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Dear Professor Calamandrei:

The International Research Press is considering the publication of a collection of essays by European writers on European-American affairs, with special emphasis upon European unity. And, being acquainted with your writings in Common Cause--of which I was an associate editor during 1947-1948--I naturally thought of you as being one particularly suited to contribute to this symposium.

We feel (as Americans), especially in view of the recent elections, that the American public is almost completely unaware of the various currents in European thought on Western Union and Europe's relations with America in general. While the newspapers have done their best perhaps to give some coverage to this topic, not enough has been done to really assess the virtues and faults of American pressure for a unified Europe as seen through European eyes.

Quite frankly, we believe that such a state of ignorance is unhealthy. One glance at our mass circulation news-magazines should be sufficient to convince any critical observer of the dangers inherent in such a lack of information--smugness and intolerance. Too many Americans, we fear, have little or no knowledge of the quality of Europe's present temper, and of Europe's fundamental needs, and the reasons for both. That is why we think a series of essays by European writers from different countries would be particularly pertinent at this time. Our aim, more than to supply information, is to present points of view which challenge aspects of American outlook and policy.

The essays, six to eight in number, would be published under the title (tentative) Europe and America in Mid-Century. As mentioned, they would deal mainly with the central question of European unity, seen from the perspective of Europe between two competing world powers. They would be written by such men as yourself in Britain, France, Germany, and Italy. We may also include a critical commentary by a well-qualified Indian, from his non-European standpoint. We suggest the following themes only to give an idea of the kind of essays we have in mind:

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- 1) European unity. What form should it take? What attitude toward it should America adopt? What do you believe its assets and liabilities would be? Do you think it attainable in the foreseeable future? By what means?
- 2) Does the concept of a 'third force' of that of European neutrality seem of any significance to you? If not, why not? If so, how should one or the other develop and how would it affect Europe's relations with the U.S.A. and the U.S.S.R.?
- 3) How do you regard the Soviet Union's role in world politics?
- 4) What in American official policy, or influential unofficial policy (e.g. the press), seems harmful or beneficial, poorly or well directed?
- 5) What do you believe your country's role in European and world affairs should be?

The essay should be no longer than 5,000 words. We intend to keep the size of the book small, since we hope to give it wide circulation at a minimum price. The book will be distributed in the United Kingdom by an English publishing house, and similar arrangements will be made in America. The essay may be written either in English or your own language, to be translated by us, or by a person of your own choosing.

The International Research Press is a non-profit-making association incorporated under the laws of the State of Illinois, but at present directed from England. Being a non-profit organization, we cannot, at the present moment, undertake to offer a guaranteed payment for your contribution, should you agree to make one. The cost of publishing and distributing such a book at a low price will be quite heavy. If there is a demand for the book, however, it should be possible for us to pay up to \$150 (maximum) to each contributor. This will be paid out of the first \$1200 to \$1500 after costs are met (by law our accounts are, of course, open to inspection). Furthermore, although we wish to hold the copyright, we have no objections to your essay appearing by mutual agreement in a periodical.

Because the background against which such essays are written is constantly changing, we would like to have them by the middle of April. We want to have the book in print within two months of receiving the manuscripts.

We sincerely hope you agree with us about the need and possibilities of the book we are suggesting, and are willing to help bring it into being by doing one of the essays for it.

Yours sincerely,


Phillips Ruopp, President
International Research Press, Inc.