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The Hon. Herbert H. Lehman
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My dear Governor Lehman:

A dispatch from London of several days ago announced that Argentina has joined the UNRRA, and has already undertaken to pay its pro rata share to the maintenance of the organization. What a cruel travesty this is! The regime of Peron which, throughout its existence, was an ally of the Axis, now helping the victims of the Axis! And the even crueler jest is that the regime of Peron has not renounced its pro-Nazi orientation.

On the contrary, Colonel Peron has established in Argentina the Latin American counterpart of Nazism, and is today encouraged in his perpetration of the very crimes for which the leaders of the Nazi Party are now on trial in Nuremberg. And it is the representatives of this regime which today sit as honored members of the United Nations, an organization pledged to protect peace and security.

I am enclosing with this letter a copy of a Memorandum which The Nation Associates has submitted to the UNO and to the leading delegations there, including the American, urging the suspension of Argentina on the score that it has violated the Charter, the agreements of Chapultepec, is a totalitarian government patterned on the Nazi model and is preparing for war.

I hope you will take the trouble to read this document. And that, moreover, you can take such steps, official and unofficial, as will help in ending the dangerous farce which threatens our security only six months after a war precipitated by Peron's masters.

I should like very much to hear from you.

With kindest regards,

Cordially yours,

Freda Kirchwey