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## Foreign Policy and the Maintenance of Peace

THE sinister shadow of war hangs over the entire world. The war dogs are becoming bolder, and the pack led by Hitler, Mussolini and the Japanese militarists are getting ready to tear down civilization itself, in their mad attempt to perpetuate their rule and conquer the world.

Every week brings new incitements by the war-makers.

Only this Monday, Hitler again shocked the world when he doubled his army, putting it on an immediate war footing. This newest threat to peace is no isolated incident. It is the latest in a whole series of provocative moves by the fascist warmongers, leading to their announced intention of beginning a new world slaughter. The Japanese militarists conquered Manchuria, are dismembering China, and are plotting to seize the Philippines and wage war against the United States. The rape of Ethiopia by the Italian fascists, Hitler's gigantic program of war preparations, and his constant threats against the small nations of Europe and the Soviet Union, were among the steps taken by the war-makers toward their goal of death and conquest.

This offensive of the troops of destruction unfortunately was not opposed by an invincible front of all the peace forces of the world. There was not enough resistance to their innumerable acts of aggression. Because the peace forces of the world were not united, the fascists have grown bolder, more insolent in their provocations.

During the past few weeks, we have seen the fascists of every country openly intervening on the side of the rebel insurrection against the democratically-elected government of

Spain. The lives of tens of thousands of innocent people have been sacrificed, because Mussolini and Hitler have supplied the mercenaries of the rebel armies with arms, airplanes and money.

How long will the peace-loving people of the world continue to let the war racketeers go unchallenged, terrorizing the weaker nations, and pursuing their policy of blackmail and robbery upon an international scale? How long will the American people, who have so convincingly shown their unmistakable desire for peace, continue to keep aloof from collective efforts for peace which alone can check the war plans of the Japanese militarists in the Far East and of their ally, Hitler, in Europe?

The drums of war are beating ever more loudly. Unless the peace forces of the world marshal their strength and build an unbreakable wall of resistance against the fascist war-makers, death and barbarism will soon ride the heavens as the fascists rain destruction from their fleets of bombing planes, equipped with every conceivable device for mass destruction and murder.

The United States is not immune from the contagious infection of war. It is in danger of being drawn into war in the Far East which the Japanese militarists are provoking. President Roosevelt has shown that he is aware of the imminent threat of a second world war. In his Chautauqua speech, he hinted at that when he said: "We must remember that so long as war exists on earth, there will be some danger that even the nation which most ardently desires peace may be drawn into war."

As a matter of fact, the peoples of the whole world desire peace. The war danger comes from the fascist cliques in every country which are willing to sacrifice millions on the altar of greed and profits. To maintain peace, we must check the drive of these war-makers, and that includes our own would-be Hitlers like Hearst and the Liberty Leaguers.

Good intentions and a horror of war will not stop the fascists. We cannot appeal to men who have no scruples, to gangsters

who murder their opponents and herd them by the thousands in concentration camps. Good intentions will not stop Hitler or Mussolini, our own fascist, Hearst, from dragging us all into a new slaughter. Our consciences revolt at their unspeakable deeds, but only actions, real actions for peace, will stop their drive to war.

President Roosevelt has made many correct statements about the need for peace. But he hangs on to a policy of so-called neutrality or isolation which in practice has encouraged the fascist aggressors, instead of stopping them dead in their tracks. It was this policy of isolation which contributed to Mussolini's victory in Ethiopia. It was this failure to take effective steps for peace which emboldened Hitler to remilitarize the Rhineland and to prepare for war against the Soviet Union and France. It was this ineffective method which emboldened the Japanese militarists to advance their war plans against China and the United States. It was this policy of neutrality which played into the hands of our own jingoes, giving them more arguments for a big armaments program by the United States. It was this policy of neutrality which enabled Hearst to cloak himself and his support to the German and Italian fascists behind a demagogic appeal for isolation.

Hearst is openly on the side of the war-makers. He has published attacks in his newspapers upon the English government for not aligning itself with Mussolini and Hitler against France and the Soviet Union. At home, he carries on the most barefaced propaganda to place the weight of the United States upon the side of Hitler, Mussolini and the other fascist dictatorships. His support of the war-makers is part of his whole plan to establish a fascist dictatorship in this country.

This is shown by the campaign carried on in his newspapers: first the charge that America is being communized through the Roosevelt administration; and, second, his campaign against Communism as man's enemy and God's, something that must be outlawed, placed outside the pale, and destroyed by any possible means. These tactics are typical of the first stage of the rise of fascism.

This is exactly the propaganda that preceded Hitler's assumption of power in Germany. This is precisely the propaganda that prepared the fascist revolt in Spain. This propaganda, carried a step further in its logical development in America, would call for an attempt by those interests which are responsible for this propaganda to cancel the results of our coming elections if they should go unfavorable to them.

Landon, who was privately nominated by Hearst months before his public nomination, is trying to get away from the hatred which millions of decent people have for Hearst. Hence, Landon finds it convenient to attempt to dissociate himself from the taint of Hearst. He does not openly support the isolation policies of his master. He talks of peace, but, in effect, the few concrete statements on the subject which have come from the candidate of Wall Street are but a restatement of Hearst's policy which gives aid to the fascists.

With Hearst openly fighting for the fascist dictators, with Hearst right now in Europe conferring with Hitler and Mussolini, it is not difficult to foresee what Landon would do if elected to office. Landon and Hearst do not object to Roosevelt's policy of neutrality, since it enables them to sidetrack the adoption of a real peace policy based on collective security. Similarly, Father Coughlin also uses the neutrality policies of the administration to preach isolation, while urging armed intervention in Mexico.

The Communist Party, alone of all political parties, has worked out a program which will keep America out of war by keeping war out of the world. Our platform declares that peace must be maintained and defended at all cost. We favor the United States participating in all measures to strengthen collective security and peace, including collaboration with the League of Nations. Instead of ever greater armaments we believe that the United States should adopt a true peace policy, work in collaboration with the Soviet Union, France and the other peace forces of the world.

We are for an American peace policy which will prohibit the sale or delivery of goods, or the granting of loans to na-

tions engaged in a foreign war contrary to the provisions of the Kellogg Peace Pact. The huge funds now spent for armaments should be turned to the support of the suffering people.

We demand that the entire munitions industry be nationalized and be put under public control. We demand an end to American intervention in the internal affairs of the Latin American countries. We are for the adoption of a true peace policy in the Americas which will abolish the Monroe Doctrine and end all unequal treaties.

We demand the strict non-recognition of the Japanese conquests in Manchuria and China and the Italian conquest of Ethiopia. We support the Puerto Rican demand for independence. We support the complete independence and self-determination of all oppressed people.

We say that the American people should demand that the government come out actively against the present fascist intervention in Spain. The democratic Spanish republic has friendly relations with us. We must support the Spanish people against the fascist barbarians. It is the duty of the Roosevelt administration to support the Spanish government and thus help support democracy and peace.

This, in brief, is the foreign policy advocated by the Communist Party. It is a policy which works for the maintenance of peace and for collective action by the peace forces of the world against the fascist war-makers.

Let us unite to forge an American peace policy which will really keep us out of war and really work for the peace of the world in collaboration with all those forces striving for peace and progress against war and fascism.

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