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**The Minnesota Declarations of World Citizenship
And
World Law Day**

The following pages largely originate from archival records kept by Minneapolis and Hennepin County businessman Lynn Elling. I met Lynn in June, 2007, and as years passed I began an attempt to chronicle his rich history as a witness for peace. My story about him is accessible at <http://amillioncopies.info/>. It will always be a work in progress.

In the early 1960s, Mr. Elling and others primarily in the Twin Cities business, professional and civic community learned about cities and other larger units, as counties and states, becoming "World Citizens. The following pages represent part of their hard work over many years.

"World Citizen" as a concept is not new. Its visibility was greatly increased by Garry Davis, as the world began to recover after WWII. The new film, "The World is My Country", tells the story of Mr. Davis. <http://futurewave.org/films.html>. *The film is part of the International Film Festival in the Twin Cities, and the World Premiere is Sunday, April 23, at 2:30 p.m. at the St. Anthony Main Theatre. All details at www.oneworldcitizen.com. Additional showings are scheduled for April 27 (Rochester MN) and 29 (St. Anthony Main).*

Also in the 1960s, members of the same group decided to expand the idea of Law Day, proclaimed in 1958 by President Eisenhower, and others as a response to the Soviet militaristic May Day tradition. Doubtless Sputnik's arrival in the fall of 1957 was an impetus for the day.... Law Day was set as May 1. The Twin Citizens group expanded the idea, and did their first "World Law Day" dinner in 1964, and the tradition continued for many years. It was reinstated at Mr. Elling's request in 2013, and this years observance, the 5th in the events second life, is a dinner at Minneapolis' Gandhi Mahal restaurant on Monday, May 1, 2017, featuring Shawn Otto of <http://sciencedebate.org/>. Details are here: <http://globalsolutionsmn.org/Reservations> requested.

The idea of "World Law Day" seemed to take root nationally, as noted in President Nixon's 1971 Declaration, (see pages 13-15). A quick internet search will note other similar Declarations by other Presidents of the United States.

Even a cursory review of the following pages will show the results of cooperative efforts, particularly in the political sphere. World Citizenship and World Law Day were the creation of people who were of diverse political beliefs and positions in the community. That these pieces of paper which follow exist at all is a testimony of what hard work, and working together, can accomplish for the greater good of everyone on planet earth.

Dick Bernard
Lynn Elling's friend
Woodbury MN
April 3, 2017

An eight minute short subject film specifically about the Minnesota Declaration will be part of the showings of "The World Is My Country". This film can be viewed at <https://vimeo.com/207897886>.

March 27, 2017

**2017 Status as known:
Endorsers of 1965
U.S. Declaration of World Citizenship**

(dec = deceased)

Karl Rolvaag, Governor (deceased 1990)
Oscar Knutson, Chief Justice MN Supreme Court (dec 1981)
Moses Sachs, MN Rabbinical Assoc
Arthur Naftalin (Minneapolis Mayor) (dec 2005)
George Thiss (MN Republican Party)
James Shannon (Bishop St Paul-Mpls) (dec 2003)
George Vavoulis (Mayor, St. Paul) (dec)
George Farr (DFL Chair)
Naomi Hoffman (MN PTA)
George Johnson (Mayor Duluth) (dec 1974)
James Montagne (MN Bar Association)
Rev John Cummins (Pres UNA MN)
O. Meredith Wilson, (Pres, UofM) (dec 1998)
Robert Caine (Pres. Mn Council of Churches)
Annette Whiting (Pres. Mn League of Women Voters)
Lynn Elling (Pres. World Federalists MN) (dec 2016)

Your assistance in updating this listing would be greatly appreciated; as well as apprising surviving signatories* of this document and the film showings. (We do not have U.S. mail addresses for any of them, nor electronic.)

