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Between 1920 and 1950, British and US internationalists called for aviation and atomic energy to be taken out of the hands of nation-states, and instead used by international organizations such as the League of Nations and the United Nations. An international air force was to enforce collective security and internationalized civil aviation was to bind the world together through trade and communication. The bomber and the atomic bomb, now associated with death and devastation, were to be instruments of world peace. Drawing on rich archival research and focusing on public and private discourse relating to the control of aviation and atomic energy, Waqar H. Zaidi highlights neglected technological and militaristic strands in twentieth-century liberal internationalism, and transforms our understanding of the place of science and technology in twentieth-century international relations.

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Abbreviations

ADA	Atomic Development Authority
AORES	Association of Oak Ridge Engineers and Scientists
AORES Records	Association of Oak Ridge Engineers and Scientists Records, Special Collections Research Center, University of Chicago Library
AScW	Association of Scientific Workers
AScW Records	Records of the Association of Scientific Workers, Modern Records Centre, University of Warwick
ATC	Air Transport Command
Atomic Scientists Records	Atomic Scientists of Chicago Records 1943–1955, Special Collections Research Center, University of Chicago Library
BOAC	British Overseas Airways Corporation
Carnegie Records	Carnegie Endowment for International Peace Records, 1910–1954, Rare Books and Manuscript Library, Columbia University
CFR	Council on Foreign Relations
CFR Records	Records of the Council on Foreign Relations, 1921–1951, British Library of Political and Economic Science, London School of Economics and Political Science

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Chatham House Papers	Records of the Royal Institute of International Affairs, Chatham House, London
CSOP	Commission to Study the Organization of Peace
Davies Papers	Lord Davies of Llandinam Papers, National Library of Wales
Eichelberger Papers	Clark M. Eichelberger Papers, Manuscripts and Archives Division, The New York Public Library
FAS Records	Federation of American Scientists Records, Special Collections Research Center, University of Chicago Library
Hansard, HC	Parliamentary Debates, House of Commons, fifth series
Hansard, HL	Parliamentary Debates, House of Lords, fifth series
JCS	Joint Chiefs of Staff
JSSC	Joint Strategic Survey Committee
Mass Observation Archives	Mass Observation Archives, Special Collections, University of Sussex Library
MSC	United Nations Military Staff Committee
NARA	National Archives and Records Administration, National Archives at College Park, College Park, MD
Noel-Baker Papers	The Papers of Baron Noel-Baker, Churchill Archives Centre, Churchill College, University of Cambridge
PEP	Political and Economic Planning
TNA	The National Archives, UK
TVA	Tennessee Valley Authority
UN	United Nations
UNA	United Nations Association

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UNAEC	United Nations Atomic Energy Commission
UNA Papers	Papers of the United Nations Association of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Archives and Special Collections, British Library of Political and Economic Science, London School of Economics and Political Science
UNO	United Nations Organization
UNRRA	United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration
WCA Central Committee Records	World Citizens Association Central Committee Records 1939–1953, Special Collections Research Center, University of Chicago Library