe  
Of The Seven English Nations who bid injustice cease  
And use their strength united in the mighty cause of peace.

Keep faith, O SEVEN NATIONS, that speak the English tongue  
"The sacred seed of Runnymede" from whence our freedom sprung  
Is calling in our borders to men of every birth  
To stand as one great nation for the freedom of the earth.

Keep faith, ye younger nations across the distant Sea,  
The hope of English freedom it stands or falls with thee.  
America, Newfoundland and Canada for aye  
South Africa and Anzac lands uphold your trust today.

### Chorus:

Today THE SEVEN NATIONS  
At home and o'er the sea  
Acclaim the mighty charter  
Of their common liberty.

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This poem is dedicated to The Seven English Speaking Nations and is written at the request of the International Magna Charta Day Association of St. Paul, Minnesota. It commemorates the granting of the Great Charter of English Liberty by King John on the historic field of Runnymede on June 15th, 1215. The chief inheritors of the Charter are:

The United States  
Canada  
Newfoundland

The British Isles

Australia  
New Zealand  
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Dear Mr. Hamilton:-

Let me gratefully acknowledge receipt of your letters dated April 28th and April 30th.

I am taking both home to read, but have not yet had time to do so and therefore can make no extended comment. This seems to be an unusually busy time with me.

Yours faithfully,

Principal.

FOR ENGLISH SPEAKING UNITY

# International Magna Charta Day Association

INTER-DEPENDENCE DAY—JUNE 15—MAGNA CHARTA DAY

(NOT A LEGAL HOLIDAY)

The Movement Urges the Observance of This Day Annually in Common by The United States, Canada, Newfoundland, The British Isles, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa, and is Dedicated to Strengthening the Ties which Bind Them Together.

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## MAGNA CHARTA SUNDAY

The Third Sunday in June is the Fixed Date

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Dear Sir Arthur:

It is a long time since I had the pleasure of hearing from you.

This is our new letter head and leaflet, both of which I hope you will have time to carefully read and if you have any criticisms or suggestions, they will be more than welcome.

With the assurance of my personal esteem, believe me,

Faithfully yours,

JWH:B  
Encl'd

*J. W. Hamilton*  
J. W. HAMILTON.

The English Speaking Nations are urged to commemorate annually the common Charter of their liberties in the observance of June 15, as INTER-DEPENDENCE DAY—MAGNA CHARTA DAY. Among Churches and Sunday Schools, MAGNA CHARTA SUNDAY, the Third Sunday in June, the fixed date, is thus observed. The support of the Press has been and will be of the greatest help. School Teachers are asked to impress upon their students the importance and significance of this Day.

#### OBJECTS OF THE ASSOCIATION

1. ENGLISH SPEAKING FELLOWSHIP. To develop English Speaking Fellowship through INTER-DEPENDENCE DAY, thus promoting mutual understanding and the advance of the political and economic stability of the world, the surest foundation for World Peace. Only this co-operation will assure that your sons and grandsons will not be sacrificed in another "Great War."

2. STRONGER NATIONALISM. To build up STRONGER NATIONALISM by arousing the consciousness of our race everywhere and of those affiliated with us, to be on guard. This will supplant the evil influence of ALIEN RACIALISM in our midst which is a definite peril to our own and to World Peace.

3. RESPECT FOR LAW. To encourage a greater knowledge and appreciation of the basic principles of MAGNA CHARTA and of the other great documents of our freedom—the very foundation of our Constitutions—so that there will grow up, as the surest basis of national well being, a greater respect for law and a greater individual responsibility for the duties of Citizenship.

#### PLANS

OUR PLANS all aim at the supreme end of the Movement, the arousing of the consciousness of our race everywhere, and a greater sense of respect for law.

A. To urge the importance of annual MAGNA CHARTA DAY—INTER-DEPENDENCE DAY—gatherings in homes and public places on or about June 15. Hundreds of meetings have been held, including very important ones in Brisbane, New York and Winnipeg, as well as those on Runnymede Field under the supervision of our former Executive Vice President for Great Britain. We hope to secure the adoption by the Parliaments of our nations of June 15 as MAGNA CHARTA DAY.

B. To secure the issue of a Royal Proclamation in England, and to have the President of the United States, Governors of States and Provinces, Mayors of cities, issue proclamations recognizing this annual observance; and to erect on Runnymede Field some simple memorial to the Great Charter.

C. To prepare facsimiles on vellum of MAGNA CHARTA and the other great documents of our freedom for the Congressional Library.

D. To send lecturers through an English Speaking Chautauqua throughout The English Speaking Nations, and to act as a Clearing House of ideas looking to the closer union of thought and purpose of our nations.

#### FOR BETTER CITIZENSHIP

We shall achieve much for sound thinking and responsibility for the duties of citizenship, by the cumulative effect upon our young people of the following plans:

E. The widespread distribution of copies of MAGNA CHARTA and the preparation of brief statements of what MAGNA CHARTA means to our people. We have leaflets written by Rev. Charles W. Gordon, D. D., LL. D., ("Ralph Connor"); Dr. David Starr Jordan, Dr. Charles F. Thwing, Professor Holdsworth, Oxford; Hon. Elihu Root, President Henry Louis Smith; price 5c each.

F. The preparation of paintings, showing the steps in

our liberties, including MAGNA CHARTA, to be reproduced in colors, with the story in large type, for Public Schools, Homes, Sunday Schools, Lodges, etc. This is cordially approved by the Speaker of The House of Commons; Hon. John W. Davis, Dr. John H. Finley, and others. It will strengthen the national stability of each of THE SEVEN NATIONS, by having the children thus visualize the many important steps in the development of our liberties, and will make them better citizens, for it will be more difficult for disloyal elements to interfere with our liberties. Great progress is being made in England.

