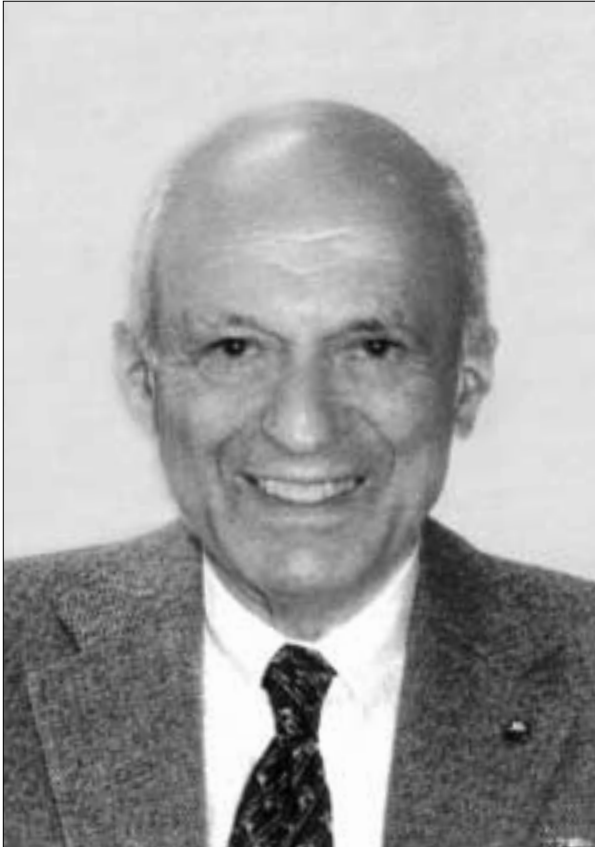




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FORWARD

THE *Lord Hannay* OF CHISWICK

It was not long after I arrived in New York in September 1990 as the United Kingdom's Permanent Representative to the United Nations that I met Arthur Ross, and it was only a very short time after that that I realized what an outstanding and fascinating person he was – a philanthropist in the more literal sense of that word, not just someone who made large donations to worthy causes, although he has certainly done that in full measure, but someone who loved his fellow human-beings and was committed to improving their lot, and that in ways which knew no national boundaries.

No-one who attended one of Arthur and Janet Ross's dinner parties can possibly have thought that they were purely social occasions, devoted to chit-chat and to seeing and being seen. To start with, the guests are carefully chosen to provide a cross section of the New York and the United Nations scene and one with a substantial intellectual content and an ability to engage in debate on any aspect of international affairs. No-one who has lived and worked in that gold-fish bowl on First Avenue can doubt the value of being expected to snap out of the incestuous round of meetings and consultations in which we all spend our days and being forced to explain and to justify, without recourse to jargon and acronyms, the United Nation's latest venture or disaster. And it was invaluable



too, to be exposed to the American view, often expressed pungently and critically but always, under the host's watchful eye, constructively. One of the United Nations' prevailing weaknesses, and one it shares with other multilateral organizations such as the European Union, is a tendency towards isolation, to being cut off from the real world, to being lost in a thicket of bureaucratic process. Woe betide the Ambassador who attended a Ross dinner party unable to find his way out of that thicket.

But Arthur Ross's contributions to the United Nations extend far beyond the dinner table. As an active and concerned citizen and as a prominent member and supporter of the United Nations Association of the United States he has put a major effort over the years into influencing the formulation of the United States' foreign policy, particularly towards the United Nations. And nothing matters to the United Nations more than that. Even before the end of the Cold War and the United States' emergence as the sole power with a genuinely global outreach, the United States was as indispensable to the United Nations, as I believe the United Nations is to the United States. The awful example of the League of Nations, crippled from the outset

by United States' desistance, is there to warn anyone foolish enough to think that the United Nations could somehow manage without or in defiance of the United States. So the key to the United Nations' relative success or failure depends in considerable measure on the policies adopted towards it by the United States, whether these are constructive and co-operative or whether they more resemble jabs on the brake by an irritated driver who regards each corner as a threat rather than an opening to a better future. Over the years Arthur Ross has worked tirelessly for a United States policy of engagement in the United Nations, for a United States which paid its dues and pulled its weight. Success in such efforts of necessity passes unsung, but one only has to stop and ask where the United States and the United Nations might be without them to appreciate their true value.

