Dear Mr. Lehman:

On September 29, The Nation Associates will hold a dinner forum on the Palestine Solution and Its Relationship to World Peace.

Cooperating with us in arranging this important function is a distinguished committee, the officers of which are: Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, Honorary Chairman; Edmund I. Kaufmann, Chairman; Chester Bowles, Dr. Frank P. Graham, Bartley C. Crum, Co-Chairmen; Fiorello LaGuardia, Raymond Swing, Frank Kingdon, Henry Atkinson, Vice-Chairmen; Rudolf G. Sonneborn, Treasurer.

On their behalf and my own I extend a cordial invitation to you to serve as a member of the Dinner Committee sponsoring the occasion. We have invited as speakers, Andrei Vishinsky, Dr. Herbert V. Evatt, Justice William O. Douglas, Richard Crossman, Georges Bidault, and Paul-Henri Spaak. A final list of speakers will be sent to you when the replies have been received.

The dinner will be an off-the-record affair, insuring a degree of frankness in discussing the problem that would otherwise be impossible. The speakers participating will include men whose opinions and votes will be decisive in bringing about a settlement in the General Assembly of the United Nations—which will be in session at the time. Members of the Dinner Committee will have an opportunity to meet and talk informally with the speakers.

As you may be aware, The Nation Associates has been actively concerned with the Palestine issue, in the belief that it is integral to the hope of a free and secure world. In addition to carrying on an educational campaign through the pages of The Nation, we have submitted to the United Nations specific proposals for a solution of the problem as well as important new documentary material. It is our earnest hope and belief that the dinner-forum on September 29 will further advance the work we have undertaken, and promote the broad objectives of justice and peace in Palestine.

The occasion will be a "donors' dinner," each guest subscribing a minimum of $100, to cover the costs of the evening and contribute to the work of The Nation Associates. No appeal for funds will be made at the dinner.

I sincerely hope you will use the enclosed card to inform me as promptly as possible of your willingness to serve on the Sponsoring Committee.

Sincerely yours,

Freda Kirchway

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