G. The appointment of Executive Vice Presidents for Educational Institutions in groups of states and provinces, whose object it will be to create a larger interest in the study of the development of civil and religious liberty and better citizenship. From these Institutions go forth the future leaders of the people. It is important that they catch this great vision.

H. As an aid to better Citizenship, the encouragement of a widespread study of the origin and development of our liberties, through MAGNA CHARTA STUDY CLUBS.

I. Furnishing our teachers with brief papers on patriotism, the sacredness of citizenship and its duties, the necessity of law and order and respect for those in authority, which they will use in talks to their pupils. It is hoped to have these inserted also in the papers taken by the many million Sunday School teachers and scholars of our nations. It is the aim to use the daily and weekly press for this purpose also, as well as to have the makers of patent insides for country papers adopt this plan. We shall thus be able to reach practically all our children and millions of adults. Each of our nations will furnish its own leaflets.

Leaflet No. 20, developing the plan and showing the approvals of many State Superintendents of Education, sent upon request. Teachers, Americanization Societies and Women's Clubs are already asking for the service.

#### INTER-DEPENDENCE DAY

The United States observes Independence Day, July 4th; The British Empire observes Empire Day, May 24th; and the anniversary of MAGNA CHARTA DAY, June 15th, falling midway between these two outstanding days, may under the title of INTER-DEPENDENCE DAY, well become the link that will bind our Nations still closer together. For England and America, "Facing Common Dangers" (Elihu Root) have great need of the closest co-operation, and this co-operation will be helped definitely by INTER-DEPENDENCE DAY.

#### IT GROWTH AND INFLUENCE

The movement is growing rapidly through the enthusiasm of people all over the English Speaking World who feel the burden of a moral responsibility to do their share to defeat the powerful enemies who seek to cause trouble between England and the United States and to destroy all that our race stands for. It is this sense of moral responsibility which we seek to arouse everywhere, for our movement is a direct challenge to those evil forces. But INTER-DEPENDENCE DAY celebrated in 10,000 towns and cities throughout the English Speaking World (and many hundreds are now observing it), in countless Churches, Sunday and Public Schools, and in the Press generally, would be a challenge which those forces of evil could not ignore. Will you lend a hand?

This Association was the first to recognize the value of the English Speaking Nations observing one day annually in common, having begun the movement some twenty years ago. We are not duplicating the work of any other Association and we are most happy to co-operate with all Societies having better relations in view.

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# Inter-Dependence Day

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## SEVEN ENGLISH SPEAKING NATIONS

The United States  
Canada  
Newfoundland

The British Isles

Australia  
New Zealand  
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A day, but not a legal holiday, set aside for the annual commemoration of the source of their common liberties, their common legal system, their common language and their common culture. Many people do not know that there are 200,000,000 people living under and enjoying Anglo-Saxon traditions and that the need of uniting this English Speaking World is pressing hard upon us.

Those traditions, laws, culture and liberties are all directly traceable to one great document—MAGNA CHARTA—of which President Coolidge says: "It is the background of all that we have." It is in behalf of English Speaking unity that the International Magna Charta Day Association urges our nations to annually commemorate the Common Charter of their liberties in the observance of June 15 as MAGNA CHARTA DAY—"INTER-DEPENDENCE DAY." For this one day in common is dedicated to strengthening the consciousness of the ties which bind them together.

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### INTER-DEPENDENCE DAY

The United States observes Independence Day, July 4th; The British Empire observes Empire Day, May 24th; and the anniversary of MAGNA CHARTA DAY, June 15th, falling midway between these two outstanding days, may under the title of INTER-DEPENDENCE DAY, well become the link that will bind our Nations still closer together. For England and America, "Facing Common Dangers" (Elihu Root) have great need of the closest co-operation, and this co-operation will be helped definitely by INTER-DEPENDENCE DAY.

### ITS GROWTH AND INFLUENCE

The movement is growing rapidly through the enthusiasm of people all over The English Speaking World who feel the burden of a moral responsibility to do their share to defeat the powerful enemies who seek to cause trouble between England and the United States and to destroy all that our race stands for. It is this sense of moral responsibility which we seek to arouse everywhere, for our movement is a direct challenge to those evil forces.

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We shall achieve much for sound thinking and responsibility for the duties of citizenship, by the cumulative effect upon our young people of the following plans:

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F. The preparation of paintings, showing the steps in our liberties, including MAGNA CHARTA, to be reproduced in colors, with the story in large type, for Public Schools, Homes, Sunday Schools, Lodges, etc. This is cordially approved by the Speaker of The House of Commons; Hon. John W. Davis, Dr. John H. Finley, and others. It will strengthen the national stability of each of THE SEVEN NATIONS, by having the children thus visualize the many important steps in the development of our liberties, and will make them better citizens, for it will be more difficult for disloyal elements to interfere with our liberties. Great progress is being made in England.

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The poem "The Song of THE SEVEN NATIONS" has been written at our request and is being set to music. Lieut. Commander John Philip Sousa has composed, with the approval of Judge Elbert H. Gary, THE MAGNA CHARTA March (The March of THE SEVEN NATIONS).

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#### OBJECTS OF THE ASSOCIATION

1. ENGLISH SPEAKING FELLOWSHIP. To develop English Speaking Fellowship through INTER-DEPENDENCE DAY, thus promoting mutual understanding and the advance of the political and economic stability of the world, the surest foundation for World Peace. Only this co-operation will assure that your sons and grandsons will not be sacrificed in another "Great War."

2. STRONGER NATIONALISM. To build up STRONGER NATIONALISM by arousing the consciousness of our race everywhere and of those affiliated with us, to be on guard. This will supplant the evil influence of ALIEN RACIALISM in our midst which is a definite peril to our own and to World Peace.

