

WHAT PRICE
VICTORY?

Following are some hints of "what it takes to lick Hitler" from E. S. Duffield of the Wall Street Journal:

65% of the national economy devoted to war; annual cost near 50 billions; all non-defense industries reduced to a 1935-39 level or lower; civilian economy to be maintained at sub-depression levels; an AEF of 8,000,000 men, one of every three in the age group 18-45. --- And if we do "win", what then?

For after war, and after all,
What is it people get?
But widows, wounds and wooden legs,
And lots and lots of debt?

THE ONLY
THING

*Country Squire in
the White House*

"There is not the slightest doubt that the only thing that now prevents his (The President's) active entry on the side of the Allies is his knowledge that he cannot take the American people in yet."-- John T. Flynn, distinguished economist and writer.

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THE MIND OF
A MAJOR

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Before and After (The name is Eliot!)

1938 "It (war with Japan) is impossible - while we remain strong in our own waters and the Japanese in theirs. It is impossible - while we remember that the affairs of Eastern Asia have got to be settled by the people who live there, and while the Japanese remember the same about the Western Hemisphere. It is impossible - while ordinary common sense endures on both sides of the Pacific.

1941 "The Japanese have cleverly and successfully played for time so far. Nothing could be more clear than the suicidal folly of permitting them to do so longer. The time is at hand for the elimination of Japan as an Axis partner; peaceably if Japan so wills, forcibly if needs must."

REMEMBER THE
GREER!

When you read the head lines (scare lines) about submarine attacks and the sinking of helpless American vessels remember the Greer!

Although President Roosevelt in his "shoot at sight" speech on September 11 skillfully represented the episode as an act of piracy on our innocent ship, Admiral Harold R. Stark's testimony before the Senate Naval Affairs Committee reveals the facts. The Greer was cooperating with a British plane and had been following the U-boat for three hrs. and 28 min. The whole affair occurred inside a blockaded zone where all vessels were notified in advance of "danger of destruction".

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GUEST EDITORIAL
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F.D. Roosevelt "By the Neutrality Act of 1935, and by other steps; We made it possible to prohibit American citizens from traveling on vessels belonging to countries at war. Was that right? We made it clear that American investors who put their money into enterprises in foreign nations could not call on American warships or soldiers to bail out their investments. Was that right?

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"We made it clear that ships flying the American flag could not carry munitions to a belligerent, and that they must stay out of war zones. Was that right?

"In all these ways, we made it clear to every American, and to every foreign nation, that we would avoid becoming entangled through some episode beyond our borders. These were measures to keep us at peace, and through all the years of war since 1935, there has been no entanglement, and there will be no entanglement."

anti-war news service 10/22/41 and Un 10/11/41

P.S. On Navy Day - Oct. 27, 1941 - President Roosevelt advocated revision of this same Neutrality Act to permit the arming of merchant ships and "to carry our American goods into the harbors of our friends." Was that right?

BISHOP'S
CRUSADE

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"Forget the facts. Pour on the emotional stuff!" This is the new strategy of Fight for Freedom, Inc., according to His Grace, the Bishop of Southern Ohio, the Rt. Rev. Henry Wise Hobson, National Chairman.

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TRAP SHOOTING

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Just after the President's "shoot on sight" speech, a strongly pro-war British weekly, News-Review declared that Adolf Hitler had laid a carefully baited trap for FDR. The theory is that if FDR can be lured into a war his people do not want, Japan may be persuaded to strike and aid to Russia and Britain will be drastically curtailed.

ARMS ACROSS
THE SEA

Civilian Defense Director Fiorello La Guardia (The Little Flower) in a recent public address: "May I say for the benefit of some of our friends across the sea that this is punitive equipment, as well as for defense." Who said national defense tax?

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THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO (TRADE) MARK The British Embassy Staff in Washington has formally explained that citizens may now travel only in the interests of defense or trade. The distinguished pacifist preacher, Muriel Lester, was removed from an American vessel and "detained" in Trinidad. She may return to England, not to America, though other-minded speakers are coming freely. Evidently "the four freedoms" apply, if and when.

HE LOVES ME HE LOVES ME NOT "Only Finland, superb, may sublime Finland -- sublime in the jaws of peril, Finland shows what free men can do. The service rendered by Finland to mankind is magnificent... Every one can see how Communism robs the free soul of a nation, how it makes it abject and hungry in peace and proves it base and abominable in war... We cannot tell what the fate of Finland may be, but no more mournful spectacle could be presented to what is left of civilized mankind than that this splendid northern race should be at last worn down and reduced to servitude worse than death by the dull, brutish force of overwhelming numbers." ---Winston Churchill, February 15, 1940.

Letter from "The Progressive"

DEAR FRIEND The struggle to keep this nation out of Europe's wars is not lost! Only the gallant and determined fight of the overwhelming majority of people opposed to war has saved America thus far from being plunged all the way into the bloody mess abroad. We must not waver now in our faith and hope. The fight can still be won if we redouble our efforts to preserve peace and democracy here in the United States. For my own part, I shall carry on the battle against W-A-R with my coat off and my sleeves rolled up. You, too, can help in this cause, if you will raise your voice vigorously and courageously against war hysteria in your community.

Signed/ Robert M. LaFollette, Jr.

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RANK AND FILE Rebellious against the pro-war action taken at Milwaukee by delegates at the National Convention of the American Legion, members opposed to another AEF have filed papers for the incorporation of "The Legion Rank and File, Inc."

