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M. le Professeur Francois Perrin
La Sorbonne, Paris V.

Dear Professor Perrin,

The problem to mobilize the vast majority of peace-loving people to a joint action against the threatening war may be reduced to the problem of finding the greatest common denominator among the views - mostly differing among each other - concerning methods of preserving peace.

In my opinion this common denominator may be found in the firm resolution of strictly opposing and fighting against any aggression launched from abroad while never under any conditions collaborating with any aggression waged from the own party. In order to base such a resolution on solid grounds a clear and comprehensive definition of the conception "aggression" ought to be added.

Hence I propose that after due consultation the trade unions, the catholic and protestant church, the democratic parliamentary parties as well as the international women's and youth associations should jointly issue a proclamation which ought to be widely broadcast and advertised in many millions of posters all over the non communist world.

I am enclosing a tentative draft copy of such a proclamation asking you to give me your opinion on it.

Excuse my writing you in English which causes me less trouble in expressing my ideas than French which however I understand fairly well. My friend M. Hugues Simon has been kind enough to prepare the enclosed translation of the draft proclamation.

Yours sincerely

Hans Thirring