

The main portion of these files covers President Harper's Administration and the earlier part of President Judson's, 1906-12.

This blue sheet indicates that the letter to which it is attached belongs in the period 1912-1923 of President Judson's Administration, or in President Burton's Administration, 1923-1925.

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TO SUPPORT OUR GOVERNMENT IN ANY EFFORT IT MAY MAKE TOWARDS A JUST AND LASTING PEACE

SPECIFIC OBJECT:

TO URGE OUR GOVERNMENT TO CALL OR CO-OPERATE IN A CONFERENCE OF NEUTRAL NATIONS WHICH SHALL OFFER JOINT MEDIATION TO THE BELLIGERENTS BY PROPOSALS CALCULATED TO FORM THE BASIS OF A PERMANENT PEACE

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REBECCA SHELLEY

July 15, 1916.

Dr. Henry Pratt Judson,
Chicago, Illinois.
My dear Dr. Pratt,

The American Neutral Conference Committee was organized to bring before the public the idea of a conference of neutral nations, irrespective of peace platforms, preparedness, and the terms of the war settlement.

The warring nations assert that their purpose is to make future wars impossible. Guarantees to that end can best be secured by a neutral conference. This idea is widely accepted in the neutral countries of Europe, as is attested by the strength of their Neutral Conference Committees, and the enthusiasm of the May 18th demonstrations called to urge governmental action in that direction.

Carl Lindhagen, Mayor of Stockholm, has a neutral conference bill pending in the Riksdag; it passed the lower house unanimously. Similar bills are pending in the Parliaments of Switzerland and Norway. What about the United States?

Europe is waiting for America to lead. Our committee aims to crystallize and direct the public sentiment favorable to constructive action towards peace.

Believing that you are in sympathy with us, we invite you to become one of one hundred representative Americans on a general committee to carry out our purpose. Will you not favor us with an immediate expression of your attitude, whatever your decision?

Yours sincerely,

Rebecca Shelly

Secretary.

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CHICAGO, August 9, 1916

Dear Miss Shelly:-

Your favor of ^{the} 15th of July was received while I was absent from the city. I am not able to see any advantage from the conference to which you refer, and further believe that any action should be taken directly by the Government of the United States and not by irresponsible private organizations. I regret, therefore, not being able to accept your request.

Very truly yours,

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NEW YORK CITY - The United States Department of State today issued a statement regarding the situation in the Balkans. It stated that the United States is deeply concerned by the recent developments in the region and is committed to a policy of peaceful resolution of the conflict. The statement also mentioned that the United States is working closely with its allies to address the situation.

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830 SHERIDAN ROAD
WINNETKA, ILLINOIS

June 21, 1916

My dear President Judson,

The American Neutral Conference Committee has just been organized in New York and I am requested by the secretary to get an expression of your opinion on the desirability of a Conference of Neutral Nations as a means of shortening this war and laying foundations for permanent future peace.

The idea of a Neutral Conference

350, SHEPPARD ROAD,
WILMINGTON, DEL.

June 21, 1940

My dear President Jackson,

The American Historical Association
Committee has just been organized
in New York and I am requested
by the Secretary to get on your
program of your opinion on
the advisability of a Conference
of Natural History as a means
of obtaining this and laying
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Truly of a Natural Conference

830 SHERIDAN ROAD
WINNETKA, ILLINOIS

has been in the minds of thinking men and women more and more as the war has gone on. It is of course not an original idea with the pacifists because it has already been put into practice. During the third Balkan war a conference of continuous mediation sat in London and secured terms acceptable to the belligerents. The idea now forms a part of the program of almost all the peace organizations in this country whether they stand for or against "Preparedness". Pro-Germans and Pro-Allies are favorable to

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830 SHERIDAN ROAD
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Moreover Secretary Baker has
recently assured us that the
President would welcome our
movement.

The American Neutral Conference
Committee exists for the single
purpose of using pressure of
all kinds on our government
to cooperate in or call a con-
ference of Neutrals. I will enclose
a copy of the letter sent to the
Democratic delegates in St. Louis.
Since that letter went out the tem-
porary committee has elected

820 SHERIDAN ROAD
WINNETKA, ILLINOIS

it is the one the people
themselves have chosen
to have and we shall
be glad to have them
know that we are
in agreement with
the American Medical Association
Committee for the Study
of the Problem of
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to cooperate in or call a law
from of Health. Will you
send a copy of the letter sent to the
Bureau of Hygiene in St. Louis.
Since that letter went out the
many committees have elected

830 SHERIDAN ROAD
WINNETKA, ILLINOIS

Geo. W. Kirchwey Chairman,
Jane Addams, Irving Fisher
Archbishop Mundelein and John Mitchell
Vice chairmen, Jacob Schiff treasurer
and Hamilton Holt Secretary.