NEW AEF A popular American magazine is advertising the New AEF. Just a bit of "softening up" to prepare us to send a new AEF. Will you?

THE THIRD ALTERNATIVE It is commonly assumed that we must take one of two ways out of the world's dilemma. We insist that there is another - and better - way. On October 19, former Ambassador Cudahy proposed that the President lead a "peace offensive" as the only real way to give us real prestige and power in solving world problems. Mr. Cudahy warns, "if we enter the battle lists there will be another 30 years war." At its October meeting our Executive Committee adopted and sent the following letter:

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Dear Mr. President:

As a group of free citizens under the Constitution of the United States, as well as members of that great body of Americans who wish to stay out of war, we protest against both the words and the spirit of your Navy Day speech. We do not feel that you were speaking for us in what might be termed a "one-man declaration of war". It is our sincere belief that the noblest role our country could play would be to take the lead in finding some effective means of resolving the present conflict and heading toward a new world order in which such destructive forces could never again be loosed. That you cannot see your opportunity, one of the greatest that history has offered to any man, to lead our people in this role, we deeply and sincerely regret. We urge, in what may be the final hour of decision, that you do not take the steps that would precipitate our country into full participation in the war, and we assure you that any peaceful, constructive methods of extending your "four freedoms" to all people will receive our unlimited support.

Faithfully yours,

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Peace News London 7-5-41

ALL FOUR "Future world-peace depends on finding a solution which the four great nations of Germany, Russia, Britain, and America are willing permanently to accept and actively to uphold."--- from The Christian News-Letter, London, September, 1941

DO WE? The time has come for a counter-offensive for peace with a lend-lease plan that looks toward the reconstruction of Europe.--- Governments conduct wars but peoples make peace. ---David Lawrence in US News 9/12/41



THANKSGIVING

50,000 tons of food and medicine have been sent from Turkey to Greece with British approval and British food is being fed to 40,000 British prisoners in Germany by the German Government. No danger of diversion or "aid to Hitler" here! But in Belgium or Holland or France, of course it's different as shown by this excerpt from a Belgian diary:

July 30: "I am appalled for there is nothing left. Today is the first time my courage has flagged for I had not been prepared gradually as have been the others. I don't know how to take hold and face it."

HERE AND THERE

Less than two years ago President Roosevelt was telling the AIC how much he detested "the banishment of religion" from Russia. His recent attempt to explain that freedom of religion in the USSR is on practically the same basis as in the USA brought one of the heaviest protest mails in White House history. The President tried, without much success, to "explain" his "explanation", meantime, in Pennsylvania, which is in the USA, Mennonites, Amish and Dunkards are seeking to migrate to Paraguay to secure freedom of religion.

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"An allied victory seems possible only if Soviet Russia continues to resist; in which case victory would be attributed to Stalin. The Communist International would then be able to dominate the Continent more easily than any other power." So editorialized Uncensored on October 4. Are we trying to fight Hitler for Stalin or are we going to fight Stalin after he licks Hitler, or --- you guess.

ELEVEN'S LUNCHEONS

At 11 o'clock on the 11th day of the 11th month 11 hostesses of the SPC each invited 11 guests to lunch and discuss various plans for "building the kind of world we want to live in" in cooperation with the World Government Day program of the National Peace Conference. A radio program arranged by the Peace Council during the hour stressed the obligation of citizens to plan "Not Armistice but Peace". First reports are enthusiastic.

COFFEE HOUR

Frederick J. Libby, on a between-trains stop-over in Syracuse was interviewed over Station WOLF and spoke to forty or more members of the Peace Council at a "Coffee Hour" arranged in his honor. Both events were highly successful. Mr. Libby said it was his first "coffee hour" in twenty years' experience and concluded that peace workers are still resourceful.

COMING EVENT

Plan now to attend the Second Mid-Winter Institute of International Relations sponsored by the American Friends Service Committee in New York State. Syracuse, February 13-15, 1942.

WHEN WINTER COMES

The American Friends Service Committee has again appealed for old and new clothing for distribution in England, France, Mexico, China. For suggestions and directions, ask us. We collect here,

REQUIRED READING

For the intelligent looking citizen!
Must the World Destroy Itself, by Freda Utley, well known English author and lecturer on three continents, in the October Reader's Digest.
The Road to Hitlerism by William Henry Chamberlain, foreign correspondent for the Christian Science Monitor, and Our Incredible Overconfidence by Oswald Garrison Villard, both in The Christian Century, November 5.

If you would understand the mind of the man who has been called "with one possible exception, the most dangerous man, from the point of view of foreign policy, ever to occupy the White House", read the 122 pages of a little book called Country Squire in the White House. We will mail it to your door on request.

LAST CALL

Fortunately, we have actually been too busy during the past month to revise our mailing lists! The response to our October reminder that renewals of subscriptions or memberships are now due has been good, but still there are many of you who will not get next month's letter unless we hear from you soon. Do you really want us to drop your name? We hope not.

PS

Over 30,000 signatures have been secured to the Citizens Peace Petition. Have you signed?

SAVE THIS NOTICE!

It will save us money!

Regular monthly meeting of the Syracuse Peace Council
 Date: Tuesday evening, November 25, 1941
 Place: 2nd Floor YMCA, 340 Montgomery St.
 Time: 7:45 PM. Subject: The Next Chapter

Plan now to attend. Bring an interested friend.