And then Arthur Ross took on the World Federation of United Nations Associations. He understood from the outset how important it was for the United Nations not only to have the support of strong and active national United Nations Associations but also of a strong world body which drew the work of all the individual associations together and made of it more than the sum of its parts. He found an organization in dire straits, both financially and in its ability to influence United Nations' policies; he refused to be discouraged by setbacks which anyone with less

determination would have regarded as definitive; and by sheer willpower he breathed life back into the World Federation of United Nations Associations and set it on a path which would enable it to play a useful and effective role.

At a time when the United Nations never needed more the qualities which Arthur Ross epitomizes, drive, determination, tolerance, wisdom, he has given them in good measure, and that in the ninth and tenth decades of a life which most of us can only admire and not even hope to emulate. We all, his own country, the United Nations and the wider international community, owe him a great debt of gratitude.



HIS EXCELLENCY
Kofi A. Annan
UNITED NATIONS SECRETARY-GENERAL



The United Nations has few friends with the vision, the generosity, and the tenacity of Arthur Ross. A friend to me and to the entire Organization for many years, Arthur has also made an immense contribution to WFUNA and to what you rightly call a "Peoples' Movement for the United Nations."

WFUNA is a vital partner in our efforts to bring the United Nations closer to the peoples we serve – making our Organization more present, more relevant, and more valuable to the peoples of the world. Through your work and outreach, your advocacy and your tireless support, you renew the United Nations and ensure that we draw strength from the grass roots of our membership.

In honouring Arthur Ross today, we only begin to repay our common debt to a man who has always looked beyond personal interest and national borders to see, and to advance, a common future based on shared values with peace and opportunity for all. He has showed, in deeds far more than in words, what it means to be a true citizen of the world.

I look forward to many more years of friendship and collaboration in pursuit of our common vision of a better world and a stronger United Nations.

Arthur Ross and Kofi Annan





Arthur Ross's UNESCO swearing in at the State Department.

Arthur Ross at his 90th Birthday



Arthur Ross and Kofi Annan



Nane Annan, Arthur Ross, Kofi Annan and Janet Ross



SIR *Brian Urquhart*

FORMER UNDER-SECRETARY-GENERAL FOR
SPECIAL POLITICAL AFFAIRS, UNITED NATIONS

How does Arthur Ross do it? His interests cover everything from Goya to classicism to international organization and trees. He is always full of new ideas and original comments. He is extremely shrewd at getting to the bottom of problems. He is an immensely generous supporter of all manner of projects and enterprises, on all of which he keeps himself fully informed. He never seems to be in a hurry or busier than the person he is with. He obviously has a wonderful time. And he is over ninety years old.

Arthur sticks to his own judgment as to what is important and what deserves his support. This has the refreshing result of his backing institutions and activities that are undoubtedly worthy but are not necessarily fashionable and may even be languishing for lack of support, as was the World Federation of United Nations Associations. His enthusiasm and advice are just as important as his financial support in giving a new lease on life to such institutions. One of the things that make Arthur so unique is the breadth, integrity, and thoughtfulness of



philanthropy. He has a very clear personal view of what is really important and where he can really do some good. He is never distracted by trendy or simplistic notions.

I like to think that anyone so concerned with humanity and so involved in human civilization and society will never really grow old. Certainly Arthur has got nearer to this happy state than anyone else I know. And of course he has Janet to share both the burden and the fun with him.

How lucky the rest of us are to live in the same times with Arthur, and to be buoyed up and inspired by his vision, his *joie de vivre*, and his seemingly boundless generosity.



Gillian Sorensen

ASSISTANT SECRETARY-GENERAL FOR EXTERNAL
RELATIONS, EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE
SECRETARY-GENERAL, UNITED NATIONS

Arthur Ross is a man who matches principle with practice. His steadfast belief in the United Nations, the United Nations Association and the World Federation of United Nations Associations has been critical to their work and achievements. No obstacle could deter him. His contagious optimism brought others into the fold. Arthur is a man of many interests and talents, a true New Yorker who sees beyond our borders and thinks far into the future. We are fortunate to have his commitment, vision and generosity dedicated to institutions that make not only a more beautiful city but a more peaceful world.