**Current Status as known:
Signers of 1968
Minneapolis/Hennepin County Declaration**

Athur Naftalin (Minneapolis mayor) (deceased 2005)
Robert Janes, for Henn Board of Commissioners
Dan Cohen, President Minneapolis City Council (Minneapolis)
Harold Levander, Governor (dec 1992)
Oscar Knutson, Chief Justice Minnesota Supreme Court (see 1968)
Eli Kahn, Minnesota Rabbinical Association
Don Fraser, Member of Congress
George Thiss, chair Minnesota Republican Party
James Shannon, Bishop Archdiocese St. Paul/Mpls (dec 2003)
Warren Spannaus, Chair, DFL Party
Irene Janski, President Mn League of Women Voters
Huntley Anpre (Dupre?), President MN World Federalists
Sidney Feinberg, MN State Bar Association (dec 1990)
Harold W. Greenwood Jr, President UNA MN

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* and/or surviving family members who may have an interest.

Thank you
Dick Bernard

**Current Status as known:
The signers/endorsers of the 1971 Minnesota Declaration
(as of March 17, 2017)**

Wendell R. Anderson Gov. (deceased 2016)
Rudy Perpich Lt. Gov. (dec 1995)
Stan Holmquist Sen. Majority Leader (dec 2005)
Ernest A. Lindstrom House Majority Leader
Nicholas Coleman Sen. Minority Leader (dec 1981)
Aubrey Dirlam Speaker of the House (dec 1995)
Martin Sabo House Minority Leader (dec 2016)
Hubert H. Humphrey U.S. Senate (dec 1978)
Bill Frenzel Member of Congress (dec 2014)
Don Fraser Member of Congress
Walter Mondale U.S. Senate
Oscar Knutson MN Supreme Court (dec 1981)
Malcolm Moos Pres. University of Minnesota (dec 1982)
David Roe Pres. MN AFL-CIO (dec 2017)
Robert King Pres. MN State Bar Assoc
? Hammarborg (?) Pres. MN Council of Churches
Leo Byrne Catholic Bishop of St. Paul-Minneapolis (dec 1974)
Eli Kahn Pres. MN Rabbinical Association
Harlan Smith Pres. Minn. World Federalists (dec 2012)
Mary Ann McCoy Pres. League of Women Voters
David Krogseng Chair, MN Republican Party
Richard Moe - Chair, MN DFL Party
Orville Hognander Pres. UN Association of MN
Harry Davis Pres. Minneapolis Urban Coalition (dec 2006)
UThant - Sec'y General United Nations
Leon Cook Pres. National Congress of American Indians

United State Declaration of World Citizenship

A Proclamation By the President of the United States

WHEREAS the year 1965 has been designated by the United Nations General Assembly as International Cooperation Year, and I have so proclaimed it for the United States; and

WHEREAS international cooperation is essential to the achievement of a peaceful world order; and WHEREAS the foundation for the peace of mankind within nations and among nations is a system of law and legal institutions; and

WHEREAS a system of law enables men and nations to avoid conflict, and legal institutions provide forums for the peaceful resolution of conflicts when they arise; and

WHEREAS the expansion of the Rule of Law in the World Community requires broad agreement on principles and terminology for multilateral treaties and conventions; and

WHEREAS those treaties require public support for the promise and potential of a world ruled by law; and

WHEREAS it is essential that the minds and hearts of men of good will of all nations be focused upon the necessity of world peace through law:

NOW, THEREFORE, I LYNDON B. JOHNSON, President of the United States of America, believing that cooperation to build a world legal system is among the most beneficial projects that can be advanced by International Cooperation Year and in order to further the great objectives thus noted for advancing world peace, do hereby proclaim September 13, 1965, as World Law Day and call upon all public and private officials, members of the legal profession, citizens, and all men of good will to arrange appropriate observances and ceremonies in courts, schools, and universities, and other public places.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the United States of America to be affixed.

DONE at the City of Washington this eight day of July in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and sixty-five, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and ninetieth.

