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The institutions which we finally succeed in achieving to preserve mankind from self-extinction — whatever they may be — will be the product of an evolutionary development, no blueprint of which is possible in advance. Hence the greatest contribution we can make, in my view, is always to press on with the next steps as they become discernible.

What are *now* the next steps? The purpose of our Symposium is to explore and, if possible, to illuminate that problem.

First and foremost on my own list of next steps is prompt repeal of the Connally Reservation. Our present posture vis-a-vis the International Court of Justice is a disservice to peace, because it expresses unwillingness to be bound by the Rule of Law in our relations with other countries. Hence the cause of peace would be advanced by repeal of the reservation and by our acknowledgment, which repeal would proclaim to the world, of the Court's jurisdiction over international controversies.

We are fortunate in the speakers we have been able to bring together for this important occasion. I will present them briefly at this time.

Professor Arthur N. Holcombe, Chairman of the Commission to Study the Organization of Peace, New York, N.Y.

Dean Louis H. Mayo, Graduate School of Public Law, The George Washington University, Washington, D.C.

Professor Wallace McClure, World Rule of Law Center, Duke University, Durham, N. Car.

Professor Stanley D. Metzger, Georgetown University Law Center, Washington, D.C.

Charles S. Rhyne, Washington, D.C., Chairman of the American Bar Association's Committee on World Peace Through Law

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