HIS EXCELLENCY *SIR Jeremy Greenstock*

UNITED KINGDOM PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
TO THE UNITED NATIONS

We all have the same thought whenever we share Arthur's company: "I do hope I will be like that when I'm in my Nineties." The more honest amongst us substitute "Seventies" for "Nineties." And we tip our hats to Janet as we think it.

When I hear that Arthur has come through on the telephone, I drop what I'm doing and pick up. Every conversation gives you a sharp new angle, an original way of looking at things and – I have to admit this from a diplomatic service that is supposed to be well-informed – a piece of fresh news.



You can tell a lot about a man from the way he plays golf. Arthur illustrates better than anyone I know that wonderfully American contribution of virtues: unrelenting competitiveness and unflinching courtesy. They make him what we all know he is, an achiever and a giver. I pay tribute to a remarkable philanthropist and internationalist, and a great American.



Jeremy Greenstock and Arthur Ross converse.



Arthur Ross and Jeremy Greenstock



HIS EXCELLENCY *Paul Heinbecker*

CANADIAN PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
TO THE UNITED NATIONS

Arthur Ross sets a standard of public service and a pace of professional activity that all admire but few even seriously contemplate trying to emulate. His quiet but constructive presence is felt in foreign policy, in the arts, in nature, in his vast and varied philanthropy. It is given to few people to so improve the lives of people around them as Arthur Ross has done and continues to do. New York, the United States and the United Nations are all better places for his generosity and effort.

Arthur Ross's curriculum vitae reads not so much as a who's who but a what's what of New York and American public life. He seems to have done everything but mediate between Mayor Bloomberg and "scofflaw" diplomatic parking violators.

The United Nations has no better friend than Arthur Ross. His long-term association with the organization reminds us all of how powerful the idea of the United Nations has been to successive peace and prosperity and how important



the UN is in bringing the rule of law to the management of global relations. At a time when the siren temptations of exceptionalism, unilateralism and even empire entice policy makers, Arthur Ross's entire life stands as a tribute to human solidarity, global citizenship and multilateral partnership.

Arthur Ross has been associated with Canada even longer than he has been associated with the United Nations. Canada, too, has no better friend in New York foreign policy circles than he. In a city in which just being heard is difficult and being heeded, sometimes seems a distant prospect, we Canadians have always found in Arthur Ross a sympathetic ear and a respectful and effective advocate. Long may he prosper.

SIR *Edward Heath* KG, MBE

FORMER PRIME MINISTER, UNITED KINGDOM

Arthur Ross's dominating characteristic is to be able to seize and weigh up a problem, however great, and then immediately propose an effective solution. This he has done throughout his life and now, although in his nineties, he continues to handle the affairs with which he has always been concerned with the same skill and determination. As one who has been a friend of himself, his wife and his family over a long period this remains a remarkable performance.

The great variety of his interests are well known to his fellow citizens. It is not for the outsider to comment on them individually except to express astonishment at their infinite variety and the skill with which they are always pursued.

Where however they impinge on all our lives the foreigner is entitled to express his admiration for the way in which they have been steadily pursued throughout many decades and gratitude for the worldwide benefit they have ensured.

This is particularly the case with his sustained interest in the United Nations, UNESCO and ECOSOC, all of them of worldwide importance to which he has



made continuous contributions. He has never wavered in the strength of his support for them and the practical efforts he has unfailingly made to ensure their success.

I have said his wealth of other domestic activities is not a matter for us outsiders, but I cannot help but express my personal enjoyment at the good he has done with his own resources in so many different domestic fields such as architecture, the great National American Parks, the Social Sciences, the historic houses and museums, in addition to his continuous participation in the major companies of the USA.

In this contribution I would like to express my personal gratitude to Arthur for all he has done for his own country and for the outside world. He can rest assured that both our personal and communal gratitude is now and will always remain a part of history.

THE LORD *Hooson* Q.C.

