

THE WAR IN EUROPE

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The United States Should Implement Its Policy Designed to Assist the Allies by Steps "Short of War"

"The people of the United States want peace!"

This conclusion, accepted by officials, explains our almost tragic acceptance of isolation in world affairs and our pathetic acquiescence in the childish theory that we can guarantee peaceful relations by treating all nations fairly and justly.

While Americans prefer peace to warfare (and there is nothing wrong with such a preference) we are not at all satisfied that the course of this nation is calculated to avoid the warfare that we abhor and denounce as useless and unnecessary slaughter and destruction.

Can Present Policy Insure Peace? The writer of this article wants peace for the United States forever. This desire of Americans is creditable. Just the same, it is time to question the method adopted to insure peace and prevent war.

Since the World War ended in 1918, the foreign policy of this nation has emphasized aloofness from European and world affairs. As a people we denied all international responsibility and attempted to erect a modern Chinese wall around the United States.

The doctrine of economic self-sufficiency, as preached in recent decades, simply ignores a dependency

upon international trade. Political isolation, which went much further than the avoidance of entanglement in foreign rivalries, can be successful only upon the sufferance of dominant powers. China and the small neutrals of Europe are the only exhibits necessary to clinch this truth.

Guns, Not Oceans, Defend Us The Atlantic ocean is a great protective barrier but it loses effectiveness if the British fleet is immobilized. The Pacific ocean represents security only so long as the American battle fleet outguns Japanese warships. Should Germany win the present war, or secure the British fleet, this country has one fleet for two oceans, which is insufficient. Moreover, we have not the time to construct another fleet to protect us in any present danger.

Inevitably, in our opinion, a German victory will result in pressure upon this country. We will have to endure the same kind of blackmail that Germany, Italy and Japan have used against the British. It will end in the same result, war. There is nothing that we can do, as a nation to avoid attack that has not been tried unsuccessfully by the neutral power of Europe.

War Now Waged Without Causes Americans should wake up to the fact that totalitarian nations wage war without any cause except their determination to use force for national aggrandizement. Assume, if you will, that Germany has just reasons for warring against Great Brit-



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ian and France but ask what cause of war existed between Germany and Denmark, Norway, the Netherlands or Belgium. What real cause of war produced hostilities between Japan and China, Russia and Finland, or between Italy and Albania or Ethiopia?

Our people, anxious to remain at peace and intensely devoted to the orderly development of civilization, should now understand, if they did not a month ago, that our careful policy of isolation, designed to avoid participation in Europe's warfare, will not insure our peace if the world is dominated by totalitarian states.

Our people, willing to stand alone in facing international dangers and ready to fight to defend vital interests, should now realize, if they did not a month ago, that the speed and effectiveness of modern warfare

make it absolutely impossible for us to adequately prepare this nation for effective defense in the air, on the land and on the seas in time to meet the challenge of victorious dictators. Allied Victory Safeguards Our Peace

Nobody knows who will win the present struggle in Europe. Nobody knows whether Germany, if victorious, would immediately attack the Western Hemisphere. Opinions differ but the safety of this nation should not depend upon guess-work. The peace of the United States will be reasonably assured if Great Britain and France triumph in Europe, but nobody can now guarantee their victory. The actual security of this hemisphere on January 1st, 1941, is in doubt and will continue so to be unless the European war ends in an Allied victory.

Faced with grave doubts as to na-

tional security, it behooves the United States to promptly make certain its future safety. Learning the lessons taught in Finland, Denmark, Norway, China, Albania, Ethiopia and other countries, we should promptly drop every pretense of neutrality and immediately implement the President's policy of assisting the democracies by every step "short of war."

Aid to Allies Is Self-Defense Without developing hatred toward any people and with intelligent appreciation the dangers involved, we should now accept lesser peril in ord-

er to avoid greater perils. This means deliberately extending such material, economic and financial assistance as the British and French may require to insure the complete defeat of Hitler's aggressive hordes. When Hitler collapses, the democracies will have little trouble with Mussolini, Stalin or Japan.

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Nobody in the United States wants this country to go to war; the only argument is over the best way to prevent warfare.

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