

ATTLEE SPEAKS ON SAN FRANCISCO CONFERENCE

"The purpose of the San Francisco conference is to create a World Organisation to prevent wars of aggression and to further co-operation and goodwill between nations. I have always believed in principle in the government of the League of Nations. The old League had, however, two defects. Firstly, the United States of America was not a member, this time both the U.S.A. and the U.S.S.R. will be leading members of the world organisation from the start. Secondly, the good intentions of the League were not backed by force of arms. The new world organisation will have both the will and the power to deter the aggressor, or if need be, use armed force to halt him. Should he dare to break the peace. I believe our determination to do this is as sensible and practical as the determination of a town council to form and maintain a police force. At San Francisco there will come together representatives of the peace loving countries and fortunately they'll represent the majority of the peoples of the world. The Foreign Secretary and I will attend the conference with a firm resolve to serve the cause of peace".