

WAR OR PEACE?

IT'S UP TO YOU!

War is here! Just 25 years after the First World War, the second has begun. Out of the First World War came dictatorships, Fascism and a depression that has devastated the whole world. And now we face another World War—more dangerous and destructive to civilization, security and decency than the First! An overwhelming majority of the American people want to stay out of that war. How can America stay out? Whose war is it?

WHY DO THEY FIGHT?

The nations of Europe fight for the same things they fought for in 1914—for markets, raw materials and political domination. They have been fighting for these things for over a century. First they fought with goods and gold, then with trade agreements and military alliances, and then in 1914, their struggle for markets and power blazed into open warfare on a world-wide front.

The Allied victory of 1918 temporarily put a stop to their open conflict. The Treaty of Versailles redivided the markets even more to the advantage of the victorious allies, Britain and France. It set up tiny buffer states throughout middle Europe in defiance of natural economic relations. It brought on a ten year period of misery, starvation and economic stagnation for most of central Europe. This is the background for the post-war dictatorships; this is the background for the war of 1939.

The nations do not fight to settle the issues of Democracy versus Fascism. So long as they continue to struggle for markets and raw materials in the interest of profits for the great monopolies, the world will have war. So long as they continue to protect the 10% and neglect 90% of their people, these nations will move swiftly toward Fascism.

CAN WE SAVE DEMOCRACY BY HELPING THE ALLIES?

The only way to save Democracy in America and finally in the rest of the world is to increase production, jobs and income in the interest of the great majority of the people. Only when we have wiped out the conditions which produce Fascism: millions of unemployed, ill-fed, ill-clothed, ill-housed people—**only then will Democracy be saved.** And this is true for America, for Germany, for England, for France.

What did we gain from the last allied victory? **We spent 47 billions of our own wealth and the Allies still owe us 12 billion.** With that money we could have wiped out all mortgages on all farms and homes; we could have purchased farm homes for our three million landless farm families; we could have bought back for the American people every trust, corporation and public utility in the country—and the American people would now own their country. Besides this waste of wealth, **fifty thousand of our young men were killed and more than double that number were crippled for life.**

Will a repetition of this save Democracy in America?

Every believer in Democracy wants to see Hitler overthrown. But will a British and French victory restore Democracy in Europe and the world? Will a victorious British army overrunning Germany feed the millions of Germans, house them, and give them the possibility of a decent living? No more than a victorious German army would do these things for the French and British peoples! Will a victory of the allied armies give these things even to the people of England and France? So long as the essentials of life are withheld from people they will be desperate and ready to follow any leader—Fuehrer, Duce, or Kingfish. For here are the causes of Fascism. These causes will not and cannot be removed by a victory of France and Britain. An allied victory will not destroy Fascism, either in Europe or America.

And, as is highly improbable, if Hitler should win—is the United States threatened? Would Germany, exhausted by a long war, be in any position to attack the United States, the strongest democratic nation in the world? And launch that attack across three thousand miles of water? **A German victory cannot destroy Democracy in America. A British victory cannot save Democracy in Europe.**

THE ROAD TO PEACE FOR AMERICA

America must stay out of this European war!

America can stay out of the war—but **only by solving the problems at home.** Neither good intentions nor International Law, Congressional debates nor Big Navies, can stop the march to war. **Domestic reconstruction can keep us out of war.** We must redirect our resources, credit and labor so that they work for us. We can keep out of war only if we help our unemployed, our partially employed, our underpaid workers, our small business men and our farmers, **without making them depend upon sales of war goods abroad.** By expanding our production to meet the needs of home markets, we can prevent our economy from being geared to the war market. The well-being of the American people demands our fullest production to meet the people's needs at home.

Under no circumstances must industrial expansion in this country depend upon making arms and war materials for America or any other country. Heavy production in the United States for war might create a war boom, but it would be production for destruction, not to meet the people's needs. This is the Fascist formula for putting men to work. It is only a short time cure and would be followed by disastrous collapse after the war. In this struggle for peace and decency and life the American people themselves must obtain full control over all their resources: human, natural, industrial and financial. Only when this is achieved will we be able to stay out of war and help other nations toward peace and democracy.

MOBILIZE FOR PEACE! This means the building of a greater, a richer, and a new America. It means the forcing open of American markets for American goods. It means declaring war against the real enemy of American democracy—the concentration of financial and industrial control which is strangling American enterprise. It means meeting the needs of the 90%.

PEACE OR WAR? AMERICA MUST CHOOSE QUICKLY!

We can have homes instead of shell holes; schools, libraries and hospitals instead of bombs, cannon and battlefields; life instead of death. The choice is ours.

If you are one of the millions of Americans who are determined to keep America at peace take action on the following and get your friends, your neighbors and others in your church, your union, your lodge to do the same.

1. **Keep after your Senators and Representatives.** See them at home and write them in Washington. Make them represent you. The fight for peace has just begun!
2. **Support legislation which will hitch American production to American needs.**
Restore the Federal appropriations for public works
Launch great housing, health and educational programs
Provide credit for small business men and farmers
Americans must be able to buy American goods!
3. **Force the government to act against monopolies.** American capital must be invested to put American men and women to work producing goods for all. The American people must break the tight-fisted control of monopolies over prices and production. Stop profiteering! Raise the standard of living!
4. **Keep Democracy alive and going in your community.** Protect and extend your rights of free speech, free press and free assemblage. Defend the rights of labor and other groups to organize. Keep America free!

YOU MUST MAKE THE CHOICE

More jobs for home production
More goods for home consumption
More opportunity for education and culture

or **WAR**

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