3. RESPECT FOR LAW. To encourage a greater knowledge and appreciation of the basic principles of MAGNA CHARTA and of the other great documents of our freedom—the very foundation of our Constitutions—so that there will grow up, as the surest basis of national well being, a greater respect for law and a greater individual responsibility for the duties of Citizenship.

#### PLANS

OUR PLANS all aim at the supreme end of the Movement, the arousing of the consciousness of our race everywhere, and a greater sense of respect for law.

A. To urge the importance of annual MAGNA CHARTA DAY—INTER-DEPENDENCE DAY—gatherings in homes and public places on or about June 15. Hundreds of meetings have been held, including very important ones in Brisbane, New York and Winnipeg, as well as those on Runnymede Field under the supervision of our former Executive Vice President for Great Britain. We hope to secure the adoption by the Parliaments of our nations of June 15 as MAGNA CHARTA DAY.

B. To secure the issue of a Royal Proclamation in England, and to have the President of the United States, Governors of States and Provinces, Mayors of cities, issue proclamations recognizing this annual observance; and to erect on Runnymede Field some simple memorial to the Great Charter.

C. To prepare facsimiles on vellum of MAGNA CHARTA and the other great documents of our freedom for the Congressional Library.

D. To send lecturers through an English Speaking Chautauqua throughout The English Speaking Nations, and to act as a Clearing House of ideas looking to the closer union of thought and purpose of our nations.

#### FOR BETTER CITIZENSHIP

We shall achieve much for sound thinking and responsibility for the duties of citizenship, by the cumulative effect upon our young people of the following plans:

E. The widespread distribution of copies of MAGNA CHARTA and the preparation of brief statements of what MAGNA CHARTA means to our people. We have leaflets written by Rev. Charles W. Gordon, D. D., LL. D., ("Ralph Connor"); Dr. David Starr Jordan, Dr. Charles F. Thwing, Professor Holdsworth, Oxford; Hon. Elihu Root, President Henry Louis Smith; price 5c each.

F. The preparation of paintings, showing the steps in

our liberties, including MAGNA CHARTA, to be reproduced in colors, with the story in large type, for Public Schools, Homes, Sunday Schools, Lodges, etc. This is cordially approved by the Speaker of The House of Commons; Hon. John W. Davis, Dr. John H. Finley, and others. It will strengthen the national stability of each of THE SEVEN NATIONS, by having the children thus visualize the many important steps in the development of our liberties, and will make them better citizens, for it will be more difficult for disloyal elements to interfere with our liberties. Great progress is being made in England.

G. The appointment of Executive Vice Presidents for Educational Institutions in groups of states and provinces, whose object it will be to create a larger interest in the study of the development of civil and religious liberty and better citizenship. From these Institutions go forth the future leaders of the people. It is important that they catch this great vision.

H. As an aid to better Citizenship, the encouragement of a widespread study of the origin and development of our liberties, through MAGNA CHARTA STUDY CLUBS.

I. Furnishing our teachers with brief papers on patriotism, the sacredness of citizenship and its duties, the necessity of law and order and respect for those in authority, which they will use in talks to their pupils. It is hoped to have these inserted also in the papers taken by the many million Sunday School teachers and scholars of our nations. It is the aim to use the daily and weekly press for this purpose also, as well as to have the makers of patent insides for country papers adopt this plan. We shall thus be able to reach practically all our children and millions of adults. Each of our nations will furnish its own leaflets.

Leaflet No. 20, developing the plan and showing the approvals of many State Superintendents of Education, sent upon request. Teachers, Americanization Societies and Women's Clubs are already asking for the service.

#### INTER-DEPENDENCE DAY

The United States observes Independence Day, July 4th; The British Empire observes Empire Day, May 24th; and the anniversary of MAGNA CHARTA DAY, June 15th, falling midway between these two outstanding days, may under the title of INTER-DEPENDENCE DAY, well become the link that will bind our Nations still closer together. For England and America, "Facing Common Dangers" (Elihu Root) have great need of the closest co-operation, and this co-operation will be helped definitely by INTER-DEPENDENCE DAY.

#### IT GROWTH AND INFLUENCE

The movement is growing rapidly through the enthusiasm of people all over the English Speaking World who feel the burden of a moral responsibility to do their share to defeat the powerful enemies who seek to cause trouble between England and the United States and to destroy all that our race stands for. It is this sense of moral responsibility which we seek to arouse everywhere, for our movement is a direct challenge to those evil forces. But INTER-DEPENDENCE DAY celebrated in 10,000 towns and cities throughout the English Speaking World (and many hundreds are now observing it), in countless Churches, Sunday and Public Schools, and in the Press generally, would be a challenge which those forces of evil could not ignore. Will you lend a hand?

This Association was the first to recognize the value of the English Speaking Nations observing one day annually in common, having begun the movement some twenty years ago. We are not duplicating the work of any other Association and we are most happy to co-operate with all Societies having better relations in view.

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 "One very good way of fostering that will to do right among our people is the commemoration of MAGNA CHARTA, not merely by marking a day in the almanac, but by the lively recalling and inculcating of its lessons. Therefore, I wish your undertaking all success."—Sir Frederick Pollock, K. C., LL. D., D. C. L.

"As the world stands, the United States and Great Britain must work together and stand together. THE thing, the ONLY thing is—a perfect understanding between The English Speaking Peoples. This is the only job now in the world worth the whole zeal and energy of all first-class, thoroughbred English Speaking men."—Walter Hines Page.

"We should make MAGNA CHARTA DAY the main tie of The English Speaking Nations. You deserve the gratitude of all who speak the English tongue."—St. Loe Strachey, Editor, The Spectator.

"You deserve the thanks of all English Speaking Peoples. I hope legally or otherwise to have New Zealand adopt MAGNA CHARTA DAY."—Hon. A. S. Malcolm, Esq., M. P., Wellington.