[Signatures]

By the President:

Dean Rusk, Secretary of State

Lyndon B. Johnson

We, the undersigned, commend the President and Secretary of State for the above World Law Day Proclamation. We urge that these principles and objectives be part of the everyday search and activities of our government and its citizens, and that World Law Day be observed each year

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Gov. of Minnesota
Arthur Naftalin
Mayor Minneapolis
George Vavoulis
Mayor, St. Paul
George Johnson
Mayor of Duluth
O. Meredith Wilson
Pres U of M

Oscar Knutson
Chief Judge MN Supreme Court
George Thiss
Chair MN Republican Party
George Farr
Chair MN Democrat Party
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President, Minnesota Historical Ass'n

Mayor, City of Minneapolis

Chairman, Minnesota Republican Party

President, St. Thomas College

Mayor, City of St. Paul

Chairman, Minnesota D.F.W. Party

President, Minnesota P.T.A.

Mayor, City of Duluth

President, United Nations Ass'n of Minn.

President, University of Minnesota

President, Minn. Council of Churches

President, Minn. United World Federalists

President, League of Women Voters of Minn.

A DECLARATION OF WORLD CITIZENSHIP

A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE HENNEPIN COUNTY BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS, MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF MINNEAPOLIS

WHEREAS, in recognition of the greatly increased interdependence of the world in this nuclear age, and

WHEREAS, realizing that the common interests of man can only be met through world cooperation, and

WHEREAS, seeking to free mankind from the curse of war and to harness all available sources of energy and knowledge to the service of man's needs, and

WHEREAS, aware that we can best serve our city, county, state, and nation when we also think and act as world citizens,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Mayor, City Council of Minneapolis, and Hennepin County Board of Commissioners recognize the sovereign right of our citizens to declare that their citizenship responsibilities extend beyond our city and nation. We hereby join with other concerned people of the world in a declaration that we share in this world responsibility and that our citizens are in this sense citizens of the world. We pledge our efforts as world citizens to the establishment of permanent peace based on just world law, and to the use of world resources in the service of man and not for his destruction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that as a symbol of our obligations as world citizens we request the Municipal Building Commission to proudly display the United Nations flag on suitable occasions at the main entrance to the City Hall and the main entrance to the new County Building.

The question was on the adoption of the resolution and it was unanimously passed on March 5, 1968 by the Board, and on March 8, 1968 by the City Council.

Robert Janes
Chairman, Henn. Co.
Board of Commissioners

Arthur Naftalin
Mayor, Minneapolis

Daniel Cohen
President
City Council

We, the undersigned, commend the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners, the Mayor and City Council of Minneapolis, for the above splendid World Citizenship Resolution. This is the first American community that we know of to take such action. We hope that many other cities and counties will follow this example which is a valuable step in building a world community and world peace.

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Member of Congress


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President, Minn. Council of Churches


Chairman, Minnesota D.F.L. Party


President, League of Women Voters of Minn.


President, Minn. United World Federalists


President, Minnesota State Bar Ass'n


President, United Nations Ass'n of Minn.

LAW DAY CEREMONY
MINNEAPOLIS CITY HALL
MAY 1, 1968

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United Nations
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I. 10 A.M. Introduction - Lynn Elling, Chairman (past president of U.W.F.)

<u>Aldermen</u>	<u>Mayor</u>	<u>Hennepin County Board</u>
Daniel Cohen - President Ward 7	Arthur Naftalin	Robert P. Janes - Chairman
Donald P. Risk Ward 1		E. F. Robb, Jr.
Robert MacGregor Ward 2		Richard Hanson
Albert J. Hofstede Ward 3		Jack Provo
Mark Anderson Ward 4		Mrs. I. G. Scott
Joseph Greenstein Ward 5		
Jens Christensen Ward 6		
Gerard Hegstrom Ward 8		
Richard Curtin Ward 9		
Vern Anderson Ward 10		
Mrs. Gladys Brooks Ward 11		
Byron F. Nelson Ward 12		
Richard Brdall Ward 13		

Sub-endorsers of The Declaration of World Citizenship invited to this affair:

