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MR. PRESIDENT "It (the administration) is conceding, almost openly, that the United States cannot give to Great Britain the degree of assistance required .. and deny .. that war can be a consequence."  
- - Arthur Krock, in NEW YORK TIMES, 2/27/41

Passage of the Lend-Lease Bill has not ended our struggle to keep our country out of foreign wars. Indeed, in the new situation there may be one advantage. Instead of being confused with the "Aid-to-Britain" appeal, the issue is now single and clear; and the responsibility is now centered on one man. We shall know to what and to whom to direct our efforts.

It has been suggested that organizations like ours should now disband. On the contrary, we have an increased obligation; to arouse and give voice to the overwhelming (85% on March 10th) desire of the American people to stay out of war.

The President has pledged himself to the people repeatedly to keep out of war. For example, in the Boston speech: "American fathers and mothers, your boys are not going to be sent into any foreign wars."

Mr. President, we expect you to keep that promise!

| OUR PUZZLE DEPT.     | Profits                      | 1939          | 1940          | %    |
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| cc<br>3/19/41<br>383 | U. S. Steel (largest)        | \$41,000,000  | \$102,000,000 | 148% |
|                      | Crucible Steel               | 2,800,000     | 6,230,000     | 122% |
|                      | Otis Steel (smallest)        | 214,000       | 717,000       | 234% |
|                      | Steel totals (almost double) | \$126,375,000 | \$251,871,000 |      |

Preliminary report, U. S. Chamber of Commerce, shows dividends up 14% in 1940 above 1939. National income as a whole increased 6%.

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Why does labor strike in war time?

Why is pro-war sentiment loudest in the Industrial East?

REQUIRED READING We knew what we were doing!

On September 19, 1934, Dr. Schacht, German Finance Minister, admitted to the American Ambassador that - contrary to existing treaties - in the previous January and February alone, Germany bought from American airplane manufacturers one million dollars worth of high class war flying machinery and paid in gold!

READ AMBASSADOR DODD'S DIARY, page 166.

How did the common man in France accept the war? Why did France fall? What of the future?

"However dark the immediate future, all is not lost. The world does not stand or fall with the trample of armed hosts and the thunder of bombing planes. Not what man does but how he does it is decisive. I believe . . ."

Read at least the three added chapters in the new edition of Pierre Van Paassen's DAYS OF OUR YEARS.

What happens to the pacifist spirit in war time? to the thinking of a pacifist under fire? What of the future? You will find the answer on page 220 of the war journal of one of Britain's distinguished writers, Vera Brittain: ENGLAND'S HOUR.

Any one of these books will be sent you post paid from our loan library. Requests filled in order in which they are received.

GOOD NEIGHBOR Canada demands and gets cash for everything England buys. Canadian business is worried about the effects of our Lend-Lease-Give Bill. Naturally!

The Treaty of Panama promised consultation on matters of hemisphere neutrality and defense. Latin-American ambassadors have protested the Lend-Lease Bill as a violation. Naturally!

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**IT IS HAPPENING HERE** "The threat to democracy . . . Its greatest danger comes through gradual invasion of constitutional rights with the acquiescence of an inert people; through failure to discern that constitutional government cannot survive where the rights guaranteed by the Constitution are not safeguarded even to those citizens with whose political and social views the majority may not agree." - Governor Herbert H. Lehman, March 30, 1938

A number of bills, threatening to our Civil Liberties, are now before the State Legislature. If you are interested in this essential part of a peace program, we can furnish you the information of the American Civil Liberties Union.

Anti-Semitism is the first and simplest tactic in Hitler's war against us. If the Christian churches fail to destroy the virus of anti-Semitism in the United States, then Christianity will be destroyed.

- - from SOCIAL ACTION of the Congregational-Christian Churches

**LET'S NOT** Vice-President Wallace (Jan. 25, 1941) reminds the 200% Americans who curse Hitler and the Nazis that they helped make Hitler. "Let's not repeat the errors of 1917," he writes.

**FRIENDS OF DEMOCRACY** Recently Britain turned down the proposal to give the American plan for feeding the starving peoples of European democracies a limited trial in Belgium. The German government accepted unequivocally their part of the plan. On March 15th the National Executive Committee of the American Legion recommended "that the President and the Secretary of State use all possible means" in support of the plan.

**AID** Those of our readers who know Devere Allen, or who are aware of our indebtedness to NO-FRONTIER NEWS SERVICE, may wish to contribute something to the relief of faithful correspondents of NNS now stranded in occupied Europe or Africa. Such gifts will be promptly forwarded.

**NEXT** John T. Flynn, National Chairman of the Keep America Out of War Congress, announces the immediate launching of a vigorous campaign for an advisory referendum on war or peace. Members of both the Senate and the House are discussing the possibilities. If enough of you will let us know your opinions, we will make them known to their respective chambers. A petition will be so.

**DEFEND DEMOCRACY AT HOME** National Share Croppers Week, this month, calls our attention to A WASTED LAND and A WASTED PEOPLE. These Americans are our own refugees; whatever affects their welfare and their liberties affects ours. We are cooperating in collecting gifts. "Mony a mickle makes a mickle."

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