"The assertion in MAGNA CHARTA seven hundred years ago of that great and eternal principle that the individual has inalienable rights, of which no government may deprive him, but to secure which all government exists, we celebrate as the greatest of all events in the political development of modern liberty."—Elihu Root.

Lionel Curtis says of the vital necessity of Unity: "This commonwealth of nations speaking the English language is a steel frame spread throughout the whole structure of the world and were it to collapse, the peace of the world would fall in unspeakable ruin; the five continents are poised on its arches."

"MAGNA CHARTA DAY is a happy phrase for setting forth one of the great events of human history. The instrument might be called an international interpretation of the American Declaration of Independence, and the day itself seems to be a symbol of a whole epoch."—Charles F. Thwing, President Emeritus, Western Reserve University.

"Anything deepening the knowledge among Anglo-Saxon peoples that their liberties spring from a common source and that they have a mutual interest in maintaining them, is of the highest importance."—T. A. Crerar, Esq., M. P.

"Never before has there been greater need of the thinking women's activity in behalf of all that MAGNA CHARTA stands for."—Mrs. Marie Turner Harvey, our Ex. Vice Pres., General Federation of Women's Clubs.

### LOCAL REPRESENTATIVES

We need Local Representatives everywhere, and we invite you to serve. The duties are very simple. While the Movement is world-wide in its scope, every person in THE SEVEN NATIONS may have a share.

### THE ENEMY

Alfred Noyes gave an interview to our Press a few years ago in which he pointed out the menace of "The Hidden Hand," which sought to make trouble between England and America.

The Soviet Government recently issued a book deploring the growing intimacy among The English Speaking Nations and suggesting ways of causing trouble.

An experienced Indian Administrator writes us that there is no doubt The Enemy is working day and night to destroy the British Empire and to make trouble between England and the United States. "Your movement will some day be a sheet anchor to tie to." We must be on our guard.

### HOW YOU CAN HELP

See your Clergyman and the Superintendent of your Sunday School. Special Sunday Service Leaflet sent upon request. Tell your friends.

Also the Editor of your secular paper. Write your church paper. Ask the Mayor to issue a proclamation that the people observe The Day. See the Superintendent of your schools. Even if schools close before June 15, he can still tell the students of this movement.

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## OUR GREAT HERITAGE—ITS OBLIGATIONS

The English Speaking Nations have a great heritage, although we often allow it to become tarnished. Just in these most critical times it should be more than a landmark. It must be to ourselves and to all others—especially to those inimical and undermining forces that threaten the world today—a symbol and an ideal which we must strive not merely to maintain, but to develop and some day to perfect.

Let us establish a day—INTER-DEPENDENCE DAY—consecrated to the fostering and the purifying of this ideal—a day wherein we may look not only backward over the centuries past, but forward to those coming years which shall bring a nobler and a more enlightening freedom—Law, Order and Fellowship clasping encircling hands around the "Will To Do Right."

For a Better Understanding of the Mutual  
Problems, The Common Destiny and the  
Common Dangers of The English  
Speaking Nations.

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We know you are a very busy man, but it will be of great value to the Association to have the frank advice of a scholar of your standing in the historical field.

Perhaps you may not know what our Association is trying to do. Its main object is to develop English Speaking Fellowship through the annual observance of MAGNA CHARTA DAY, June 15th, "INTER-DEPENDENCE DAY", and the Association is dedicated to strengthening the consciousness of the ties which bind together THE SEVEN ENGLISH SPEAKING NATIONS.

The United States  
Canada  
Newfoundland

Australia  
The British Isles  
South Africa  
New Zealand

Seven Commonwealths, based on "The Reign of Law", - THE MAGNA CHARTA NATIONS. Our General Leaflet explains the plans more fully and is attached.

It has always been exceedingly important that the different parts of our English Speaking World should have every opportunity of understanding each other's problems. This is increasingly true since the recent Imperial Conference recognized the self-governing Dominions as virtually independent nations. We in the United States need to have a more intimate knowledge of the problems of the British Empire and the great services it has rendered the world; and The Empire should know more of our peculiar problems and the ways in which we are attempting to solve them.

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Those who believe in the immense benefit to humanity which will follow the closest co-operation among the English Speaking Nations will be especially interested in the following suggestions, in behalf of which we have already received warm approval. We ask your earnest consideration of them with a view to giving us in confidence and in some detail the benefit of your frank advice so that we can formulate them in such a manner as to make the most successful appeal. If any part of the plan seems unsound do not hesitate to give us your criticism without reservation.

We believe that history should be taught without any thought of propaganda. We believe that the wide teaching of the truth in the relations between England and the Thirteen Colonies and the United States, so far as it is possible to determine it, can only be a blessing to the English Speaking Nations, and that is all that we seek to accomplish in these plans.

1. Special courses or briefer series of lectures in the Universities and Colleges of the English Speaking World, which would make known the large measure of unity of thought and purpose among The English Speaking Nations. Great benefits, we think, would surely follow the establishment of such courses or series of lectures. They would point out our heavy joint responsibilities for the welfare of mankind, regardless of race; they might fittingly indicate some of our blunders in the past and take notice of what the Hon. Elihu Root calls our "Common Dangers."

This broad subject should be taught as part of a well recognized plan to link THE SEVEN NATIONS closer together in a cultural way.

No doubt the general subject is being referred to in many of these institutions, but apparently not in a systematic manner.

We would suggest that a chair of Anglo-American Relations be established wherever possible, or failing that, that the subject be taught by the Professor of International Law and Relations; the Professor of Diplomatic History, or the Professor of English History.

It would seem that special books might be prepared for use of the students. The President of one of our most famous Universities writes that he would be most happy to undertake the writing of these when he has more time.