Arthur Ross and I are old friends. We first met at a NATO Parliamentarians Assembly in Paris in the early 1960s. I was then a Liberal Party Member of Parliament and the Party's Spokesman on Defence. Arthur was accompanying the American Delegation and particularly advising Senator Jacob Javits and Congressman John Lindsay of New York. During a fascinating week, we soon discovered that we had many interests and views in common extending from the importance and potential of the United Nations to a love of the theatre and of trees (he in their urban setting and I in their rural setting). This initial meeting led to a close personal friendship, which has persisted thereafter - and between our respective families. As hardly a week goes by when Arthur and I do not exchange views or information by letter or telephone on one subject or another, I am very happy indeed to give you my personal impressions of him.

These have changed little over the years. He is possessed of a fine intelligence and a swift capacity to discern the true from the false and the honest from the pretentious in argument. I noted early on his particular dislike of the dogmatic assertion by anybody - from whatever direction it came.

Lord Hooson and Arthur Ross in Wales.



Then there was the warmth of his personality and the generosity of his spirit. This always exemplified itself in his hospitality to friends and his great support of and gifts to great causes. In Arthur's case they are always distinguished by his personal interest in the objects of the causes which are involved. Essentially he has always been one for achievements rather than for gestures either on the personal or the institutional level. For example, I will never forget the daily walks through Central Park in New York with Arthur every morning to ensure that the seedling pine trees which he had presented for the pinetum had not been disturbed by vandals during the night!

So also has been his support of the World Federation of United Nations Associations. Arthur is one of those people with a great social conscience, a deep sense of compassion and an appreciation of the need to help the less fortunate whether on a personal, national or international level. Ever since I have known him he has always appreciated that the long term is more important than the short term and the building up gradually of the power of the United Nations into a supra national role is vital if our various civilizations are not to blow each other to bits for lack of taking proper steps to prevent it.

All in all Arthur is a fine chap who has made a great contribution.



IN CONVERSATION WITH *Arthur Ross*

When did you first become interested in the United Nations?

It was during the Vietnam War in the early 1960's. I thought that the State Department's grasp of the situation was incomplete. Stalin had been dead for years, yet its strategy was based on the assumption that China had imperialist ambitions in South East Asia similar to what the Soviet Union had in Eastern Europe. It was thought that China had taken aim on Indonesia, a Muslim country. It was not so. I joined the Center for Strategic & International Studies in Washington, the International Institute for Strategic Studies in London, the Foreign Policy Association in New York and, somewhat later, the Council on Foreign Relations, and became involved as a consultant to the US Delegation to the NATO Parliamentarians, which later became known as the North Atlantic Assembly. At the same time I was drawn into the orbit of the UN because of the conviction that a global authority or leadership was necessary.

What were the main global divisions in the 1960's?

The world is so constructed that many countries all have different needs. Newly formed nations – many of which joined the so-called Non-Aligned Movement, need support for their development efforts. In the West, on the other hand, the basic needs were for peace and democracy. I recall that Churchill once said that Canada and the United States had just about exhausted all the alternative forms of democracy. It's an interesting thought.

How could the UN be more effective in overcoming divisive tensions between States?

The UN has been changing and adapting, but it still has inadequate tools. According to Chapter VII of the Charter, it was intended for the UN to have its own military force established for the purpose of maintaining international peace and security. This never materialized, as there is too much national bias still left among the Permanent Members of the Security Council. Although it seems that European states, in the formation of the European Community, gave up certain important features of nationalism, it does not affect their behavior on the Security Council. There is no seat for "Europe" and what we hear are the particular positions of the United Kingdom or France.

The Permanent Membership of the Security Council reflects the balance of power after World War II, not as it is today. Considering the diverse views of China and Russia on strategic issues, it is remarkable that consensus has been so often achieved. Russia and particularly China, which has more divergent views, have been very co-operative.

Since the UN was established, the roles of non-state actors such as you have increased remarkably. How and why do you think this occurred?

Over the last 50 years governments, more often than not, have been failing to reflect the views of their peoples. I am talking about all governments. Their lack of responsiveness and lack of coordination on

major global issues has opened up the opportunity for civil society to become more articulate. It has been a natural evolution. People have become better educated and informed and have become increasingly exasperated with the failure of governments to achieve their objectives.

