

KEEP AMERICA OUT OF WAR

A CALL TO THE CITIZENS OF NEW YORK

The United States of America drifts rapidly toward war.

Already the familiar din of the preliminary propaganda beats upon our ears.

The President himself has declared no clear program of war and peace, but demands for himself all power to control our destiny.

He used his enormous prestige and all the Presidential powers of patronage to prevent even the discussion of a democratic constitutional amendment to permit the people to vote on the issue of a declaration of war.

He seeks an enormous expansion of our billion dollar military budget and his military establishment, well knowing that we do not need a bigger army or navy to protect our shores.

He signed without protest a neutrality law that has been criticized from many different angles. He has not sought in democratic fashion to have this law amended. He has enforced it arbitrarily against Loyalist Spain, but not against Italy and Germany, who are waging undeclared war against her. He has ignored the law altogether in the Far East.

He keeps American Marines in Shanghai, and uses American gunboats to escort Standard Oil tankers hundreds of miles up the Yangtze, thus inviting a whole series of Panay incidents.

His Administration, according to reliable reports, has already encouraged unofficial talks looking to a virtual Anglo-American alliance in the Far East and joint naval action.

His Administration has prepared elaborate Mobilization Day plans to control industry and to conscript all able-bodied men for the trench or workbench.

New war, no matter what its alleged purpose, means incalculable misery, loss, and brutalization for the American people. It means sure fascism at home, for which no conceivable good that a crusading American militarism can or will accomplish abroad will even partially compensate.

Today the American people do not want war. But a new Panay incident, the propaganda of profit seekers and militarists, the well-meant but mistaken idealism of certain advocates of "collective security," and the calculated intention of others to use it to cloak a war alliance, will yet, unless we are on our guard, sweep us into war.

New depression, unemployment, the low prices of certain farm products lessen resistance to war because war automatically will bring a temporary boom, an immediate solution to the economic problems of President and people, who in the war intoxication may forget the awful price that we and our children and our children's children

will be compelled to pay. The whole world is still paying for the first World War.

Now is the time to act. The undersigned men and women, of many opinions in respect to their complete program for meeting the urgent problems of the hour, unite in summoning the citizens of New York to a Mass Meeting to Keep America Out of War, and to that end urge the following minimum program:

1. The immediate removal of American ships and Marines from Chinese territory and evacuation of American nationals who, if they stay, stay at their own risk.

2. No increase in the army and navy.

3. The amendment of the Constitution, along the lines of the original Ludlow amendment, so as to give to American citizens the democratic right to vote on a declaration of war.

4. Abandonment of all existing plans for Industrial Mobilization, and defeat of new plans for universal conscription, thus warning our militarists that the American people will not tolerate war abroad and war dictatorship at home.

5. American cooperation for international peace— but no alliance with any nation or group of nations for war, declared, or undeclared, under any name or any pretext.

6. Concentration on the struggle against injustice, unemployment, bad housing, and poverty at home, and a determination to seek our prosperity through that struggle rather than in war trade.

We can keep America out of war if American citizens will act at once!

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