This general plan should be carried out tactfully but without undue regard to the susceptibilities of certain over critical racial groups. It will help to give them, we think, a new conception of their duty to the lands of their adoption and be of value to the home country in Europe as well. They should come to realize that the English Speaking Nations are really actuated by worthy ideals, that they are fully awake to their dangers, and that we are determined by all means in our power to nullify those menacing influences which seek to perpetuate hyphenated groups in this country and in The Dominions Beyond the Seas. The world's best hope appears to rest upon the closest spiritual but not necessarily political co-operation of these nations. There should be no question of politics in the carrying out of this suggestion.

Let us vision the population of Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, Newfoundland and Canada fifty years hence. They now contain some 20,000,000 white people. In fifty years their population may easily double. In those nations, as well as in ours, the marvelous assimilative power of the so-called Anglo-Saxon Civilization is strikingly shown. People of many races have entered into this cultural heritage, and to all of these the MAGNA CHARTA DAY ASSOCIATION makes its appeal.

Our second proposal follows:

A joint history of the relations between England and the United States; beginning say, at 1760 and covering the Revolutionary War, the War of 1812, the Civil War and other matters of dispute between the two countries. A wealthy gentleman here might invite eight or ten English, Canadian and American historians to meet at his summer home on the Atlantic Coast. These gentlemen would discuss the whole matter and formulate a plan. They might delegate one or two of their number to do the writing, and submit copy to the rest for approval before publishing. Where there are disputed points and agreement is not possible, let the American side appear on the left-hand side of the history, the British point of view on the right-hand side, or in a separate chapter for each. The whole group might join in an introduction and preface. Such a conference, we think, would be of great service.

We know that scientifically trained students of history prize only the truth in so far as it is possible to determine it, and that their views are very much alike, but the vast masses of the people do not understand. The idea is that these books would appear in the higher educational institutions and then spread downward.

Let us again assure you that it will be a real help to have your frank opinion with advice as to how we can forward these plans, alter them to make a more successful appeal or, if necessary, abandon them in part. We shall hold your reply in strict confidence.

With kindest regards, believe me

Faithfully yours,

J. W. HAMILTON,  
740 Fuller Avenue,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

October 2nd, 1931.

The Right Honourable Lord Atholstan, LL.D.,  
The Montreal Daily Star,  
Montreal, P. Q.

I am taking the liberty  
of sending you the enclosed letter from the  
International Magna Carta Day Association.

Ever yours faithfully,

Principal

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Assoc.*

FOR ENGLISH SPEAKING UNITY

# Inter-Dependence Day

Not a Legal Holiday.

This Movement Urges the Observance of One Day Annually in Common—**MAGNA CHARTA DAY, June 15**—by The Seven English Speaking Nations, and is dedicated to Strengthening the Ties which Bind us together.

## THE SEVEN ENGLISH SPEAKING NATIONS

The United States  
Canada  
Newfoundland

The British Isles

Australia  
New Zealand  
South Africa

Commonwealths Based on "The Reign of Law"—The Magna Charta Nations.

The English Speaking Nations are urged to commemorate annually the common Charter of their liberties in the observance of June 15, as **INTER-DEPENDENCE DAY—MAGNA CHARTA DAY**. Among Churches and Sunday Schools, the Third Sunday in June, the fixed date, is thus observed. The support of the Press has been and will be of the greatest help. School Teachers are asked to impress upon their students the importance and significance of this Day.

Lionel Curtis says of the vital necessity of Unity: "This commonwealth of nations speaking the English language is a steel frame spread throughout the whole structure of the world and were it to collapse, the peace of the world would fall in unspeakable ruin; the five continents are poised on its arches."

St. Loe Strachey, Editor, The Spectator: "We should make Magna Charta Day the main tie of The English Speaking Nations."

### Inter-Dependence Day

The United States observes Independence Day, July 4th; The British Empire observes Empire Day, May 24th; and the anniversary of **MAGNA CHARTA DAY, June 15th**, falling midway between these two outstanding days, may under the title of **INTER-DEPENDENCE DAY**, well become the link that will bind our Nations still closer together. For England and America, "Facing Common Dangers" (Elihu Root) have great need of the closest co-operation, and this co-operation will be helped definitely by **INTER-DEPENDENCE DAY**.

### Its Growth and Influence

The movement is growing rapidly through the enthusiasm of people all over The English Speaking World who feel the burden of a moral responsibility to do their share to defeat the powerful enemies who seek to cause trouble between England and the United States and to destroy all that our race stands for. It is this sense of moral responsibility which we seek to arouse everywhere, for our movement is a direct challenge to those evil forces. But **INTER-DEPENDENCE DAY**, celebrated in 10,000 towns and cities throughout the English Speaking World (and many hundreds are now observing it), in countless Churches, Sunday and Public Schools, and in the Press generally, would be a challenge which those forces of evil could not ignore. Will you lend a hand?

### HONORARY PRESIDENTS

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"MAGNA CHARTA is the background of all that we have."—Coolidge.

## THE OBJECTS OF THE ASSOCIATION

1. ENGLISH SPEAKING FELLOWSHIP. To develop English Speaking Fellowship through INTER-DEPENDENCE DAY, thus promoting mutual understanding and the advance of the political and economic stability of the world, the surest foundation for World Peace. Only this co-operation will insure that your sons and grandsons will not be sacrificed in another "Great War."

2. STRONGER NATIONALISM. To build up STRONGER NATIONALISM by arousing the consciousness of our race everywhere and of those affiliated with us, to be on guard. This will supplant the evil influence of ALIEN RACIALISM in our midst which is a definite peril to our own and to World Peace,

3. RESPECT FOR LAW. To encourage a greater knowledge and appreciation of the basic principles of MAGNA CHARTA and of the other great documents of our freedom—the very foundation of our Constitutions—so that there will grow up, as the surest basis of national well being, a greater respect for law and a greater individual responsibility for the duties of Citizenship.

