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Set down names of  
scholars who might  
handle topics -

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Having a few hours with no urgent claims on them I am venturing to set down a list of possible topics for consideration by the committee. I gathered from the discussion yesterday afternoon that members felt that the best contribution the three institutions--California Institute of Technology, Mount Wilson Observatory, and the Huntington Library--could make to the present problem of international affairs would be (a) a conference of well-known experts drawn from outside as well as inside the institutions; (b) a volume of essays on subjects related by their bearing on international affairs today; (c) a series of lectures or informal talks primarily for members of the institutions. In all three, the treatment should be practical not abstract or antiquarian. The aim throughout would be to instruct the intelligent layman on the present situation, to explain how it came about and to suggest the way out. To adapt Bernard Shaw, we want an intelligent layman's guide to international affairs that will be at once comprehensive and comprehensible. Few people realize how many strands make up the pattern of foreign policy, how many interests which may conflict or be allied there are, urging a government to adopt this or that design. To make UNO successful nations have to be convinced that their common interests are greater than their rivalries. Peace like war has to be organized. Mere passivity or pious sentiments will not suffice. Fear of the consequences of war will not be a permanent deterrent--unless the lessons of history are all wrong. Something positive must be substituted. Peace may be no more than armed peace--a purely negative thing meaning no more than there is no war actually in progress. To last, peace must be active and involves co-operation to secure benefits that nations will not lightly hazard by aggression.

The conference, lectures, essays should all be directed towards a definite program for peace and should go on to indicate how that program can and should be carried out, with emphasis on the immediate steps to be taken. To plan a Utopia for 2,000 A.D. will help little if at all during the next crucial years. The time is so short.

The following is a list of possible topics:

I. Introductory:

- (a) International Relations, their machinery and nature (political, cultural, economic)
- (b) Geographical factors in International Affairs *(Travis Borman)*  
*Carl Sauer*
- (c) National philosophies or ideologies *in relation to war*

II. Political:

- (d) Traditionism--Monroe Doctrine and isolation for United States, balance of power for Europe *2*
- (e) Nationalism--economic nationalism could be treated here or separately *UNO + possible changes.*
- (f) Imperialism--backward peoples could be treated here or separately

III. Economic

- (g) General world trends
- (h) International exchange
  - (1) Currency
  - (2) Tariffs, etc.

*(IV)* Education

- (i) General--new organization set up in London
- (j) Science--many topics, agriculture, industry, nutrition, medicine, armaments. These could also be treated under other headings.

*Psychology +  
mass  
education*

(k) Literary relationships, from the angle of spreading  
knowledge of other peoples

(l) The Press

(m) Radio

(n) Propaganda--either separately or under (l) and (m).

(IV) Morality and Religion

(o) General--common ideals, <sup>maxima</sup> necessary efforts, etc.

(p) Humanitarianism

(q) Co-operations against social evils, slavery, white slavery,  
drugs, etc.

(r) Bill of Rights for all Peoples.