- The Honorable Governor Harold LeVander
- The Honorable Chief Justice Oscar Knutson
- The Honorable Congressman Donald M. Fraser
- Mr. Sidney S. Feinberg, President of Minnesota State Bar Association
- Mr. George Thiss, Chairman, Minnesota Republican Party
- Mr. Warren R. Spannous, Chairman of D.F.L. Party
- Reverend Leonard L. Harkness, President, Minnesota Council of Churches
- Bishop James P. Shannon, Aux. Bishop, Twin Cities Archdiocese
- Rabbi Eli J. Kahn, President, Minnesota Rabbinical Association
- Mrs. Irene J. Janski, President, League of Women Voters of Minnesota

The two sponsoring organization presidents:

- Dr. Huntley Dupre, President of Minnesota United World Federalists
- Mr. Harold W. Greenwood, President, United Nations Association of Minn.

Mpls. Public Schools - Rev. Pres. Plus.

Metropolitan area suburban City, Village, and Towns represented here today by their Mayor or Representative. The U. N. flag will fly with the U.S. flag today at the public building of each community represented:

Anoka	Mayor Elvig	Golden Valley	Mayor Teresi
Arden Hills	" Bjorndahl	Hopkins	" Hanley
Blaine	" Ramsdell	Maple Grove	" Reimer
Bloomington	" Thomasberg	Minnetonka	" Cooley
Brooklyn Center	" Cohen	Mound	" Fenstad
Brooklyn Park	" Rossing	Mounds View	" Rustad
Burnsville	" Hall	New Brighton	" Anderson
Circle Pines	" Anderson	Orono	" Ross
Columbia Heights	" Nawrocki	Osseo	" Joyner
Coon Rapids	" Voss	Plymouth	" Hilde
Crystal	" Lundquist	Robbinsdale	" DeLay
Edina	" Bredesen	St. Louis Park	" Thiel
Excelsior	" Beehrle	Wayzata	" Whitney

I spoke several times during the late 1960s, while the Vietnam War escalated, on the importance of the United Nations. What follows are excerpts from three such speeches. The first is taken from remarks on the occasion of the first flying of a United Nations flag over the Minneapolis City Hall:

» I am deeply honored and tremendously thrilled to be a member of this distinguished company on this occasion. Not only does this occasion mark the first flying of the United Nations flag by Minneapolis and Hennepin County, but the first such declaration and UN flag flying by any major community in the United States. Thus this becomes a deeply significant occasion in our nation's history. It represents a commitment to cooperation among nations for world peace, to belief in the common brotherhood of all men of all nations, and to aspirations for a world community of peace, freedom and justice under world law.

If one thinks in terms of narrow nationalism, it is perfectly clear that one nation can have objectives that are in opposition to another nation, and that lacking any other influence, differences can grow into disputes and disputes into war. It can become a patriotic purpose for the men of one nation to seek to kill the men of another nation. On the other hand, if people believe that all men are bound together in a common humanity and that the dignity of any man is greater than the difference created by man-made boundaries, it becomes difficult, if not impossible, to wage war anywhere. It becomes as horrendous to kill anyone as one's own brother, for indeed, all men become brothers.

What is developing today is an ever-increasing body of opinion that holds that we must look upon all the peoples of the world as one community, and we must find a way to operate under a body of world law to preserve peace. Is the idea of a world community completely impractical?

Trygve Lie [first secretary general of the United Nations] didn't think so. In 1950, his tenth point in a twenty-year program for achieving peace through the United Nations read: "Active and systematic use of all the powers of the Charter and all the machinery

I Trust to be Believed

of the United Nations to speed up the development of international law, towards an eventual enforceable world law for a universal world society."

Dag Hammarskjold [another U.N. secretary-general] said, "The dilemma of our age, with its infinite possibilities of self-destruction, is how to grow out of the world of armaments into a world of international security, based on law."

Dwight D. Eisenhower said: "We see as our goal not a superstate above nations, but a world community embracing them all, rooted in law and justice and enhancing the potentialities and common purposes of all peoples."

Arthur J. Goldberg, on assuming his post as chief of the United States mission to the United Nations, said: "There is simply no alternative in a nuclear age to world peace through the rule of law."

