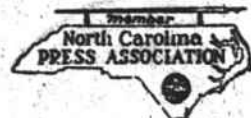


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Now is the time to hold fast to our faith: Faith in liberty, faith in democracy, and above all faith in God. The age is calling for great sacrifice. It also calls for great faith. And faith is something that has never yet been defeated, in all the long and somewhat sorry history of mankind.

On the March

President Roosevelt and former President Hoover have spoken the sentiment of the American people in their blunt statement of fact concerning the Russian aggression upon unhappy Finland.

With the exception of a few the followers of Stalin in this country, who are either in the pay of the Russian Reds or are misguided souls, Americans are well-nigh unanimous in their horror at what is happening to the valiant little republic up near the Arctic.

The signs of the times are unmistakable, and they are ominous. "Civilization has struck a new low"; and brute force as opposed to the rights of mankind is on the march. Coming in as a scavenger in Poland, after Hitler's unprovoked and ruthless attack, the Russian Bear grabbed the lion's share of the spoils, and another chapter of "glory" was added to the Red Army. Now the great bear of the North, prompted by the cunning, Oriental mind of Stalin, has pushed into Finland, with the only excuse for ruthless slaughtering to add new territory to the Union of Soviet Republics.

A shudder of fear and anger has cast itself into the hearts of all the fine, peace-loving, liberty-loving, God-fearing people of Scandinavia. Indeed the action of Japan in China, Germany in Austria, Slavokia and Poland, and of Russia in Finland, has proved beyond a doubt that we have entered upon an era of ruthlessness, and conquest, in which the law of the jungle, that might make

right, has overshadowed the Christian principles. Well may every person and every government that believes in the rights of mankind, in freedom, liberty, justice, Christianity, look with apprehension upon the scenes that are being enacted. The dictators of the totalitarian states would, if they could, blot out every vestige of the things that we have been taught the reverse as sacred, and uphold every principle for which we stand from the hearts of mankind. They would, if they could, treat us in exactly the same way that they have treated smaller nations with like ideals.

It becomes clearer and clearer as the picture of horror unfolds, that the gallant fight of China, the resistance of Ethiopia and Albania, the

classical sacrifice of Poland, and the battles that are now being waged by Finland, France, and the British Empire, are attempts to safeguard the liberties of all men, everywhere.

The American people and the American government can but sympathize with those who are the victims of brutal ruthlessness, and prepare ourselves to defend the western hemisphere, if those who are waging our wars in Europe and Asia should be defeated.

If the totalitarians should win, it is probable that the last stand of civilization as we have known it will be made in America. It is possible that we shall become the last hope of the liberties of men.

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