

ROYAL SOCIETY AND SOVIET ACADEMY OF SCIENCES

The Royal Society has telegraphed the following message to Moscow, for transmission to the Soviet Academy of Sciences, in reply to an appeal from the latter:-

The Royal Society of London welcomes the inspiring appeal to the scientists of Britain, made by the members of the Soviet Academy of Sciences at their May conference.

We appreciate the great honour bestowed on our President, Sir Henry Dale, and Professor J.B.S. Haldane, by their election as honorary members of your Academy.

The holding of the conference of your Academy at Sverdlovsk is symbolic of the scientific and technical progress made in the newly developed regions of the Soviet Union. We congratulate you on this mobilization of your prodigious resources, which encourages your friends and bodes ill for our enemies.

The achievements of your scientists in all fields of research are followed by us with the liveliest admiration. The superb efforts of your countrymen in their resistance to the aggressor would have been impossible, unless your technical resources had been based on a great development of abstract science.

British scientists likewise have made contribution to the common cause. There has been a growing application of scientific principles to our war effort and, indeed, to all aspects of our national life. One result of this is to be seen in the remarkably high standard of the health of our people, in spite of ruthless air attacks upon our citizens, and other conditions which might have brought disease.

Research has enabled the engineering industry of Britain to make immense advances since the war began. Agricultural research has played its part in reducing the shipping required for the transport of food, and thus releasing more to carry arms and munitions to the Soviet Union.

Inventions made by British scientists have been of decisive importance for the war, such as radio-location, and the device which rendered harmless the magnetic mine, with many others.

We agree profoundly with you, in the belief that all our technical and scientific resources should be used to the utmost in this war to preserve liberty and democracy. Only thus, as you say, can science itself be saved, and resume its beneficent tasks on behalf of all mankind.

Our most earnest and heartfelt hopes are with you in the present and the coming battles, upon the outcome of which the course of history for our countries and for the whole world depends.

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