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## New World Federation Foreseen After War

**A**FTER the war, what? When and if aggression is curbed, when and if exhausted, war-torn peoples go back to peaceful life, the problems of a disordered world will be far from solved.

Even in the midst of nations at war, scientists and others are giving much attention to the future task of making a peace that will be likely to endure. In this country the urgency for action by scientists is less acute, but plans are underway and ideas are being put forth and explored. Particularly a real effort is in the making to cement together the scientific resources and progress of all the American republics.

Only secondary in importance to the fighting of the war itself is the preparation for war's aftermath of innumerable social and economic problems, foreseen by the leading British science journal, *Nature*. The penalty for failure to solve these post-war problems is seen as the collapse of civilization.

"There can be no more peace or safety on earth without a profound reconstruction of the methods of human living," H. G. Wells has said. This sentiment is obtaining support among scientists, the British especially. The world is seen moving toward a collectivism of some sort, a league or federation.

Lest civilization crumble away, it is urged that there must be a genuine attempt to realize world-wide plenty and safety through a federation of mankind. Free and unfettered discussion, simple and sincere, would be necessary to determine how this might be obtained. This is perhaps mankind's most essential job for the future.

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## Manifesto Proposes New International Order

**I**N AN England at war, scientists have been doing some faster and harder thinking on the state of the world, during and after the present war. A manifesto signed by some 57 members of the Royal Society, among them Sir Richard Gregory, Prof. Lancelot Hogben, Sir John Orr, Prof. A. J. Clark, Sir Peter Chalmers Mitchell, and the Bishop of Birmingham, points out that the "progress of science and its application to human well-being are threatened by the prevailing anarchy of interna-