

WORLD STATE IS INEVITABLE, DR. QUO SAYS



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Chinese U. N. Delegate Addresses 714 Graduates at Penn Philadelphia 1946

Formation of a world federation of peoples is an "inevitable development" in the struggle for permanent peace, Dr. Quo Tai-Chi, China's representative on the United Nation's Security Council, declared yesterday.

"It may be decades before the world reaches that stage, but come it will and must," Dr. Quo predicted, at the 190th commencement exercises of the University of Pennsylvania, in Convention Hall.

714 Receive Degrees

A graduate of Penn in 1911, Dr. Quo returned to receive an honorary degree of doctor of laws, and to address a graduating class which included 714 recipients of degrees in course, and 138 young women who received diplomas from the University Hospital's School of Nursing.

"The final obstacles to the creation and maintenance of permanent peace," Dr. Quo asserted, "are the concept of sovereignty and the doctrine of nationalism. So long as each State is sovereign, a law unto itself, and so long as each nation considers its own interests supreme, no peace can endure."

Ready to Forget Nationalism

China, he continued, "is ready, when others are," to forget sovereignty and nationalism in favor of universal brotherhood. Meanwhile, he emphasized, the United Nations represents a "substantial effort in the right direction."

Speaking of the United Nations' efforts, he praised the Baruch proposal for an Inter-

national Atomic Development Authority as a "great contribution toward the realization of a new and peaceful world."

"The Soviet representative (on the UN Atomic Energy Commission) has also made a thoughtful, concrete proposal," he added. "Mankind must make its choice between two absolute alternatives: Science for peace and prosperity or science for death and destruction."

Five Honorary Degrees

Dr. Quo was one of five recipients of honorary degrees at the exercises. The others were:

Doctor of Music—Efrem Zimbalist, violinist, composer, and director of the Curtis Institute of Music.

Doctor of Letters—D. Robert Herndon Fife, executive director of Columbia University's department of Germanic languages and literature.

Doctor of Laws—Dr. George Woodward, of Chestnut Hill, a graduate of the university's School of Medicine in 1891, and a State Senator for the past 28 years; Dr. George F. Zook, of Washington, D. C., president of the American Council on Education.

Dr. George W. McClelland, president of the university, presided at the exercises. The commencement also marked the end of the Navy's V-12 training program at the university. A certificate of appreciation for Penn's participation in the program during the war, signed by Secretary of the Navy James V. Forrestal, was presented by Capt. Frank R. Dodge, USN.