## WORTH WHILE OPINIONS

Lincoln—"America and Great Britain in Peace and Friendship Perpetual."

Sir Frederick Pollock, K. C., LL. D., D. C. L.—"One very good way of fostering that will to do right among our people is the commemoration of MAGNA CHARTA, not merely by marking a day in the almanac, but by the lively recalling and inculcating of its lessons. Therefore I wish your undertaking all success."

Walter Hines Page: "As the world stands, the United States and Great Britain must work together and stand together, THE thing, the ONLY thing is—a perfect understanding between The English Speaking Peoples. This is the only job now in the world worth the whole zeal and energy of all first class thoroughbred English Speaking men."

St. Loe Strachey, Editor, The Spectator: "You deserve the gratitude of all who speak the English tongue."

Mrs. Marie Turner Harvey, our Ex. Vice President, General Federation of Women's Clubs: "Never before has there been greater need of the thinking women's activity in behalf of all that MAGNA CHARTA stands for."

Hon. A. S. Malcolm, M. P., Wellington: "You deserve the thanks of all English Speaking Peoples. I hope legally or otherwise to have New Zealand adopt MAGNA CHARTA DAY."

## THE ENEMY

Alfred Noyes gave an interview to our Press a few years ago in which he pointed out the menace of "The Hidden Hand," which sought to make trouble between England and America.

The Soviet Government recently issued a book deploring the growing intimacy among The English Speaking Nations and suggesting ways of causing trouble.

An experienced Indian Administrator writes us that there is no doubt The Enemy is working day and night to destroy the British Empire and to make trouble between England and the United States. "Your movement will some day be a sheet anchor to tie to." We must be on our guard.

## HOW YOU CAN HELP

See your Clergyman and the Superintendent of your Sunday School. Special Sunday Service Leaflet sent upon request. Tell your friends.

Also the Editor of your secular paper. Write your church paper.

Ask the Mayor to issue a proclamation that the people observe The Day.

See the Superintendent of your schools. Even if schools close before June 15, he can still tell the students of this movement.

The poem "The Song of THE SEVEN NATIONS," the first of its kind, has been written at our request and is being set to music. Lieut. Commander John Philip Sousa is composing, with the approval of Judge Elbert H. Gary, A MAGNA CHARTA March (The March of THE SEVEN NATIONS).

## PLANS

OUR PLANS all aim at the supreme end of the Movement, the arousing of the consciousness of our race everywhere, and a greater sense of respect for law.

A. To urge the importance of annual MAGNA CHARTA DAY—INTER-DEPENDENCE DAY gatherings in homes and public places on or about June 15. Hundreds of meetings have been held, including very important ones in Brisbane, New York and Winnipeg, as well as those on Runnymede Field under the supervision of our former Executive Vice President for Great Britain. We hope to secure the adoption by the Parliaments of our nations of June 15 as MAGNA CHARTA DAY.

B. To have His Majesty, the King of England, issue a proclamation recognizing this annual observance; to erect on Runnymede Field some simple memorial to the Great Charter; and to persuade the British Government to place this sacred spot in the hands of the National Trust.

C. To prepare facsimiles on vellum of MAGNA CHARTA and the other great documents of our freedom for the Congressional Library.

D. To send lecturers through an English Speaking Chautauqua throughout The English Speaking Nations, and to act as a Clearing House of ideas looking to the closer union of thought and purpose of our nations.

### FOR BETTER CITIZENSHIP

We shall achieve much for sound thinking and responsibility for the duties of citizenship, by the cumulative effect upon our young people of the following plans:

1. The widespread distribution of copies of MAGNA CHARTA and the preparation of brief statements of what MAGNA CHARTA means to our people. We have leaflets written by Rev. Charles W. Gordon, D. D., LL. D., ("Ralph Connor"); Dr. David Starr Jordan, Dr. C. F. Thwing, Professor Holdsworth, Oxford; Hon. Elihu Root, President Henry Louis Smith; price 5c each.

2. The preparation of paintings, showing the steps in our liberties, including MAGNA CHARTA, with the story in large type, to be reproduced in colors for Public Schools, Homes, Sunday Schools, Lodges, etc. This is cordially approved by the Speaker of The House of Commons; Hon. John W. Davis, Dr. John H. Finley, and others. It will strengthen the national stability of each of THE SEVEN NATIONS, by having the children thus visualize the many important steps in the development of our liberties, and will make them better citizens, for it will be more difficult for disloyal elements to interfere with our liberties. Great progress is being made in England.

3. The appointment of Executive Vice Presidents for Educational Institutions in groups of states and provinces, whose object it will be to create a larger interest in the study of the development of civil and religious liberty and better citizenship. From these Institutions go forth the future leaders of the people. It is important that they catch this great vision.

4. The encouragement of widespread study of the origin and development of our liberties as an aid to better citizenship by MAGNA CHARTA STUDY CLUBS.

5. Furnishing our teachers with brief papers on patriotism, the sacredness of citizenship and its duties, the necessity of law and order and respect for those in authority, which they will use in talks to their pupils. It is hoped to have these inserted also in the papers taken by the many million Sunday School teachers and scholars of our nations. It is the aim to use the daily and weekly press for this purpose also, as well as to have the makers of patent insides for country papers adopt this plan. We shall thus be able to reach practically all our children and millions of adults.

Leaflet No. 20, developing the plan and showing the approvals of many State Superintendents of Education, sent upon request. Teachers, Americanization Societies and Women's Clubs are already asking for the service.