As I see it, the mission of the World Federation of United Nations Associations (WFUNA) is to strengthen the voice of civil society, through United Nations Associations – and mold and carry out the UN agenda. The concerns of people need to be heard more clearly. WFUNA should express the global voice of UNAs about the problems causing tensions and divisions. For example, we need to recognize the distinctive characteristics of Islam and its differences to our way of thinking and try to find a common meeting ground. Many of the governments of Islamic countries are not popular with their own people and yet Western governments support them. The day to day voices of people in these countries need to be heard through UNAs and further developed by WFUNA.

Why do you think people are protesting against globalization?

Globalization is great in principle and needs to be embraced. However, the free market does not work perfectly for all countries at all times. The excessively low labor costs in the developing world for the production of exports to the West cannot continue. The West's principles on labor standards and environmental protection need to be translated and transplanted to developing countries. Also, experience has shown that the strict monetary and fiscal policies of the IMF imposed on countries like Indonesia and South Korea were counterproductive in many ways. This was



because the infrastructure there was unable to function and to absorb the required regulations, although a similar approach did work in Western countries with established infrastructure.

How can WFUNA best fulfill its mission?

WFUNA needs to strengthen its global network of UNAs around the world, including the Islamic countries, and to equip UNA members to be more effective in lobbying their governments in supporting the UN agenda. For example, WFUNA could take the lead in encouraging UNAs to be strong advocates for their governments to increase funding for HIV/AIDS. UNA-USA has a very successful Adopt-a-Minefield Program, which WFUNA could carry forward into a global program. WFUNA should be at the forefront of promoting Model UN activities around the world. It is a wonderful way of teaching young people about the United Nations and the need for effective multi-lateralism. Finally, the well-being of the UN system as a whole depends on educating the people of the world about its usefulness and its role.

WORLD FEDERATION OF UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATIONS

Hashim Abdul Halim

**PRESIDENT OF WFUNA AND SPEAKER,
WEST BENGAL LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**

It was a striking introduction, a few years ago, for me to meet with Mr. Arthur Ross. I was greatly impressed by his knowledge and commitment to the principles and purpose of the United Nations.

Considering his role and contribution, it was a privilege for the 36th Plenary Assembly of the World Federation of United Nations Associations (WFUNA) held in 2000 in Kolkata, India, to honor and recognize him as the Honorary President of WFUNA.

Arthur has been playing a very important role in rebuilding, invigorating and strengthening WFUNA as a peoples' movement for the U.N. He has given new directions and dimension to the programs and activities, thereby bringing WFUNA closer to the U.N. and the U.N. closer to the peoples. He strongly believes in the role of Civil Society, including non-governmental organizations.



Sirpa Pietikäinen

**CHAIRPERSON OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF WFUNA
AND MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT OF FINLAND**

I consider Arthur Ross an exceptional person who has recognized the immense importance of the United Nations for our global well-being. He has dedicated time and made great efforts to advance the common global good. His support has enabled WFUNA to encompass its goals of a better world.

Donald Blinken

**WFUNA SECRETARY-GENERAL AND
FORMER UNITED STATES AMBASSADOR TO HUNGARY**

Arthur Ross is to the World Federation of United Nations Associations as Winston Churchill was to Britain in 1940. Without Arthur, it is doubtful that WFUNA would have survived, much less flourish as it is doing. He is the indispensable man.





WFUNA Executive Committee Meeting 2001.

William vanden Heuvel with Arthur Ross.



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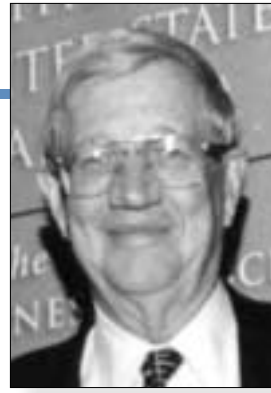
AMBASSADOR
William H. Luers

PRESIDENT AND CEO, UNA-USA

For over 30 years, Arthur Ross has been a core trustee, contributor, patron, cheerleader and counselor of the United Nations Association of the United States. On several occasions over the past decade when severe financial difficulties threatened our survival, Arthur was one of the small circle of UNA directors who always stepped up to provide funds to help cover the shortfalls. Put simply, UNA-USA owes its very existence today to the sustained support of Arthur Ross and a few close friends and collaborators like John Whitehead.

