Towards An Enduring Peace: A Symposium Of Peace Proposals And Programs, 1914-1916

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The American entry into World War I came in April 1917, after more than two and a half years of fighting. Pope Benedict XV made several attempts to negotiate a peace. In 1914–1916, there were few Jewish forces in favor of American entry into the war. They proposed a national service program under which the 600,000 men available then could serve in an American armed force. They were joined by the Jewish Appeal for Peace, a group led by Rabbi Wise, who proposed a national service program under which the 600,000 men available then could serve in an American armed force.