

AMERICA CONTRADICTS HERSELF

ON ARMAMENTS

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT:

- 1923-It is the consensus of opinion of military and naval men on both sides of the Pacific that Japan could not invade the United States and maintain an army here.
- 1934-The peoples of many countries are being taxed to the point of poverty and starvation in order to enable governments to engage in a mad armaments race, which, if permitted to continue, may well result in war. This (is a) grave menace to the peace of the world.
- 1938-As Commander-in-Chief, it is my duty . (to ask) a flat 20% increase in Naval construction (\$800,000,000); for the Army, \$17,000,000 besides its regular appropriation.

STATE AND NAVY DEPARTMENTS:

- 1936-The peoples of the world would be far wiser if they expended more of their hard-earned money in organizing the forces of peace and fewer of the present five billion dollars in educating and training their military forces. (Secretary Hull)
- 1938-In my opinion all of the ships . provided for in the proposed naval program are needed for national defense of the United States and its possessions. (Hull)
- 1938-The existing Navy is adequate to defend the Alaska-Hawaii-Panama triangle and the Pacific Coast against any conceivable attack, says Admiral Leahy. BUT the Admiral has been quoted in Washington as saying that our fleet would need to be at least three times the size of Japan's for an effective campaign in Asiatic waters.

ON WAR REFERENDUM

- 1924-Those who must furnish the blood and bear the burdens imposed by war should, whenever possible, be consulted before this supreme sacrifice is required of them. (Democratic National Platform)
- 1938-The same individuals (Roosevelt, Hull, Farley) who unanimously adopted that plank claim that a war referendum would be "unwise", "impractical", and "not in accord with representative government".

ON JAPAN

- 1898-After an artificially stimulated "revolution" supported by American forces, the government of Hawaii was overthrown and the Islands were "voluntarily annexed" by the United States.
- 1931-After an artificially stimulated "revolution" supported by Japanese forces, the government of Manchuria was overthrown and the territory was "voluntarily annexed" by the Empire. What's the difference? To what extent can we reasonably expect the Japanese (who are thoroughly informed of these facts) to be impressed by the high moral tone of our present attitude?
- 1937-We send our diplomats to Brussels to condemn Japan as the aggressor in an undeclared war in China. At the same time we continue to supply Japan with the materials for that aggression.
- 1938-On January 12 there sailed out of Delaware harbor, with the knowledge and consent of the State Department, a ship, flying the Nazi flag, bound for Japan, loaded with 20,000 Pennsylvania-made aerial bombs. At the same time, Mr. Hull was writing a letter explaining that dropping bombs on Chinese civilians - or American gunboats - is ghastly inhumanity. True. BUT Mr. Hull deliberately refuses to apply the neutrality law which would have prevented the bomb shipment.

IT IS ALL VERY MYSTERIOUS

Captain R. E. Ingersoll, Chief of the War Plans Division of the Navy, has just returned from a conference with the British Admiralty in London, and yet Secretary Hull, Senator Pittman, and Admiral Leahy continue roundly to deny that we are even considering plans for any sort of cooperation with the British Navy. Just a pleasant little vacation trip for the Captain, perhaps!

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"This is the truth about President Roosevelt: In his economic program, he has been fifty years ahead of his time. In his foreign policy he is still a member of Wilson's war cabinet, following the old road that led Wilson into War." -- P. A. W.

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