Arthur's financial backing has gone beyond life support. Arthur was the key patron who made it possible for UNA-USA to move its headquarters from Fifth Avenue to our current location within a block of the U.N. He took the initiative to make our conference room a distinguished facility for hosting the senior diplomats and officials who contribute so vitally to UNA's work. That is why UNA's conference space is rightly named the Arthur Ross Conference Center, precisely in honor of the man whose gift made that facility and our current offices possible.

Arthur's generosity in support of the work of the United Nations Association, in America and worldwide, is the concrete expression of his spirited support for the United Nations itself. Mind you, Arthur is no romantic dreamer. He is neither



fuzzily vague nor idealistic in his approach to the United Nations, nor is he animated simply by a romantic idea of internationalism. We know and appreciate him as an eminently intelligent, experienced, and practical leader of his generation who knows the U.N. as a fallible but necessary political institution. In his tough-minded way, he sees simply no practical alternative to making the United Nations – warts and all – a viable, strong, and capable body to manage many aspects of the world's complexities and complement the United States in its leadership role in the world. Here is a determined visionary, drawing on a classical appreciation of history to urge his nation to play a strong and constructive leadership role in the United Nations. Arthur looks always to the future. He never fails to ask the key practical questions on current world tensions. His passion for this world and for seeking how humans can best gain control over their destiny is a simply astounding characteristic of this uniquely refreshing individual.

It was these particular qualities in Arthur of passion and perseverance combined with a high intelligence that persuaded me to join in his UNA-USA venture in 1999.

He has stood by us ever since that day, watching the UNA budget closely and asking the hard questions about our strategy and staff decisions – but without ever becoming a board micromanager. He has encouraged UNA's staff to be bold and to reach out to the media and the leadership in Washington, D.C. He took a particularly substantive interest in UNA's positioning itself to be a positive contributor to the resolution of the paralyzing impasse between Washington and the world on U.S. nonpayment of dues. All the while he would ask every pertinent question about the deliberations of the U.N. Security Council and the dilemmas facing the Secretary General.

Indeed, Arthur has been the ubiquitous friend of a succession of U.N. Secretaries General, who invariably celebrate him as one of the most loyal and distinguished friends of the United Nations within the U.S. Kofi Annan in particular has developed a close relationship to Arthur and demonstrated his appreciation to Arthur in numerous ways.

It would be impossible to elaborate in this space the many specific initiatives Arthur has taken to strengthen UNA, which range from encouraging upgrading our communications to the world by a vastly improved website to his personal interest in beginning and sustaining the Chairman's Council. His multiple engagement as our long time senior Vice Chairman, a visionary, and an energizer – a trustee who, despite countless other commitments, has a

nearly perfect attendance at UNA meetings – make him the unparalleled board member as well as the indispensable supporter of UNA-USA. Two years ago, in partial recognition of his years of extraordinary support and engagement, we gave him our highest honor – the Eleanor Roosevelt Award for distinguished service that has been given to Cyrus Vance, Elliot Richardson and John Whitehead in preceding years.

It is our great privilege to join with others on this occasion to honor the work that Arthur has done to rebuild and re-energize the World Federation of United Nations Associations. His devotion to UNAs' roles worldwide, and their importance in nurturing civil society's involvement in the U.N.'s work independent of the sometimes stifling agendas of governments, is yet another testament to his profound belief in the United Nations and in those who support its work.

Arthur Ross, William Luers, Gillian Sorensen, John Whitehead



THE HONORABLE *John C. Whitehead*

FORMER UNITED STATES
DEPUTY-SECRETARY OF STATE

I have never had an easier assignment than to write a few words about Arthur Ross and particularly about his relationship with the UN.

Arthur is the best example I know of a truly good citizen. First of all, he is generous to a fault. The breadth and depth of his philanthropic interests is quite remarkable. The well never runs dry. So very often when I think I've discovered a non-profit organization that is doing valuable work, I find that Arthur has been there before me.

