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RE-THINKING OUR SCHOOLS

Why do the American people spend over two billion dollars annually on their public school system? Not merely that our boys and girls and young folk may be able to acquire some vocational skill or ordinary living, though that would be a good thing to do because we fondly hope to make it possible for them to do a better job than we have done in elevating human life on earth.

When the hosts of promising young graduates go forth from our high schools and colleges into the real world, the great majority find themselves quite at sea with the demands of the new life... We do not disparage the vast amount of highly commendable work done by our school boards, principals, teachers, and supervisors.

President Hutchins told a University of Chicago conference that modern science has left mankind bewildered... "We do not know what we are doing, or why, and we have almost given up the attempt to find out."

We need, in other words, not less science or fewer facts, but the use of facts, of science or invention for human and personal ends... We need not less analysis, but better synthesis... We need not less activity, but better values, more enthusiasm, more effective passion for truth and beauty and goodness.

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"THE WALTZ KING"

Of course our military leaders profess that they do not want war, but all the preparations and propaganda for getting ready for the "enemy" go merrily forward... Yet all the while, the specter of greed and selfishness stands behind the demand for preparedness.

Such facts as these reveal the state of the munition and armament makers in this country... The profits are heaped up at the expense of the common people who go without sugar, and who send the boys to the front.

THE FIGHT IS ON!

A GUERRILLA warfare has been carried on for many years between the moral and the military forces of our nation, as of other nations... The moral, religious, and humanitarian forces have at last been awakened, and are more determined than ever to put an end to the present state of affairs.

Military and political leaders may easily discover that the people no longer believe anything that they tell them... We have to discover just how the strings of the puppet show were controlled from Paris, London, and Washington in the last war.

If our advocates of preparedness now suppose they are going to be able to persuade the people... We need not less analysis, but better synthesis...

The plain, hard realism of the matter is that Jesus was the only practical way for nations as for individuals... We need not less analysis, but better synthesis...

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My gaze and refreshed my soul... The other evening I knooked at a door. It was opened by a fine man in a top hat and a woman in a long dress.

I recall a fine, clean-cut young woman, physically most attractive, intellectually above the average, endowed with unusual artistic ability... We need not less analysis, but better synthesis...

I see a man and a woman, with whom I have intimate acquaintance... We need not less analysis, but better synthesis...

EDUCATED THOUGH we have come to be, few of us really think... We need not less analysis, but better synthesis...

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