### MAGNA CHARTA—"THE FLAG" OF OUR RACE

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## WHY MAGNA CHARTA DAY WAS SELECTED

MAGNA CHARTA DAY was selected because the Great Charter of liberty is the very foundation of Anglo-Saxon freedom and our dearest possession, and therefore this day is more worthy of remembrance than any other day in our history. Law and race are the great influences which bind men and nations. They constitute a greater unifying force than a common tongue, important as that is. That we are right in our judgment on this matter is evidenced by the lofty tone of editorials in many leading papers throughout The English Speaking World, cordially approving of one day in common annually, and that day, the Birthday of MAGNA CHARTA. English is spoken and Shakespeare loved by many millions, who would destroy The Empire and everything for which our race stands, and who would make trouble between England and the United States. But men who understand and reverence the principles of MAGNA CHARTA would do neither one nor the other but stand fast for our great international friendship.

### Other Nations Will Benefit

The Rt. Rev. Bishop Welldon, D. D., Dean of Durham, has given us this thoughtful sentence: "The destiny of the world depends upon the free peoples, and the destiny of the free peoples depends upon Great Britain and the United States."

INTER-DEPENDENCE DAY will, therefore, become a safeguard for ALL free peoples. As the result of our Movement a lecture has been given in the University of Geneva on MAGNA CHARTA, and for certain degrees a knowledge of its principles and history is required.

The principles of MAGNA CHARTA are the only sure basis of permanent peace. The century of peace between Canada and the United States is due to their practical application that there must be a government of law and not a government of force—a "Reign of Law," which the whole world sadly needs.

## OUR GREAT HERITAGE—ITS OBLIGATIONS

The English Speaking Nations have a great heritage, although we often allow it to become tarnished. Just in these most critical times it should be more than a landmark. It must be to ourselves and to all others—especially to those inimical and undermining forces that threaten the world today—a symbol and an ideal which we must strive not merely to maintain, but to develop and some day to perfect.

Let us establish a day—INTER-DEPENDENCE DAY—consecrated to the fostering and the purifying of this ideal—a day wherein we may look not only backward over the centuries past, but forward to those coming years which shall bring a nobler and a more enlightening freedom—Law, Order and Fellowship clasping encircling hands around the "Will To Do Right."

## LOCAL REPRESENTATIVES

We need Local Representatives everywhere, and we invite you to serve. The duties are very simple. While the Movement is world-wide in its scope, every person in THE SEVEN NATIONS may have a share.

## LEAFLETS FOR YOU

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| No. 15. General Leaflet                 | No. 23. Song of THE SEVEN NATIONS                        |
| No. 17. English Speaking Patriotism     | No. 24. Membership Leaflet                               |
| No. 18. Patriotic Plans                 | No. 25. Financial Statement                              |
| No. 20. Good Citizenship Leaflet Course | No. 26. MAGNA CHARTA SUNDAY—<br>Service on Land and Sea. |
| No. 22. Song of Peace                   |  |

## International Magna Charta Day Association

J. W. HAMILTON, Founder-Secretary  
72-74 East 8th Street,  
St. Paul, Minnesota, U. S. A.

This Association was the first to recognize the value of The English Speaking Nations observing one day in common annually, having begun the movement some twenty years ago. We are not duplicating the work of any other Association and we are most happy to co-operation with all Societies having better relations in view.

# **DOCKET ENDS:**

MAGNA CHARTA DAY ASSOCIATION

The Presidency College Union Society  
1931



MADRAS

February 7 1931.

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S. CHAKRAVARTHI

To,

Sir Arthur William Currie,  
Principal, the McGill University, America,  
Calcutta.

Sir,

I gather from the papers that you will be going over to Madras on the 21<sup>st</sup> instant. May I know whether it would be possible for you to fix up an engagement with us and talk to us something about American life? Nothing gives us, students of the Presidency College, greater pleasure than such heart to heart talks between the East and the West. I sincerely hope that you will find time for giving us an opportunity of hearing you.

Thanking you,

The Union Society }  
Presidency College. }

I am,  
Yours sincerely,  
S. Chakravarthi  
(Secretary)

March 16, 1931.

S. Chakravarthi, Esq.,  
Secretary, The Presidency College Union Society,  
Madras, India.

Dear Sir,

Your letter of February 7th to Sir Arthur Currie evidently missed him at Calcutta and has been forwarded to him here. It is unfortunate, indeed, that your plan miscarried. It is one with which, naturally, we in the West have very much sympathy.

Sir Arthur Currie is still in the East and cannot be reached by mail but I shall bring your letter to his notice immediately on his return.

Yours faithfully,

CWS

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My dear Colonel Magee,

Thank you for yours of the 24th November.

I think the best thing for me to do is to hand this matter over to Dr. James, as it is within his departmental sphere. This I have done, and I hope that some student here may be induced to try for this valuable prize.

Ever truly yours,

Colonel A. A. Magee, D.S.O.,  
507 Place d'Armes,  
MONTREAL. Que.

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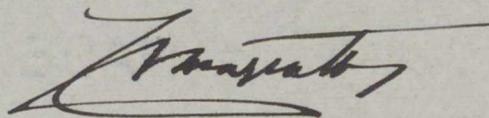
Dear Dr Morgan,

I was pleased to have a few minutes with you on the 19th. As you doubtless know, the League of Nations has little or no support in the United States, notwithstanding the fact that practically all the people want peace. I feel it should be possible to work out some plan which would be helpful in bringing support to the League.

After having heard your address before our Canadian Club I concluded that I would like to discuss with you some more or less vague ideas that may have in them some value towards helping the League.

With kind regards,

Yours very truly,



Dr A.E.Morgan, M.A.,

Principal, McGill University,

Montreal

Box 1388  
Smith's Falls, Ontario.  
2nd January 1929.

Sir Arthur W. Curran, G.C.M.G., K.C.B., LL.D.  
Principal,  
McGill University  
Montreal, P.Q.