Pope John commented: "Today the universal common good poses problems...which cannot be adequately tackled or solved except by the efforts of public authorities which are in a position to operate in an effective manner on a worldwide basis."

If these bold statements frighten anyone, may I remind them of the words of Senator Arthur Vandenberg at the time of Senate ratification of the UN charter: "You may tell me that I have but to scan the present world with realistic eyes in order to see these fine phrases often contemptuously reduced to a contemporary shambles, that some of the signatories to this charter practice the precise opposite of what they preach even as they sign, that the aftermath of this war seems to threaten the utter disintegration of these ideals at the very moment they are born. I reply that the nearer right you may be in any such gloomy indictment, the greater is the need for the new pattern which promises at least to try to stem these evil tides."

I am proud to live where public authorities are courageously speaking out on behalf of an equal concern for all men everywhere, and in support of the concept of world citizenship in a world community of nations, living in peace under law.

(date is lost, but believed to be late 1968)

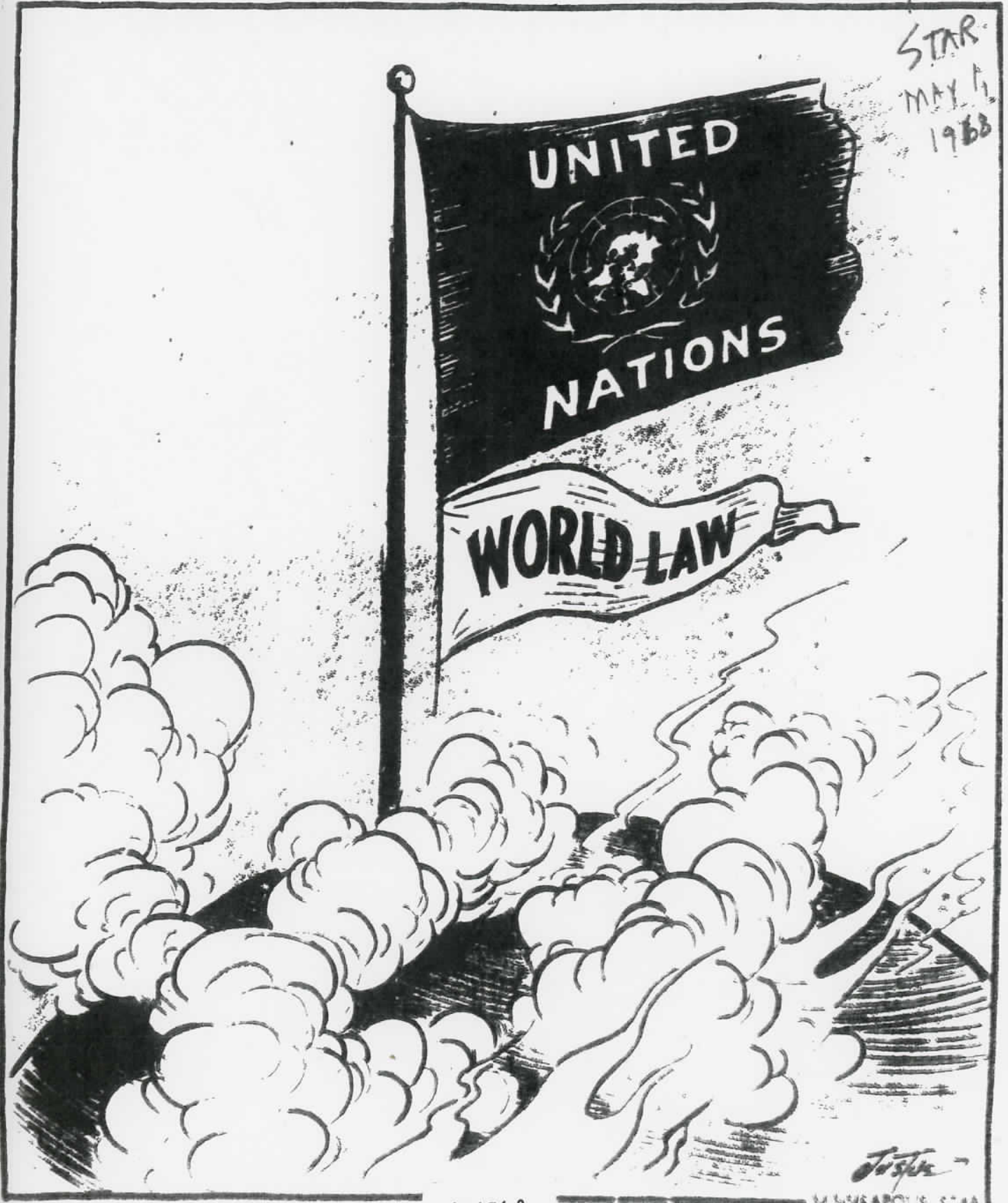
Actual date: May 1, 1968
At Minneapolis City Hall

