

Internationalism

International = between nations.

Ism = a system, or doctrine e.g.

Republicanism - Gallicanism
Calvinism etc.

So internationalism describes the system of things common to the nations.

We cannot come into contact with people of other nations without learning that they are very much like ourselves: -

1. Physically - In games & contests.
France in tennis -
Football - Ireland, Wales, England & Colonies, France all contend.

2. Intellectually -

No nation holds the supremacy of the intellect. Scientific discoveries, literary attainments, musical skill, Painting, Sculpture - in all these we have become accustomed to see men and women of different nations come into prominence and hold the first place in the admiration and respect of the world.

The Nobel prizes go one year to one nation and the next to other nations.

3. In their feelings -

We find men of other nations have the same feelings as ourselves - Honor, pity, love, tenderness - Reverence for parents - Worship of God - The same sense of right & wrong -

It is a very narrow provincialism that attributes all good to our people & all evil to other peoples -

Hence we should avoid all nicknames, such as Huns, Boches, Swine, Hags, Niggers, Froggies etc

4. Can we have team work
between nations?

We have learned to play
together, to enjoy scholarship,
art, music & the like together
why can we not learn to
play the world's game
together?

The great obstacle is inter-
national selfishness. Every
nation wants to grab all
it can for itself -
mutual concessions are
needed -

The time has passed when
any one of us can say One of
our people can whip ten of
theirs -

We learn to respect other
nations for physical attainments
We learn to deal fairly with
them in contests -

Sportsmanship means Chivalry
in games - Knights of the
Stadium -

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