A Nation-Wide Organization

FRANCE FOREVER was founded as a non-profit membership corporation in Philadelphia, where national headquarters have been established at 1700 Walnut Street. A strong Philadelphia committee is being formed. Executive headquarters are in New York and local chapters are in the process of being established in other cities.

Backed by 81% of Frenchmen Here

Leadership at the inception of the FRANCE FOREVER movement was taken by Frenchmen themselves, before asking American friends of France to join hands with them. A test inquiry to determine the attitude of the rank and file of those of French birth in this country revealed that 81% of those approached joined the Association immediately.

How You Can Help

Membership in FRANCE FOREVER is open to all those who believe in its creed and in its aims. We need the support—moral and financial—of men and women of American as well as French nationality in the struggle against the world-devouring menace to civilization which threatens us all.

If you approve of our creed and of our aims, join our ranks.

Four Main Purposes

FRANCE FOREVER is an association of French men and women living in the United States and of American friends of France, calling upon all men and women of good-will to join them for these definite purposes:

To aid in re-establishing France as a great civilized nation—mistress of her own destinies;
To combat German propaganda concerning France by disseminating the true facts of what is happening in that country;
To help Great Britain by all lawful means in the fight against totalitarianism;
To assist the United States in all measures of preparedness to meet the menace to democratic institutions.

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Mlle. Eve Curie’s Appeal To Americans

In her short-wave broadcast to the New York Herald Tribune Forum on October 23, 1940 Mlle. Eve Curie made this stirring appeal:

“And you, Americans. What do you have to say to the captured inhabitants of France?

“Are you going, just because they have been beaten, to let them believe that they are abandoned, forgotten?

“Are you going to approve, if only by silence and diplomacy, the men who have disarmed our country and given to Hitler, in the name of all the French people, the signature of France? Or else, will you remember that these French people need you, just as you, one day, may need them. These people, temporarily weak and bewildered, are close to you. They have always shared your conception of life, your ideals. They still do.

“In France governments change easily, but not characters, not the people. For countries, as for individuals, Americans are the most faithful, the most generous of friends.

“I feel sure that across the Atlantic you will remain the friends of these silent, these distressed French men and women. What they need, above all, is the belief in victory and the material proof that this belief is justified. You can give them that. Everything that can hasten their liberation and weaken the enemy’s resistance will, in their opinion, be right.

“For victory they will stand everything, including the inevitable privations and dangers that war, the French people in London, are also ready, for victory, to bear.”
OUR CREED

1. WE BELIEVE in the principles set forth in the American Declaration of Independence and in the French "Déclaration des Droits de l'Homme" — in "Liberté, Égalité, Fraternité" — i.e., in national and individual freedom as the basis of a just form of government.

2. WE BELIEVE that the Battle of Britain is still the Battle of France — and that the Battle of Britain will prevent the Battle in America.

3. WE BELIEVE in American preparedness — in all steps necessary to make the United States so powerful that no attack from Europe or Asia can be attempted.

4. WE BELIEVE that the capitulation of the French improvised leaders was an act of despair, due to underestimation of England's ability to resist and unjustified faith in German promises.

5. WE BELIEVE that the majority of people in France, realizing that their present government is a mere puppet in Nazi hands, pray and hope for a British victory.

6. WE BELIEVE that, however great may be our wish to alleviate the sufferings of families and friends in France, we have no right to interfere with the British blockade. But, we shall be the first to seek and support any plan of relief that does not play into German hands.

7. WE BELIEVE the pressing duty for every free Frenchman, wherever located, is to fight or to help those continuing to fight in association with General de Gaulle in England and overseas.

8. WE BELIEVE in abstaining from any political intrigue in France. Only after France is re-established as a free nation, will her people be in a position to choose the form of government they want.

OUR AIMS

1. WE AIM to let the true voice of France be heard again in this country. We will fight pro-Nazi propaganda here with one powerful weapon — honest information.

2. WE AIM to help Great Britain by giving all possible moral support to the forces of Free France, of which General de Gaulle is today the leader.

3. WE AIM to aid American preparedness by placing at the disposal of the United States Army and Navy Departments the experience and ability acquired by French technical experts in the present war.

4. WE AIM to strengthen the faith of the American people in democracy and in free institutions, and to destroy the legend of totalitarian invincibility.

5. WE AIM to acquaint the people in France with the greatness of the cause of French freedom so that they may have courage to resist and to play their part in bringing about ultimate victory.

6. WE AIM to help in every way the French colonies that have refused to accept Nazi domination and extend a helping hand to those who plan to follow their example. Some of these colonies are in areas vital to the security of the United States and they produce raw materials necessary to the American defense program.

7. WE AIM to provide all possible support to all Frenchmen who have refused to accept Nazi domination and continue in order that they may continue to fight with courage and pride as free French soldiers defending a great cause, common to all.