

America First Member Quits, Says Situation Calls for Unity

CHICAGO, Oct. 28.—Edward L. Ryerson, member of America First Committee, today resigned from the organization, due to the emergency which, he said, may see America at war "at any moment."

In a letter to Gen. Robert E. Wood, chairman of the America First Committee, Ryerson, a prominent Chicago manufacturer, said America faces a situation that demands national unity whether the country is at peace or at war and for that reason he was resigning.

At national headquarters it was stated "several other members of the national committee had also resigned." Their names were not

made public.

In his letter, Ryerson said:

"I have always deplored the state of our national affairs wherein the greatest democracy of the world has been slowly, but surely, guided by our National Government executives into a situation that has not permitted the people of our land to determine upon a national policy.

"It is, however, apparent that we have been brought face to face with an emergency that may mean active participation in war at any moment. To deal successfully with such a situation demands, above all else, unified action by all of our people."