## 'Nouvelles Équipes Internationales adopt peace resolution' from La Libre Belgique (22 April 1953)

**Caption:** On 22 April 1953, the Conservative daily newspaper La Libre Belgique reports on the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Nouvelles Équipes Internationales (NEI) held in Paris during which the Committee unanimously adopts a peace resolution.

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## Nouvelles Équipes Internationales adopt peace resolution

The Executive Committee of the *Nouvelles Équipes Internationales* (Union of Christian Democrats) held a meeting in Paris, chaired by the Belgian Minister of State Mr de Schryver. The representatives of 18 European countries were in attendance. The following resolution was adopted unanimously:

The Executive Committee of the *Nouvelles Équipes Internationales* 

Affirms that it is the duty of free countries to provide the world with a comprehensive peace plan,

Welcomes the statements made by President Eisenhower and advocates constructive dialogue between East and West,

## Considers that:

- 1. acceptance by all States of a plan for controlled, simultaneous and progressive disarmament must be seen as the touchstone of any real desire for peace;
- 2. peace must be indivisible and that an attack on any area of the world is incompatible with declarations of peace;
- 3. ensuring that the peoples of Eastern Europe are able to choose their own system of government and to participate freely in a united Europe must remain the objective of all free peoples;
- 4. the policy of European integration must be pursued relentlessly, being persuaded that the creation of a united Europe is the only way in which the peoples of Europe may improve the quality of life of the masses, to achieve economic independence and to form an international force capable of providing European countries with the necessary security and of representing an element of stability and a pledge of peace for the world.

