

*Address at New York University*

*Hall of Fame Ceremony*

*Table for Woodrow Wilson*



tions, unlike the League, has never lost a Member state, and now, with

seventy-five Member States, seems to have moved inexorably toward true unification.

seeking ways to make our international society speak to this. But we are

right: the fundamental principle is that we must keep watch upon the common interest.

pressed in Woodrow Wilson's words: "I will be the eye of the

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forty years from now we shall also be engaged. I have no doubt

the illusion of cynicism, so the first temptation of the idealist in the ill-  
 did not entirely escape his temptation, any more than have most  
 idealists of history. In his valiant fight for the cause of the Le  
 Nations, he went beyond the concept of an institution acting for the  
 common interest of the peoples of the world. He visualized the estab-  
 lishment of the League as ending the old system of the balance of power,  
 tituting what he called a "community of power."

But the establishment of the League of Nations di  
 could it end at one stroke the system of the balance of power  
 national affairs.

of sovereign nation-states, just as the United Nations is today. In su  
 ch an association the play of the balance of power is the struggle  
 fore of the United Nations today results from a similar tendency to pic  
 ture the United Nations of 1945 as establishing a new order for the  
 world.

Now, as then, it is important for all of us to understand that true  
 collective security in the sense of an international police power engage  
 at the end of a firm and confident engagement, the world should be

also saw that...  
on moral force,  
ion of peace, not

through collective security, were ahead of the...  
international organization should rely primar...  
because—in his words—it was “intended as a c...

y well what was at the root of the difficulty with...  
ation work more effectively in the common inter...

as a League of...  
He underst...

essed it in words that we would do well to turn into the...  
and report to ourselves in our own times: “They have

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of law ... failed to bring international conflicts effectively under the