

WORLD CITIZENSHIP DECLARATION BY MINNEAPOLIS, HENN. COUNTY

By Lynn Elling

The original concept of "mundialization" came to my attention at the WAWF conference in Japan in 1963. Members of the Japanese delegation told us that over 267 of their cities had adopted strong resolutions on world citizenship. Then in 1967 at Oslo, Norway, our Japanese friends again urged everyone to get their



city and county governments to pass such declarations in favor of limited international government to keep the peace under a system of law and order. The program, we learned, has had amazing success in Canada.

When I returned to Minneapolis, I discussed the idea with Stanley Platt. He drafted a resolution which we submitted to Mayor Arthur Naftalin. The City Council, with a strong recommendation from the mayor, unanimously adopted the resolution. The people of the community, through their elected representatives, were on record as favoring world law and world citizenship.

Early in 1968, we submitted a similar resolution to the Hennepin County Board. The board and the council unanimously adopted a joint resolution on world citizenship last March.

I then started working with Bob Janes, chairman of the Hennepin board and the Municipal Buildings Committee, on the idea of putting up two flagpoles on each side of the City Hall-- Courthouse. After several meetings, this purpose was accomplished, and on May 1, former Gov. Elmer L. Andersen presented two United Nations flags to the local government to fly alongside the United States flag.

We decided to print the declaration of world citizenship on parchment paper, using UN colors, and signatures of endorsement are being sought from prominent Minnesotans.

At the May 1 ceremony, mayors and other officials from 28 state communities participated and agreed to fly a UN flag in front of their own city halls on May 1 and other suitable occasions. In the photograph above, Gov. Andersen and Mayor Naftalin and the mayors of other communities are shown with one of the Minneapolis UN flags.

UWF NATIONAL ASSEMBLY - at the Sheraton-Chicago Hotel, May 31-June 2. The state chapter will be represented by Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Elling, Mr. and Mrs. Richardson Okie, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Platt, Mrs. L. S. Duboff, Howard Y. Williams, and York Langton. If you also can attend, please call Mr. Williams at 644-9273 and he will send full particulars.