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done, and his forthright rebuttal, "I am no
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THE HOPE OF HUMAN SURVIVAL

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MAY 1,
1968



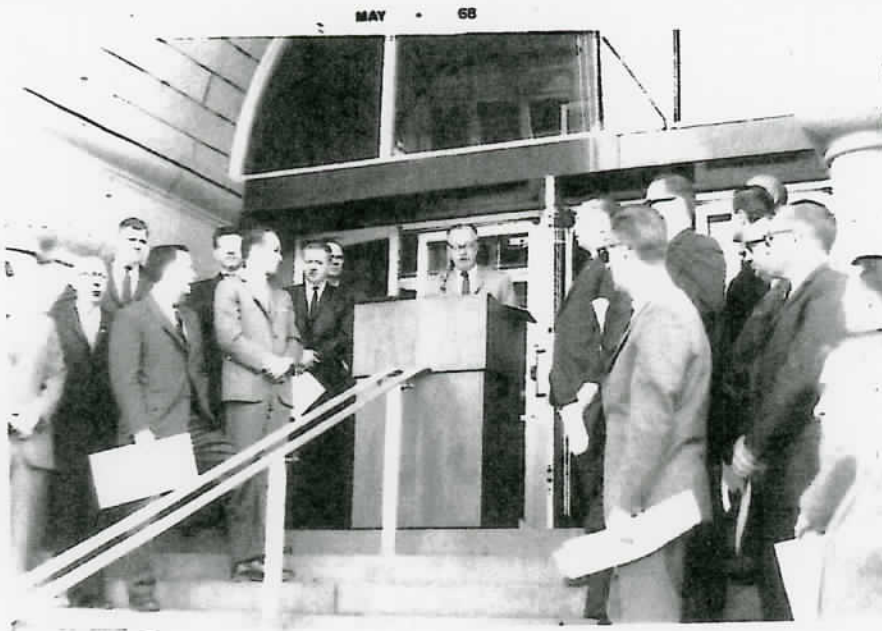
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MINNEAPOLIS STAR



May 1, 1968, Minneapolis and Hennepin County, World Citizens. Top, Lynn Elling opens the gathering at Minneapolis City Hall southwest entrance. (Donna Elling photographer)



Former Mn Governor Elmer L. Andersen gives keynote address at the Dedication. Along with Minneapolis and Hennepin County, 34 mayors joined the endorsement.



Preparing to raise the UN flag beside the United States flag. At front, from left, Warren Spannaus, Elmer L. Andersen and Minneapolis Mayor Arthur Naftalin

WORLD CITIZENSHIP DECLARATION BY MINNEAPOLIS, HENN. COUNTY

By Lynn Elling

The original concept of "mundialization" came to my attention at the WAWF conference in Japan in 1963. Members of the Japanese delegation told us that over 267 of their cities had adopted strong resolutions on world citizenship. Then in 1967 at Oslo, Norway, our Japanese friends again urged everyone to get their city and county governments to pass such declarations in favor of limited international government to keep the peace under a system of law and order. The program, we learned, has had amazing success in Canada.



