I am indeed grateful for this opportunity to send through you a message to the students of the thirteen thousand schools in secondary education in fifty-four countries with which the Student Fellowship Round the World is associated.

I feel very strongly that this group is the group in whose hands the destinies of the world will soon lie. Therefore, above all things I hope that they will acquire a determination to face facts as they are, not as they wish they might be.

Governments need, as never before, the interest and understanding of the peoples. None of us are satisfied with the past but few of us see as yet clearly the way ahead for the future. One thing we all know and that is that it is only as the youth of today insists upon straight thinking and courageous acceptance of whatever changes must be made in the future that we will be able to give all of the people a chance for happier lives. If the youth of today will see that the men who lead them in their countries receive the backing of the people when they act with this aim as their objective, then I believe we may all of us look forward with hope.

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt.