

# Declaration of Atlantic Unity

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TO FOCUS THE ATTENTION of their countrymen and their governments on the need to strengthen NATO, over 150 distinguished citizens from 8 Atlantic Pact nations have issued a "Declaration of Atlantic Unity." Released on the eve of the mid-October meeting of the North Atlantic Council (NATO Ministers), the Declaration observed that NATO was "still basically a military alliance" despite the broader aspects of its original terms. The Declaration therefore urged NATO leaders to

1. Develop NATO to coordinate the political, trade and defense policies of the member nations;
2. Formulate a comprehensive mutual program to lower tariffs, free currencies and eliminate trade restrictions to establish "an adequate economic basis for the Atlantic Community and associated nations";
3. Have the legislature of each NATO country set up a parliamentary committee on NATO for educational purposes;
4. Create an advisory Atlantic Assembly made up of member-nation legislators to meet periodically to discuss matters of common concern;
5. Establish an Economic Advisory Committee composed of employers and employees to advise NATO bodies on the effect of their policies on the standard of living in NATO countries.

The Declaration concluded by asking "fellow citizens to urge our respective governments to make this most challenging and constructive experiment (NATO ) succeed." A partial list of those who signed the Declaration follows:

**American:** Herbert Agar, historian, author; Elliott V. Bell, Chairman, Executive Committee, McGraw-Hill Publishing Company; Robert Woods Bliss, former Assistant Secretary of State; Chester Bowles, former Ambassador to India; Sevallon Brown, Editor and Publisher, "Providence Journal" and "Evening Bulletin"; Harry A. Bullis, Chairman of the Board, General Mills, Inc.; Ellsworth Bunker, President, American Red Cross; Vannevar Bush, President, Carnegie Institution of Washington; Will L. Clayton, former Under-Secretary of State for Economic Affairs; Gardner Cowles, President, Des Moines "Register" and "Tribune"; Norman Cousins, Editor, "Saturday Review"; Colgate W. Darden, President, University of Virginia, former Governor of Virginia; Elmer Davis, radio commentator and author; General William J. Donovan, Chairman, American Committee on United Europe, former Director, Office of Strategic Services; General William H. Draper, Jr., former U. S. Permanent Representative to the North Atlantic Council; Mark Ethridge, Publisher, Louisville "Courier-Journal"; Thomas K. Finletter, former Secretary of the Air Force; Henry C. Flower, Jr., Vice President, J. Walter

Thompson Company; Henry Ford II. President, Ford Motor Company; John Gardner, President, Carnegie Corporation of New York; W. St. John Garwood, Associate Justice, Texas Supreme Court; Joseph C. Grew. former Ambassador to Japan; William V. Griffin. President, The English-Speaking Union; Ernest A. Gross, legal advisor to Secretary General of the U. N.; Learned Hand, former Judge, U. S. Circuit Court; Rep. Brooks Hayes (D. Ark.); The Rt. Rev. Henry W. Hobson, Protestant Episcopal Bishop of Southern Ohio; Paul G. Hoffman, Chairman of Board, Studebaker Corporation, former Administrator Economic Cooperation Administration; Ernest M. Hopkins, President Emeritus, Dartmouth College; Palmer Hoyt, Publisher, Editor "The Denver Post"; Rep. Leroy Johnson (R., Calif.); Robert L. Johnson, President, Temple University; Eric Johnston, President, Motion Picture Association of America, Chairman, International Development Board; Wilbur K. Jordan, President, Radcliffe College, Chairman, American Council on NATO; Senator Estes Kefauver (D. Tenn.); Meyer Kestnbaum, President, Hart, Schaffner & Marx, Chairman, Committee for Economic Development; Senator Herbert H. Lehman (D. N.Y.); Paul W. Litchfield, Chairman, Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company; General George C. Marshall, former Secretary of State; John J. McCloy, Chairman of the Board, Chase National Bank, former U. S. High Commissioner to Germany; Rep. John W. McCormack (D. Mass.); Hugh Moore, Chairman of the Board, Dixie Cup Company; Frank C. Nash, former Assistant Secretary of Defense; Lithgow Osborne. President, American-Scandinavian Foundation, former Ambassador to Norway; William Phillips, former Under-Secretary of State; Philip D. Reed, Chairman of the Board, General Electric Company; Owen J. Roberts, former Justice U. S. Supreme Court; Elmo Roper; public opinion analyst; Harry Scherman, President, Book-of-the-Month Club; Admiral William H. Standley, former Ambassador to the Soviet Union; Professor Arthur M. Schlesinger, Jr., historian, Co-chairman, Americans for Democratic Action; George N. Shuster, President, Hunter College; Hans Christian Sonne, Chairman, National Planning Association; Anna Lord Strauss, former President, League of Women Voters; Clarence K. Streit, author of "Union Now"; Harry S Truman, former President of the U. S.; Adlai E. Stevenson, former candidate for U.S. President; former Governor of Illinois.

**British:** The Very Rev. Dr. John Baillis, President, World Council of Churches; Sir Adrian Boult, Conductor, London Philharmonic Orchestra; Alan Bullock, Censor, St. Catherine's Society, Oxford; Frank Byers, former Chairman, Liberal Party; Sir James Chadwick, Master, Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge, Nobel Laureate Physics 1935; Lionel Curtis, Fellow of All Souls', Oxford; The Rt. Hon. Clement Davies, Leader of the Parliamentary Liberal Party; Arthur Deakin, General Secretary, Transport & General Workers' Union; Christopher Fry, dramatist; Lord Malcolm Douglas-Hamilton, Vice President, Federal Union, Ltd.; Graham Hutton, author, economist; Dr. Julian S. Huxley, author, biologist; Commander Sir Stephen King-Hall, founder of the Hansard Society and of the "National Newsletter"; Sir Will Lawther, President, National Union of Mineworkers, member of the Anglo-American Productivity Council; E. H. C. Leather, M. P.; Sir Frederick W. Leith-Ross, former Chief Economic Advisor to the British Government; Kenneth Lindsay, author, lecturer, former M. P.; Gilbert Longdon, M. P.; R. W. G. Mackay, former M. P.; Bertrand Russell; E. M. W. Tillyard, Master, Jesus College, Cambridge; J. D. Tilney, M. P.; Tom Williamson, General Secretary, National Union of General & Municipal Workers; Isaac Wolfson, Chairman, Great Universal Stores; G. M. Young, Fellow of All Souls', Oxford.

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**Belgian:** Senator Et. de la Vallee Poussin; Frans van Cauwelaert, former President, House of Representatives; Arthur Gilson. Member, House of Representatives.

**Norwegian:** Bjoern Holland Hansen, Professor, University of Bergen; Finn Moe, Chairman, Committee on Foreign Affairs, Stortinget.; Terje Wold, Justice of the Supreme Court.

**Danish:** Hon. H. P. Sorenson, Lord Mayor of Copenhagen; Niels Matthiason, Secretary, Danish Society for the Atlantic Pact & Democracy.

**Dutch:** Admiral Conrad Emil Lambert Helfrich, former Commander-in-Chief, Netherlands Forces in the Far East {World War II}.