When I returned to Minneapolis, I discussed the idea with Stanley Platt. He drafted a resolution which we submitted to Mayor Arthur Naftalin. The City Council, with a strong recommendation from the mayor, unanimously adopted the resolution. The people of the community, through their elected representatives, were on record as favoring world law and world citizenship.

Early in 1968, we submitted a similar resolution to the Hennepin County Board. The board and the council unanimously adopted a joint resolution on world citizenship last March.

I then started working with Bob Janes, chairman of the Hennepin board and the Municipal Buildings Committee, on the idea of putting up two flagpoles on each side of the City Hall-- Courthouse. After several meetings, this purpose was accomplished, and on May 1, former Gov. Elmer L. Andersen presented two United Nations flags to the local government to fly alongside the United States flag.

We decided to print the declaration of world citizenship on parchment paper, using UN colors, and signatures of endorsement are being sought from prominent Minnesotans.

At the May 1 ceremony, mayors and other officials from 28 state communities participated and agreed to fly a UN flag in front of their own city halls on May 1 and other suitable occasions. In the photograph above, Gov. Andersen and Mayor Naftalin and the mayors of other communities are shown with one of the Minneapolis UN flags.

UWF NATIONAL ASSEMBLY - at the Sheraton-Chicago Hotel, May 31-June 2. The state chapter will be represented by Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Elling, Mr. and Mrs. Richardson Okie, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Platt, Mrs. L. S. Duboff, Howard Y. Williams, and York Langton. If you also can attend, please call Mr. Williams at 644-9273 and he will send full particulars.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that as a symbol of our obligations as world citizens, we proudly display the United Nations flag with the United States flag at the main entrance to the State Capitol and urge other states to do the same.

Effective March 26, 1971.

Wendell R. Anderson
Governor, State of Minnesota

Stanley W. Holmquist
Senate Majority Leader

Andy Bergiel
Lt. Governor

Ernest H. Lindstrom
House Majority Leader

Nicholas D. Coleman
Senate Minority Leader

Ruby W. Wislizen
Speaker of the House

Martin O. Sabo
House Minority Leader

We, the undersigned, commend the State Officials for the above splendid World Citizenship Declaration. We recognize that Minneapolis was the first city to adopt such a Declaration in March 1968, and now Minnesota is the first State in the Nation to adopt World Citizenship. We urge our cities, other states, our nation and other nations to follow this example, which is a valuable step in building a World Community of Peace under Just Law.

Herbert H. Humphrey
Senator

Bill French
Member of Congress

Donald M. Fraser
Member of Congress

Walter F. Mondale
Senator

Donald W. Johnston
Chief Justice, Minn. Supreme Court

Malcolm Mason
Pres., University of Minn.

David Re
Pres., Minn. AFL-CIO

Robert H. King
Pres., Minn. State Bar Assn.

Walter J. Rosten
Pres., Minn. Council of Churches

MEO C. BYRNE
Coadjutor, Archbishop

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Mrs. Deville B. Anderson
Pres., U.S. Association of Minn.

Harold Davis
Pres., Minneapolis Urban Coalition

James
Secretary-General
(U.N. Treaty) United Nations

Leon F. Rook
Pres., National Congress of American Indians

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Re: Minnesota Declaration

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Tuesday, March 30, 1971

Minneapolis **Tribune**

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Wallace Allen Managing Editor
Leonard Inskip Editorial Editor

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A 'declaration of world citizenship'

Although none occurs to us, a valid reason might conceivably be found for objecting to the "declaration of world citizenship" signed Friday by Gov. Anderson, the lieutenant governor and majority and minority leaders of both houses of the Legislature. The best indication that no such reason exists was one critic's resort to an attack on the patriotism of those who supported the declaration and who

significance for individual Americans of their country's commitment to a strong United Nations. To borrow from an earlier declaration, a truth that ought to be held self-evident was stated Friday as a belief that Americans "share in this world responsibility and . . . are in this sense citizens of the world."



made the perfectly reasonable decision to fly the United Nations flag at the Capitol along with the state and national flags.

