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The President's Warning

President Roosevelt in his stern warning to Hitler last week voiced the sentiment of the American people with the exception, of course, of a few who are apparently more interested in seeing a German victory than they are in the survival of democracy and Americanism. Some accused Mr. Roosevelt of taking another step toward war, but in the expressions offered following the address there was evidence of an awakening. The American people are now convinced that Hitler is determined to bring the war to us. Mr. Roosevelt merely invited Hitler to come to our front yard to do his thing. He also declared, and rightly so, that we are on the high seas.

Mr. Roosevelt, a lover of peace, has a difficult job in this world of turmoil, but despite his love for peace, it is encouraging to note that no yellow streak is to be found on his back. There are others who want no war, but they have reached the serious conclusion that war and even death are to be preferred to a Hitler-dominated world.

After hearing the address, we, as individuals should strive for greater production of defense goods, to recognize that the first task at hand is the defeat of Hitler. While the address was a warning to Hitler, it can be recognized as a warning to us. We must make ready for any eventuality.

Deserting Those Who Are To Follow

For hundreds of years and especially since the early part of the thirteenth century when King John was forced to sign the Magna Charta, mankind has striven to better his democratic way of life, to leave a brighter outlook for those who were to follow in the course of time. The climb was gradual, but it was marked by such high spots as the Fight for Independence, and even the first World War revealed that free men were still ready to defend the Democratic Way of Life.

Today, it would seem that we are about to desert those who are to follow us. We are grasping for the good things in life now, and selling our heritage short, refusing to taste the bitter along with the sweet that our children and our children's children might go farther and fare better than we had. We are not only deserting those who will follow in our train, but we are also jeopardizing a part of our own lives, caring little about what tomorrow may bring as long as we are sailing high, wide and handsome today, enjoying just one more fling at life.

When we recognize the value of the course and spirit of those who offered their very lives and experienced untold hardships in the years gone by that posterity might enjoy the fullness of life, we will have made much progress in retaining that freedom so easily annexed by us at the expense of others. It has been said

that the one thing that has kept America growing rather than static was that every man entertained the hope that his children would go farther and fare better than he had, both socially and economically.

What have we done in this country in recent years? It has been shouted often and loud that we have heaped an unsurmountable tax burden on the shoulders of our children, and, no doubt, that burden will be felt. But while we were increasing the tax load in the name of humanity, we were also mortgaging our present holdings and jeopardizing what we hoped to have. An obligation is not to be met if one can avoid it legally or illegally, in many instances. Our religious ideals have been ignored and made secondary to worldly pleasures. Our society is mired down in the caste system. Politics are based on corruption and selfishness. Our economy is no longer based on what is right and wrong; it is based upon unethical scheming and cheating.

We have deserted our trust, and are leaving to posterity a complicated system mired down in confusion and marked by doubtful practices.

Ours may be the greatest nation on earth, but in the face of the facts we are only potentially great.

Lindbergh Explodes His Case

Philadelphia Record.

The record is glad the America First Committee blocked those who sought to prevent Charles A. Lindbergh from making an address at Oklahoma City. For two reasons:

One, because even a Lindbergh has a right to be heard in free America;

Two, because Lindbergh, in a single incandescent phrase, exploded the whole isolationist case.

Lindbergh told his audience: "England may turn against us, as she has turned against France and Finland..."

That phrase lights up the whole formula of Lindbergh's thinking, and the thinking of many isolationists.

"As England turned against France."

There is the works. A man who can think in those terms could believe Hitler himself.

So, England turned against France.

We must have dreamed that a heel named Hitler crushed France, beat her armies to their knees, forced upon her a humiliating peace. We suppose it was our imagination that Hitler set up a puppet government in Vichy, which—we thought—promptly turned against Britain, cooperated with the Nazis in every way, and is rapidly opening up all the available French colonies to Nazi gangsters.

French warships helped the Nazis in Africa—so we thought—in their drive against the English. And we were almost certain it was France—Vichy France—which made the deal by which Axis partner Japan crawled into French Indo-China.

But no. This is all fiction, according to the Lone Eagle. It was not France which, under Hitler pressure, turned against England. He says: "England turned against France."

In that kind of perverted thinking; in that type of mentality in which blind prejudice makes black of white, right of wrong, and good of evil—we find the Lindbergh credo, shown up by Lindbergh himself.

It is a credo which writes the words of Decatur in reverse:

"Britain, may she never be right; but right or wrong—hate Britain."

Lindbergh's answer comes not from Britain. It comes from France—from those Frenchmen who are risking their lives to shoot down their Lays, to save their food, to harass their oppressors, to throw off the yoke and regain the freedom for which the British "V" is their symbol—and the world's.

An Historical Parallel

Gary, Ind., Post-Tribune.

Back in 1919 the Republican leaders used the league to turn the country against Wilson and to defeat him. Now in a similar manner the Republican leaders of this day seem to be opposing national defense and safety in order to turn the country against Roosevelt. They may be expecting an historical parallel but they are more likely to suffer a horrible political disaster.

THIS MEANS—!



THE LETTER-BOX

To the Editor:

Owing to circumstances over which I have no control, I cannot take the responsibility of any leadership in the parent-teacher organization. In fact, I am not capable of leading, but I am vitally interested in the parent-teacher organization and do want to see it accomplish results that will mean something to the future generation of Williamston and the community from whence our children come.

Right here I want to say that we've traded our children down the river one year because none of us would take the responsibility last year of heading an organization designed first, last and always for the good of our children. I want to commend Mrs. Garland Woolard for accepting the presidency this year, and I do hope the parents will stand behind her. I do hope they will do enough this year to blot out the stain of last year.

There are two suggestions that I would like to submit to the parents of our town to think over before they go to the meeting on Wednesday. Our good state finances our schools, but they are able (so they say) to give us only one teacher to about every 40 children. To the average person this might seem to be sufficient, but any parent of an average child will know that the children need to do some home work. That is my reason for suggesting that the parents or teachers get together and discuss the work being done by the

children. I think a frank discussion would be better than spending so much of the meeting time in listening to programs. The reason I say this is because about 75 per cent of the parents of the children who go away to school always complain about how hard the work is for their children because the children are not prepared.

Parents, I'm not saying that all teachers are perfect and are as good as they should be, but I do say if you had kept your children at home nights and made them prepare their lessons they would have learned to concentrate and take care of themselves when they went away to college. This is the reason I'm urging that parents and teachers get together and discuss this problem monthly.

Another thing that I hope the parent-teacher association will give a great deal of attention to this year is the underprivileged children. There are many channels through which we can prove our Christianity in these fearful and perilous times, but we've always heard that Christianity begins at home. It's not always financial aid that these children need, but there are many other things that the women of the town can do for the underprivileged of our community and the best medium through which this work can be done. In this connection, I want to give Mrs. W. E. Old credit for a noble sacrifice. She gave of her time and support to the lunch room to provide hundreds of free lunches to needy children for three years.

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In conclusion, I want to say that these are the two things that appeal to me, and I'm sure others have suggestions just as worthy. And I do hope that we can get together and have the most successful year in our history.

A PARENT.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE
Having this day qualified as executor of the estate of the late Frances

Melissa Moore, deceased, of Williamston, Martin County, this is to notify all persons holding claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned for payment within one year from the date of this notice or same will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

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