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Representatives from many countries meet at Geneva shortly to discuss problems vital to the future peace of the world. Among these problems is the question of a permanent settlement in Korea, as well as the war in Indo-China.

Beacuase there has allready been speculation on the probable obstacles to such settlements, and on the possible failure of the Geneva Conference, it is as well to remind ourselves of the issue involved. For behind the discussion at Geneva is the shadow of the H - Bomb.

A terrible danger threatens the world, a danger that may consume all humanity. The first step to averting that danger is the coming together of countries to discuss and solve problems round the Conference table, instead of on the battlefield.

Everyone desires peace, and everyone knows that the localised wars in the past few years must be brought to an end, or they may prove the starting points of another world war.

Statesmen have agreed to talk. People want them to agree. It is necessary for leaders of public opinion, representatives of different currents of thought, political and religious, publicists and writers, men and women everywhere, to assist that agreement by urging discussion, compromise, the seeking of successful solutions. It is not only dangerous to speculate on failure. It shows criminal irresponsibility. If we all make it clear, if all people all over the world make the need for peace known, we will be assisting the Geneva Conference towards success.

Ordinary people have played the decisive role in obtaining peace before now. They can do it again. Legacies of past mistrust cannot be lightly swept aside. But if common agreement is ever to be reached, a start must be made, and it can be made in Geneva.

Whatever our viewpoint, our task is one of mutual understanding. Let us demand of the Statesmen of Geneva that in this they should not fail, but succeed; bringing to the world not the deeper threat of war, but the hope of lasting peace.

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