

WE AMERICANS have naturally wished to keep out of this warto take no steps which might lead us in. But-

We now know that every step the French and British fall back brings war and world revolution closer to US—our country, our institutions, our homes, our hopes for peace.

Hitler is striking with all the terrible force at his command. His is a desperate gamble, and the stakes are nothing less than domination of the whole human race.

If Hitler wins in Europe—if the strength of the British and French armies and navies is forever broken-the United States will find itself alone in a barbaric world—a world ruled by Nazis, with "spheres of influence" assigned to their totalitarian allies. However different the dictatorships may

be, racially, they all agree on one primary objective: "Democracy must be wiped from the face of the earth."

The world will be placed on a permanent war footing. Our country will have to pile armaments upon armaments to maintain even the illusion of security. We shall have no other business, no other aim in life, but primitive self-defense. We shall exist only under martial law-or the law of the jungle. Our economic structure will have to be adjusted to that of our gangster competitors. We shall have to change ourselves from easy-going individuals into a "dynamic race."

"Government of the people, by the people, for the people"—if Hitler wins, this will be the discarded ideal of a decayed civilization.

Is this "Alarmism"? Then so is the challenging scream of an air-raid siren, warning civilians that death is coming from the skies. We have ample cause for deepest alarm. It should impel us, not to hysteria, but to resolute action.

It is obvious that there is no immediate danger of direct invasion of the United States. Hitler doesn't strike directly when he doesn't have to. He edges up on his major victims, approaching through the territory of small and defenseless neighbors.

We have twenty-one neighbors in this hemisphere, in addition to the colonial possessions of Britain, France, Holland and Denmark. We must not forget that however wide the Atlantic and Pacific oceans may be, the Canadian and Mexican boxess

are no barriers to invasion.

The Monroe Doctrine is not an automatic safety catch, securing the entrance to our hemisphere from all intruders. We have to enforce it—all the way from Greenland and Alaska to Cape Horn. Furthermore, we have to guard night and day against the manifold enemies from within. We can not ignore the fact that Trojan horses are grazing in all the fertile fields of North and South America.

The Western Hemisphere contains the richest territory for exploitation on earth today. And the international gangsters want it. They have already started the process of taking it. For many years the agents of the Nazis have been effectively at work in

Latin America, gaining ground by persuasion, bribery, intimidation. They have been fighting a trade war and a political war; and what we have lately seen in Norway and Holland and Belgium proves to us that these agents are ready to fight a military war when the orders come through from home.

"Divide-and conquer!" has been the Nazi watchword in the insidious invasion of all countries. The preliminary work of division has been carried on here with devastating success.

We can and should and will devote ourselves to a vast program of defense. But we must not try to fool ourselves into thinking that security can be bought. It will be achieved only by unity of purpose

> among ourselves, by the spirit of sacrifice that we can summon from our own hearts and minds. Overwhelming destiny will not be stopped "with the help of God and a few Marines."

> This is a job for all of us! It will take years for us to build the necessary machines and to train the men who will run them. Will the Nazis considerately wait until we are ready to fight them?

Anyone who argues that they will wait is either an imbecile or a traitor.

How long shall we wait before making it known to Hitler and the masters of all the slave states that we are vitally concerned in the outcome of this war—that we would consider a victory for them an unmitigated calamity for civilization?

Whatever our feelings about the tragic mistakes of statesmanship in England and France we know now that the free people of those nations are willing to fight with inspiring heroism to defend their freedom. We know now that such men will die rather than surrender. But the stoutest hearts can not survive forever in the face of superior numbers and infinitely superior weapons.

There is nothing shameful in our desire to stay out of war, to save our youth from the dive bombers and the flame throwing tanks in the unutterable hell of modern warfare.

But is there not an evidence of suicidal insanity in our failure to help those who now stand between us and the creators of this hell?

WE CAN HELP-IF WE WILL ACT NOW

-before it is forever too late.

We can help by sending planes, guns, munitions, food. We can help to end the fear that American boys will fight and die in another Flanders, closer to home.

The members of our government are your servants. In an emergency as serious as this, they require the expression of your will. They must know that the American people are not afraid to cast off the hypocritical mask of neutrality, which deceives no one, including ourselves.

Send a postcard, a letter, or a telegram, at once—to the President of the United States, to your Senators and your Congressmen-urging that the real defense of our country must begin NOW-with aid to the Allies! If you want to give other help to the Committee write to its office in Washington.

The United States of America is still the most powerful nation on earth—and the United States of America is YOU!

(Composed of representative Americans from all sections. Sub-committees are already in existence in 125 cities and towns.)

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is led in this as in other countries by

Nazis and Communists and their fel-

low travellers who are well trained in

the dissemination of poisonous prop-

aganda. Their object is to destroy

national unity, to keep the United

States in a state of confusion over all

world issues so that we will be weak

and helpless when our time comes.

All Americans should beware the pre-

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which attempts to capitalize our de-

sire for peace by opposing all our

moves toward national defense-sab-

otaging all aid to the Allies-preach-

ing that Hitler has already won and

we must meekly appease him.

believe in all seriousness and sincerity that the safety of our country, the whole of this advertisement are being filed with the State Department, Washington, D. C.

IN A DICTATORSHIP, THE GOVERNMENT TELLS THE PEOPLE WHAT TO DO. BUT-THIS IS A DEMOCRACY-WE CAN TELL THE GOVERNMENT WHAT TO DO. EXERCISE YOUR RIGHT AS A FREE CITIZEN. TELL YOUR PRESIDENT — YOUR SENATORS — YOUR CONGRESSMEN — THAT YOU WANT THEM TO HELP THE ALLIES TO STOP HITLER NOW!