And he doesn't just give: he works at what he gives to. The organizations that he supports benefit not only from his generosity, but also from his imagination, his persistence, his determination and his ability to get things done.

When I was first asked to chair the United Nations Association, it didn't take me long to realize that Arthur shared with me a deeply-held belief that the UN deserved better support than it got from the United States, that it was eager to have US leadership and that it could be a huge asset to us in pursuing our foreign policy



objectives as we sought to achieve peace and freedom in the world. So he became my partner and an invaluable one; as he was to Elliot Richardson and Cy Vance who preceded me and as he is to Bill Luers who succeeded me.

As UNA-USA began to achieve some success, he realized the necessity of reviving the nearly defunct World Federation of UNAs, a kind of United Nations for UNAs. Almost single-handedly at first, recruiting others as he went along, he has now achieved considerable success with that project, with you, Don, at the helm. Arthur is truly a remarkable man. He's already proving that the tenth decade of his life may, indeed, be the most productive.

AMBASSADOR
Richard Holbrooke

I stand in awe of Arthur Ross. His energy, his vision, his commitment to improving our lives – a commitment that extends from the United Nations to trees in Central Park – constantly moves me. He and his indispensable partner, Janet, are among those rare people of whom it can be said they make the world better; they made our lives better; they have inspired us all. Kati and I treasure their friendship.



Richard Holbrooke, Arthur Ross and Jeremy Greenstock



AMBASSADOR
Thomas Pickering

Arthur Ross was one of the first people I met who was already knowledgeable and supportive of the United Nations when I arrived in New York early in 1989 to become US Ambassador and Representative to the United Nations. Since then Arthur has continued to stay in touch with me on United Nations issues. He is generous with his advice, assiduous in making his concerns known, and widely supportive of a stronger US role in the world's international organization. Arthur, through his generosity, deep human concern, and knowledge of the organization and its specialized agencies has made a singular contribution to the



development of American understanding of and support for the United Nations. Arthur too has taken a special interest in UNA-USA and WFUNA and their activities and kept in touch with me from time to time as to how a particular initiative could be pursued or as to how US support might be increased or improved. You could not have a finer American to honor under any circumstances and I join you all in my congratulations to Arthur.

Thomas Pickering and Arthur Ross



AMBASSADOR
William W. Scranton

Arthur Ross is just a really extraordinary person and a wonderful man. I do not want to reiterate all of the successes of his life and all of the generous philanthropic efforts that he has made. To the United Nations and to the United Nations Association of the United States and to the World Federation of United Nations Associations, he has been a Godsend. Yes, he has given generously of his resources, but he has given of himself for many, many years on behalf of UNA-USA and more recently WFUNA, time and time again.



I remember when we made a very difficult trip to the Soviet Union in one of the coldest Decembers of their history and there was Arthur – fully ensconced in adequate clothing tramping through the fields and streets of Suzdol and Vladimir. I thought he might freeze to death but no he was full of vigor and vitality and giving us all an education in how to be a dedicated leader.

William Scranton and Arthur Ross in Moscow





AMBASSADOR
*William J.
vanden Heuvel*

To be an effective supporter of the United Nations requires a rare combination of ability, character, patience, vision, pragmatism, idealism and common sense. That is Arthur Ross. In a career of significant achievements, he has chosen to be a steadfast anchor of public support for international governance based on the rule of law, for cooperation among nations for the accomplishment of universal purposes. Arthur Ross is a patriot who when he speaks of the dreams of our Founding Fathers, understands the relevance of those dreams for all humanity. Knowing that an overwhelming majority of his countrymen see the United Nations as an instrument to promote and defend the democratic values of our Republic, he has been tireless in encouraging American support and leadership for the U.N.

