

Democracy at the Monetary Parley

~~For the~~ world monetary conference which President Roosevelt has called for July, at least two consummations are devoutly to be wished.

The first is that the conferees are being called together, not merely to ratify, but to discuss, to debate, to shape the eventual policies.

The second is that the conference will be held in plain view of the common people of the entire world—which is to say that the United States Government will put no obstacles in the way of its being reported fully; that the policy of suspicion of the people, which ruled at the international food conference at Hot Springs last year, is a folly that is not going to be repeated.

To express these two hopes concerning the pending world monetary conference is no more than to expect the principles of free government to be applied to the proceedings. That expectation is deep, and it is world-wide; it must not be disappointed.