The declaration merely expresses the

Speaking on the same theme two weeks ago, George Bush, this country's new U.N. ambassador, had this to say: "It is President Nixon's deeply held conviction, which I share completely . . . that the whole U.N. system must be strengthened in the field of peace and security, social and economic development, for the promotion of human rights and the use of technology for the benefit of all peoples."

We commend the initiators and signers of the "declaration of world citizenship" for demonstrating once again that a sense of international responsibility is felt not only in the White House and Congress, but in state houses and legislatures as well.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 29, 1971

Dear Mr. Frenzel:

This is to thank you and reply to your recent letter to the President concerning a resolution on world citizenship signed by the Republican Congressional Delegation from Minnesota.

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The President addressed himself to this issue on June 17 when he proclaimed July 21, 1971 as World Law Day. In that Proclamation he explains that "technology is shrinking the globe so that 'my country is the world; and my countrymen are mankind,' is no longer fancy but compelling fact for the whole human race." He concludes by urging "each American to join with millions of his fellow men around the world in heightened recognition of the importance of the rule of law in international affairs to our goal of a stable peace."

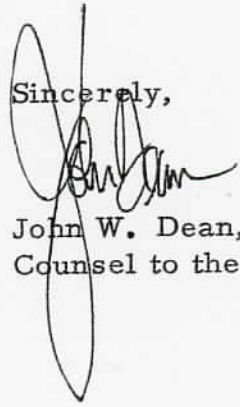
I am certain that from a reading of this Proclamation, you will realize the President's firm commitment to the concept of World Peace Under Just World Law which your resolution advocates. A copy of this Proclamation is enclosed for your information.

You also requested that Mr. Lynn M. Elling of Minneapolis be granted an appointment with the President to describe this project personally. Although his busy schedule will not allow time for this meeting, the President does wish to emphasize to you and Mr. Elling that he fully endorses the principles which you and your fellow Congressmen supported in your resolution.

Again, thank you for bringing this matter to our attention.

With my best regards.

Sincerely,


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WORLD LAW DAY, 1971

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

A PROCLAMATION

From the time more than 25 centuries ago when a Hebrew prophet wrote, "The Lord is our judge...our lawgiver...our king; he will save us, "Western civilization's sense of salvation has been intimately related to its vision of the universal rule of law in the affairs of men. We in the United States have special reason to cherish this vision, for the freedom, the order, and the abundance which we enjoy are fruits of its application. The great principle that the people are sovereign, and that the law they make is supreme, has operated with such signal success in our country's history that Americans are turning increasingly to the compelling logic of putting it to work in the world community as well. People of many other nations and cultures are doing likewise.

At the same time technology is shrinking the globe so that the sense of common destiny and common danger, the sense that "my country is the world; and my countrymen are mankind," is no longer fancy but compelling fact for the whole human race. More and more, it becomes a matter of prime importance that principle and not more power should govern in this country called Earth.

We can see many heartening evidences that law is becoming stronger and more just around the world under the pressures which reason and necessity exert. Within the nations, human rights and ecological wisdom continue to gain stature in the law. Among the nations, security and cooperation -- on every front from space to the seabeds -- are being enhanced through negotiations, treaties, and conventions. The United Nations is entering its second quarter of a century, and many other international organizations are working effectively through and for world law.

Also playing a constructive role are those organizations which are made up not of countries but of individual men and women, joined together in the interest of the law as citizens of their countries and of the world. One of the most important of these is the World Peace Through Law Center, founded in 1963, which this summer will hold its Fifth World Conference on World Peace Through Law at Belgrade, Yugoslavia. July 21, the date when thousands of lawyers and jurists from around the world will convene for this conference, will be observed in many nations as World Law Day -- an observance in which I know the American people, a people who love the law, will want to join.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD NIXON, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim July 21, 1971, as World Law Day. I call on every American to reflect that day on the sacredness of the law in American tradition. And I urge each American to join with millions of

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his fellow men around the world in heightened recognition of the importance of the rule of law in international affairs to our goal of a stable peace.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 17th day of June, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred seventy-one, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred ninety-fifth.

/s/ RICHARD NIXON

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