On this occasion, we take special note of the latest of his achievements in the pursuit of this singular mission. We honor his efforts to rebuild the World Federation of United Nations Associations (WFUNA). In a time when civil society and non-governmental organizations have an opportunity and responsibility to provide a people's dimension to the official deliberations of the U.N., Arthur Ross understands that WFUNA is uniquely situated to be that popular voice, to help deliver the message of the United Nations



to its 191 member states through their citizens, creating thereby a voice that governments can not ignore. It is hard to imagine the tenacity, the energy, the boldness of imagination, the generosity of spirit and resources that Arthur Ross has brought to this challenge. In making him Honorary President, WFUNA has acknowledged his Herculean deeds. Arthur Ross has never been afraid to take the first step in a journey of a thousand miles – and in this as in so many other of his endeavors, armies of followers, inspired by his commitment, will carry forward his mission.

Arthur Ross, a man for all seasons, has that magic quality of making each of us better than we are, of multiplying our capabilities, of compelling us to find the energy and determination that his moral purpose defines. A poet wrote that "there is a destiny that makes us brothers, none goes his way alone; all that we send into the lives of others, comes back into our own." In fulfilling his destiny, Arthur Ross has made better the lives of all touched by his friendship and has renewed for our generation the ideals of peace and social justice that give meaning to the United Nations.

DR. *Leslie H. Gelb* PRESIDENT, COUNCIL ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

In the years I have known Arthur Ross, I have never had a dull conversation with him, particularly about world affairs, especially about the United Nations. Arthur Ross remains among the few people I have known who have apparently conquered life. He has been a great patron of the world of arts and letters and parks and cities. He is filled with passion about the good things, about the right things.

The sad truth is that too many people in America's foreign policy community have given up on the United Nations, more or less. They see the foibles, the flaws, even the fundamental weaknesses. Arthur sees them all and sees opportunities as well. He stresses what the UN can do properly led by people like Kofi Annan and with real leadership from the United States. There is no other way for the UN to do its rightful job and fill its rightful place, so



Arthur has said many times, without these two ingredients.

What's more and what's so important is that Arthur does not simply believe these things; he fights for them and he supports them with brains, energy and generosity. The World Federation of United Nations Associations and all its affiliates and derivatives have been the beneficiaries of this man's commitment and fiery spirit.

Everyone I know admires him, respects him and counts him as a friend – no matter how many arguments we've had with him. Judy Gelb and I simply adore him.

Leslie Gelb and Arthur Ross

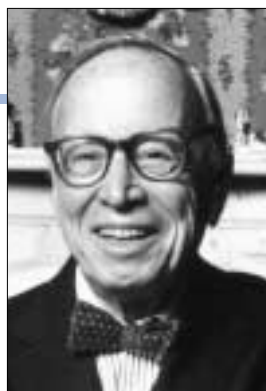


Arthur Schlesinger, Jr.

Arthur Ross is truly an international man – because he is a true American patriot. He understands that American interests cannot be protected and American ideals advanced unless the United States becomes a vital and responsible actor in the international community. Our goals for humanity cannot be achieved by going it alone. Our ideals and interests can be secure only within a world of international cooperation.

Arthur Ross also understands the point made by Madison in the 63rd Federalist: "An attention to the judgment of other nations is important to every government for two reasons: the one is, that, independently of the merits of any particular plan of measures, it is desirable . . . that it should appear to other nations as the offspring of a wise and honorable policy; the second is, that in doubtful cases, particularly where the national councils may be warped by some strong passion or momentary interest, the presumed or known opinion of the impartial world may be the best guide that can be followed."

And Arthur Ross acts on the basis of his convictions. He is the UN's best friend. His specialty is creative generosity, and as a leader of the United Nations Association of the United States and of the World Federation of UNAs around the world, he is organizing a global constituency for international institutions.



Arthur is a realist. He knows that all human institutions are imperfect, including the UN. He knows that perfection is an unattainable goal. But he knows that striving to make things a little less imperfect than they were before is what we humans are put on earth to do – and that is the way progress is made.

Arthur, moreover, gets such a kick out of life. The range of his interests is vast. Somewhere in his travels he must have stumbled on the Fountain of Youth which Ponce de Leon sought in vain. Though chronology would deny it, Arthur Ross is a young man – young in curiosity, young in versatility, young in enthusiasm, young in spontaneity, young in wit, young in hope; above all, young in spirit. Long may he wave!

Arthur Schlesinger and Arthur Ross





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