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Frank K. Kelly was a speechwriter for President Harry S. Truman. He has written many books, including Your Freedoms, Your Laws, The Martyred Presidents, and Court of Reason: Robert Hutchins and the Fund for the Republic. A noted journalist, he was a Nieman Fellow at Harvard University and served also as a professor of communication at Boston University. His articles have appeared in The New Yorker, New Republic, Atlantic Monthly, and many other publications. A recent publication is an anthology of essays entitled Waging Peace, Vision and Hope for the 21st Century, co-edited by David Krieger, and including, among otheres, essays by the Fourteenth Dali Lama and Bishop Desmond Tutu.

The Annual Frank K. Kelly Lecture on Humanityís Future was established by the Nuclear Age Peace Foundation in 2001. Frank K. Kelly is a founder and senior vice president of the Foundation. As well as being a journalist, a soldier, a Neiman Fellow, and a speechwriter for Harry Truman, he was staff director of the U.S Senate Majority Policy Committee, and vice president of the Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions for 17 years. He currently serves as Senior Vice President on the Board of Directors of the Nuclear Age Peace Foundation

Beyond all of his achievements, Frank has a remarkable faith in humanity and its future. He has lived with a spirit of optimism and hope. He has been a visionary advocate for humanity and has inspired many people through his writing and example to take action on behalf of humanity. The Nuclear Age Peace Foundation and many of Frankís friends sought to honor him by establishing the Frank K. Kelly Annual Lecture on Humanityís Future. The lecture will be given annually by a distinguished individual and will be widely disseminated.