Dear Sir, There appeared in the  
Montreal Star of 5th February  
1927 the report of an address  
delivered by you to the  
Commercial Society of McGill  
University, being an appeal to  
young Canadians to stay in  
Canada.

I was very much  
struck with the matter of  
the address and cut the report  
out of the paper and placed it  
among my papers.

I have been asked to  
address the Rotary Club  
here and purposed using

rather freely, the facts and figures given by you, but do not care to do so without your permission. My address will likely appear in the local newspaper and will be largely a repetition of what you have said, and look like plagiarism.

On the other hand these local papers reach homes where the city papers are not read, and thus influence the sons and daughters of farmers, many of whom are attending High Schools and Colleges, and may be thinking of moving to the States when they leave college. In other words my idea is to disseminate as widely as possible, the fact that our young people can find an outlet for their energies

and ambitions in our own  
country without going to  
the United States to enrich  
the life of a foreign country.  
I trust my views may  
commend themselves to you  
and that I may receive a  
favorable reply.

yours very truly  
J. Magillivray.

January 4th, 1929.

J. Macgillivray, Esq.,  
Box 1388,  
Smith's Falls, Ont.

Dear Sir:-

Your letter of January 2nd  
addressed to Sir Arthur Currie has been received.

Sir Arthur is at present in  
England, but I do not think he would have any  
objection to your using the facts and figures  
given by him in his address to the Commercial  
Society of McGill. If you quote him to any  
extent it would be courteous to acknowledge the  
source of your information.

Yours faithfully,

Secretary.

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December 1, 1932

Sir Arthur W. Currie  
McGill University  
Montreal, Canada

My dear Sir Arthur:

Dr. and Mrs. Zoltan Magyary of Budapest are visiting the United States at the present time. They are planning to be in Montreal on Friday and Saturday, December 9th and 10th, and I have taken the liberty of giving them a letter of introduction to you. I am writing now to acquaint you of their intended visit and to bespeak for them such assistance as you can give them to facilitate their observations.

Dr. Magyary is Professor of Public Law at the University of Budapest. He was formerly connected with the Ministry of Education of Hungary, and has come to this country on a traveling fellowship of the Rockefeller Foundation to make a study of public administration, and is also anxious to see as much as possible of our colleges.

His wife, Dr. Margaret Techert Magyary, was formerly in the Ministry of Education concerned with the work of the Hungarian Student Exchange. Her field is philosophy, and she is particularly interested in observing the organization of departments of philosophy in our colleges and in seeing the provisions made for the higher education of women in this country.

Sincerely yours

*Stephen P. Duggan*  
Director

SFD:B

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SYDNOR WALKER, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

CABLE ADDRESS:  
ROCKFOUND, NEW YORK

December 2, 1932

My dear Sir Arthur:

Professor Zoltan Magyary who is Director of the Institute for Research in Problems of Administration and Government at Budapest and Professor of Public Administration in the University of Budapest is visiting the United States as a guest of the Rockefeller Foundation. His chief interest is in research and experiment in public administration and he desires to see what our American universities, particularly the departments of political science, are doing in this field. Professor Magyary has a letter of introduction from Dr. O'Brien of this office to Dean Martin of the Medical School which he expects to deliver personally. Will you be good enough to introduce Professor Magyary to Dean Corbett and to anyone else at McGill who may have common interests. We shall be very grateful for this courtesy.

Professor Magyary will probably reach Montreal on December 11th to remain a day or two. He will be at the Windsor Hotel.

Sincerely yours,

*Sydnor H. Walker*

Sir Arthur Currie  
McGill University  
Montreal, Canada

SHW:JMP

To Dean Martin  
Please note and return

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EDMUND E. DAY, DIRECTOR  
SYDNOR WALKER, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

CABLE ADDRESS:  
ROCKFOUND, NEW YORK

December 6, 1932

My dear Sir Arthur:

Although Professor Magyary's plans are subject to slight change due to some indefiniteness as to the length of his stay in each place he is visiting, it appears reasonably certain that he will be in Montreal on December 11th and 12th. That was his plan when he left New York on December 5th.

Sincerely yours,

*Sydor H. Walker*

Sir Arthur Currie  
McGill University  
Montreal, Canada

SHW:JMP



MCGILL UNIVERSITY

December 7th, 1932.

Sir Arthur Currie,  
Principal - McGill University,  
Montreal.

Dear Sir Arthur,

Many thanks for the enclosed notes,  
which I am returning herewith.

I shall be only too glad to do any-  
thing I can for Professor Magyary.

Faithfully yours,

*C. J. Martin*

DEAN.

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December 5, 1932.

Stephen P. Duggan, Esq., Ph.D., LL.D.,  
Director, Institute of International Education,  
2 West 45th Street,  
New York, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Duggan,

I have your letter of December 1,  
in which you tell me that Dr. and Mrs. Zoltan  
Magyary of Budapest are planning to visit Montreal  
on December 9th and 10th and that you have given  
them a letter of introduction to me.

I shall be very glad to meet  
these visitors and to make their stay in Montreal  
a pleasant one.

With kind personal regards,

I am,

Ever yours faithfully,

Principal

December 5, 1932.

Sydnor H. Walker, Esq.,  
The Social Sciences,  
The Rockefeller Foundation,  
61 Broadway, New York.

Dear Mr. Walker,

Let me acknowledge your letter of the 2nd with reference to Professor Magyary, who will visit Montreal on December 11th. I may say that I am also in receipt of a letter from Dr. Stephen Duggan of the Institute of International Education, New York, also referring this gentleman to me, but he gives the date of his visit as December 9th and 10th. I wonder if you can let me know definitely, as I want to arrange that Professor Magyary be shown every courtesy possible.

Ever yours faithfully,

Principal