

"Already, as a result of the four Continental Conferences there has been a most heartening increase in correspondence and personal meetings between the lawyers of all nations, a great upsurge of fraternal spirit. This will be immeasurably increased at the World Conference at Athens. As the lawyers of the world come to know each other better and understand each other's problems they will be better prepared to work together for that great common cause of humanity-world peace."



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"How world trade and investment can be facilitated by modernizing and harmonizing various laws governing these activities will be reviewed at Athens. Many experts say that there is no area in which the establishment of the international rule of law can offer a greater potential for the welfare and prosperity of all nations.

"Since it has already been recommended by the previously-held Continental Conferences, it is certain the World Conference at Athens will approve the setting up of a permanent organization to be designated the World Peace Through Law Institute or Center. Such a Center would be staffed with experts and have the benefit of volunteer committees of the most distinguished jurists in various areas of international law from all over the world. So manned, it would carry on badly-needed programs of research, education, and action.

"It comes as a surprise to most laymen to be told that only a small amount of even the most urgently - needed research in the field of international law is being performed at the present time. Yet such is the case. There are dozens of research projects to be performed. I would cite as just one example the fact that the only index to the treaties of the world is now lagging several years behind.

"The World Conference will also agree upon the designation of one day every year as World Law Day when all bar associations and individual lawyers will strive to educate the general public on the potentialities of international law as the surest force for world peace. A number of nations already have their own national Law Day.

"We are also looking forward to the establishment of an International Law Year which would seek to accomplish in the international law field what the International Geophysical Year did in the field of science. During this year, there would be a concentrated program of cooperation between the lawyers of the world for research, education, and action.

"There is a tremendous amount of work to be done before we can meet the present deficiencies in international law rules. In preparation for this World Conference on World Peace Through Law at Athens, lawyers have already held four Continental Conferences - in San José, Costa Rica; Tokyo, Japan; Lagos, Nigeria; and Rome, Italy, in 1961 and 1962.

"Our plan of action is not in the nature of a high-powered crusade. Rather we will work in a lawyer-like fashion to take various practical steps to create new laws where needed, to clarify and codify existing laws, to set up committees to educate the lawyers and the laymen, and to conduct research projects.

"We will assist law schools in expanding existing and developing new courses in international law. We hope to assist libraries in stocking materials on international law.

"Logically, the World Court at the Hague should be the world's most powerful legal institution in settling disputes between nations. But for various reasons it is really little used, despite the fact that it has a splendid reputation among international lawyers for the manner in which it functions.

"One of our most important tasks at Athens will be to determine how we can persuade more nations to accept and use the World Court.

"While the UN has done a vast amount of good work in promoting the peaceful settlement of disputes, it could be a much more effective organization. At Athens we will consider its deficiencies and decide what can be done. There is, for example, the matter of the accessibility of the World Court, situated as it is at the Hague. There is considerable sentiment for having the Court sit in chambers in various parts of the world. This would make it easier for nations to take cases into the World Court.

"Another possibility which the lawyers will consider at Athens will be that of having regional courts independent of the World Court.

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Mr. Mahmood Sarshar.

Vice-President of the Iranian Bar Association

Delegate to insert his address and telephon number.

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Delegate to insert his name and address, who will go as one of this nation's two delegates to the World Conference on World Peace Through Law in Athens, Greece, June 30 - July 6, says that this Conference is being hailed as the greatest world meeting of lawyers ever held.

The other delegate from this nation is **Dr. Keyhan**. Insert other delegate's name and address.

Mr. Mahmood Sarshar. explained that the main purpose of the World Conference will be to mobilize for the first time in history on a global basis the collective influence and talents of the legal profession to promote international law and legal institutions to keep the peace.

The World Conference in Athens will bring together two lawyer delegates from each of more than 100 nations, in addition to several hundred other of the world's most distinguished leaders of the legal professions as consultants, observers and as guests of honor.

"Bringing international law and legal institutions up to date to meet the challenge of these perilous times is the supreme challenge facing the legal profession today," **Mr. Mahmood Sarshar.** said.

"We lawyers are undertaking this as a public service of the legal profession.