Mrs. Wilmarth has told me
that you favor preparedness
as a means to peace and that
you may very likely approve
of a Neutral Conference as the
most hopeful means toward
Permanent Peace. She hoped
that I might talk with you
but I know that you are

230 SHERIDAN ROAD
WILMINGTON, DEL.

Mr. W. W. Kinsley, Chairman

Dear Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th inst. in relation to the proposed amendment to the constitution of the State of Delaware, and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
J. M. Smith
Secretary

830 SHERIDAN ROAD
WINNETKA, ILLINOIS

Busy and perhaps you are quite ready to give us a favorable opinion.

Will you not permit your name to be published as one of those who endorse the calling of a Neutral Conference?

If you consider the matter of sufficient importance I should of course be very glad of an interview.

Sincerely yours,

Lola Maverick Lloyd

(Mrs.)

Chicago, June 22, 1916

Dear Mrs. Lloyd:-

Your favor of the 21st inst. is received. I cannot see any probability of good coming from a conference of neutral nations at the present time. If there were a cluster of strong neutral powers there would be a possibility of success, but there is only one such power now neutral. That being the case, I regret that I can hardly join in your enterprise. Thanking

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AMERICAN NEUTRAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
Headquarters
No. 1 Convent Avenue, New York.

Secretary
Rebecca Shelly

To the Delegates of the Democratic Convention.

On the eve of the convention which shall define the attitude of the Democratic Party toward the issues before our country, we urge you to take action toward the restoration of peace in Europe. We ask you to consider the rapidly accumulating evidence that a "fight to a finish" simply means mutual exhaustion and the destruction of countless lives with no decisive victory on either side.

But the war will undoubtedly continue until the belligerents are assured of those "guarantees of peace against future wars" which all have put forward as their basic claim. If their assertions are true - and we should not disapprove them until proven false - there are no irreconcilable differences between the belligerents, and it is the duty of the neutral nations to find the common basis on which the belligerents can begin peace negotiations.

Since the fundamental guarantees of peace concern the neutral nations as well as the belligerents, and the neutrals must sooner or later participate in the terms of settlement, we believe that the most efficient machinery for initiating action toward peace is afforded by conference of neutral nations.

A strong public sentiment for such a conference already exists in the neutral countries of Europe. In connection with the celebration of the first Hague Conference, 1500 societies and organizations of Norway passed resolutions urging the governments to call a neutral conference at once. Nine great mass meetings were held in different important sections of Norway; eleven in Holland; seven in Switzerland; eleven in Denmark. It was necessary to provide for overflow meetings in Sweden.

Carl Lindhagen, Mayor of Stockholm, has an appeal pending in the Riksdag of which he is a member, calling for a neutral conference. The strength of the popular demand for a conference is measured by the fact that the bill passed the lower house unanimously.

Haakon Loken, a member of the Norwegian Parliament, has a similar appeal pending there. The same question is being discussed by the Swiss National Council. An influential Dutch organization including many state officials in its membership, has cabled to President Wilson asking him if his address of May 28th could be interpreted to indicate his readiness to call a neutral conference. This inquiry of the Dutch Anti-War Council strikes the keynote of the thought of neutral Europe. If America takes the lead, the European nations will readily respond.

AMERICAN NEUTRAL CONVENTION COMMITTEE
Handwritten
No. 1 Concord Avenue, New York.

Secretary
Robeson Building

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Shall we wait until one or the other side has been bled white? Or shall we make a resolute effort to save our world NOW before the destruction has gone any further.

We again urge your support of our efforts to induce our government to call a conference of the neutral nations which, without waiting for a specific permission of the belligerents, should work out and propose terms of peace based on the just claims and best interests of all.

Proposed Neutral Conference Plank

As authorized by the American Neutral Conference Committee, I respectfully urge the adoption of the following plank in the Democratic Party platform:-

We believe our government should not confine its peace efforts to formal offers of mediation, and we pledge our party to use its best efforts to secure a Conference of Neutral Nations which shall offer joint mediation to the belligerents by proposals calculated to form the basis of a permanent peace.

(Signed)

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