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(What, then, are the prospects of a single government for the whole world? Unfortunately they are not very promising.) Two attempts have been made within the last forty years to bring the nations together, first in the League of Nations which was created after the 1914–1918 war; secondly, in the United Nations Organisation which was the product of the last war. Neither of these associations has, however, been very successful. The League of Nations was helpless to prevent the Second World War, and its successor, the United Nations Organisation, seems to have no authority over the great powers. How, indeed, could it have such authority when it is without armed forces to impose it? Many people think that the only way in which the nations of the world can be brought together under the control of a single world government is through the domination of the rest by a single power, as the European world was dominated by Rome in the centuries immediately succeeding the birth of Christ. America is the most likely candidate for world domination, but it is difficult to see how such domination could be achieved without at least one more war, since it is inconceivable that Russia, as at present governed and motivated, would submit to it. In such a war it is all too likely that some of the modern methods of destruction would be used with terrible results.)

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(The man in the street now takes for granted the ideas of science and the fruits of technology, without asking from what seeds they spring, how they work, or what may be their social repercussions.) Rising standards of living spreading through the world generate a demand for and more and more applications of science. Throughout the world rich and poor alike insist that science, technology and industry should prosper as a guarantee against poverty and as the signpost to happiness. (Rarely, if ever, has mankind turned its back on any new discovery or invention that has been produced through the technological exploitation of scientific knowledge. We accept electric light and power without knowing how they came about or how they work. We use the telephone and play the tape-recorder without knowing the scientific principles by which either operates. Radio and television we take for granted. We wear clothes of synthetic textile, and take aspirin, anti-biotic and tranquillisers as and when we want without knowing either the chemistry of these substances or worrying about possible side-effects.) We do so in the assurance that the technological world of today is a firm and sound one, and one which promises to be richer tomorrow. Only rarely does our confidence break down or threaten to break down. (213 words)

Precis

1st A single world government

A single government for the whole world has no promising prospects. League of Nations and the United Nations have been made but the former has been failed to prevent Second World War and the later is powerless to implement its decisions on world powers. A school of thought believes that a single world government only means the domination of a single power. America wants to dominate the world but this authority cannot be achieved without a war that will bring a huge destruction.

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A layman pays no attention to the ideas of science and technology. Due to increase in population and rising standards of living, the demand of science and technology is increasing. It is a barrier against poverty and a sign of happiness. The man in the street accepts electric bulb, telephone, radio and television without paying heed to its working. People take medicines and they take for granted as they are unaware of their side effects. It is because technological world ^{has} promised a better tomorrow.

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Mankind: Scientific and technological world