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“Everyone has understood the language of UNICEF... Even the most reluctant person is bound to admit that in action UNICEF has proved that compassion knows no national boundaries. Aid is given to all children without any distinction of race, creed, nationality or political conviction... UNICEF has become an international device capable of liberating hundreds of millions of children from ignorance, disease, malnutrition and starvation... The aim of UNICEF is to spread a table decked with all the good things that Nature provides for all the children of the world... UNICEF offers young people an alternative worth living and working for—a world with freedom for all people, equality between all races, brotherhood among all men.”

From Citation awarding UNICEF the Nobel Prize for Peace, 1965

“The welfare of today’s children is inseparably linked with the peace of tomorrow’s world. Sufferings and privations do not enable; they frustrate and embitter. The longer the world tolerates the slow war of attrition which poverty and ignorance now wage against 800 million children in the developing countries, the more likely it becomes that our hope for lasting peace will be the ultimate casualty.”

UNICEF Executive Director Henry Lauboune, accepting Nobel Peace Prize

"In its early years, the glass of milk became a symbol of UNICEF activities... creating the hunger pangs of 800 million children..."

"UNICEF has launched a number of projects... the building of dairies, factories for the production of dried milk and the milk conservation..."

"We might mention the 10 million children who were treated for the tremendously infectious complaint of the eyes known as trachoma..."

"Since 30,000 health centers for children and mothers have been organized by UNICEF..."

"The child of today is the farmer, the teacher, the politician and the worker of tomorrow..."

"To create a peaceful world, it is necessary to begin with the children... Feeling is growing everywhere that we are, in reality, one family in the world..."

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