

*Address at New York University*

*Hall of Fame Ceremony*

*Table for Woodrow Wilson*

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Why was an association of nations needed? Because, he said, "the peace of the world must henceforth depend upon a new and more wholesome diplomacy"; because "the principle of public right must henceforth take precedence over the individual interests of particular nations"; because "the

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seventy Member states, the nations inexorably toward true univer-

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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,  
 instituting what he called a "community of power." and subs  
 ed, the goal—now as it was in Woodrow Wilson's day, interest is, ind  
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