

LET'S FACE 1. Over 90% of the people want to keep out of this war.  
A FEW FACTS 2. Over 90% of the people want to defeat Hitler.

This is one of our gravest dangers of involvement. We must choose wisely.

3. Over 90% of the people want to keep out of this war.
4. Only 50% of the people believe we will keep out.

Another great danger: that we yield to futility, to defeat in advance.

THERE ARE 1-2: There is pretty general agreement with the opinion brought  
ALTERNATIVES back from Europe by Oswald Garrison Villard that if the war enters an active military phase and continues for some months, the net result will be "all Europe going to pieces from economic and financial exhaustion." That means inevitably Fascism or Communism for all Western Europe.

The alternative - the only alternative - is Peace Now, by neutral mediation. Six national peace organizations unite in the following statement:

"The United States Government should stick to its job of bringing about a negotiated settlement in Europe regardless of what information Mr. Welles has brought the President. Our interests, jeopardized as they are by a conflagration that may set all our houses on fire, demand that all the influence of the most powerful neutral nation be exerted untiringly, in cooperation with other neutrals, to secure a lasting peace before it is too late. Secretary Hull has emphasized the two essential conditions underlying such a settlement -- general disarmament and improved economic opportunity for all nations. Hope for a settlement rests on the fact that both belligerents have indicated their approval of these conditions."

WE ARE COOPERATING WITH THESE ORGANIZATIONS. SEND US AT ONCE A POST CARD OR LETTER ENDORSING THIS STATEMENT. WE WILL MAKE IT COUNT.

3-4: Florence Brewer Bechtel, writing from Washington, says: "There is no danger of our getting into the war before election. Whether there is danger after the election depends upon the strength of the conviction of the next Administration that the people are unalterably opposed to participation in foreign conflicts."

One way to register that "unalterable opposition" is suggested in a letter from Congressman Louis Ludlow, as follows:

"The way to make definite and real progress is to select a definite peace proposal and get back of it with enthusiasm and unity..... Together we stand a good chance of having this important peace declaration (giving the people the right to vote on foreign wars overseas) adopted in the national platforms."

WE ARE COOPERATING WITH MR. LUDLOW. SEND US AT ONCE A POST CARD OR LETTER ENDORSING THIS PROPOSAL. WE WILL MAKE IT COUNT.

K. K. K. From the beginning the Syracuse Peace Council has listed among its major policies "the safeguarding of civil liberties" as basic to peace. Now we are warned that "the Ku Klux Klan rides again." Within the past month three people have been beaten to death; ministers have been terrorized; labor threatened. You can do two things:

1. Write to O. J. Rogge, Dept. of Justice, Washington, D. C., urging Federal prosecution of all Klan thugs.
2. Send a special contribution for the National Defense Fund. We will acknowledge and forward it promptly.

Haven't you a friend who would like to subscribe or to whom you would like to send this monthly message? If it's good for you, it's good for others, and we need 25 more paid subscribers right now. Write the addresses on the margin of this letter; enclose stamps; we'll do the rest.

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IN APRIL It is timely to recall those April days in 1917 when a declaration of war was jammed through Congress in four days. In that war it cost \$33,700 to kill one boy. We lost 126,000 boys and gained 23,000 millionaires. What price millionaires? Shall we repeat that experience, or shall we here highly resolve that those dead shall not have died in vain? Register your resolve now; the NEWS-LATTER tells you how each month.

23 If the people of this country would buy as many stamps to eliminate war as they buy to eliminate tuberculosis, we could do as good a job as the anti-TB campaigners. War is the Great Black Plague of our social order. April is the 23rd anniversary of our entrance into World War No. 1. To help prevent our repeating that mistake send us 23¢ and use these 23 stamps to speak your message 23 times.

TWO WORDS TO THE WISE: The following quotations are from brokerage and speculators' guides: "As soon as the German offensive enters an active phase ---, then our stock and commodity markets should resume their uptrend." --- "The lack of heavy hostilities abroad and the regular appearances of the peace ghost . . . . serve to hold down expansion."

Mr. Hull's warning to Japan to stay away from the Netherlands Indies throws revealing light on Admiral Stark's clamor for a still bigger Navy. On guard! or we'll find ourselves fighting a "defensive" war in the Far Pacific. The white man's burden: Empire! Whose empire? The cat is almost out of the bag.

CORRECTION: In our table of comparative figures from the U. S. Budget last month the last item should have read:

For European Diplomacy 5 millions. To rearm vessels 85 millions.

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