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Writer Says Embargo 'Dictator Propagandized'

Advises Repeal Of Arms Law As Aid to Canada

(Editor's Note—If America gets into war it will be because of fear of world dictatorship. One school of thought holds that America should let Europe fight its own battles, no matter what happens, on the grounds that two broad oceans and our superior resources are defense enough for any contingency. Another school believes that as a fight between "democracy and dictatorship," the United States should lend its support. Theodore H. Millington, former Birmingham citizen and contributor to The Eclectic, thinks this country should repeal the arms embargo and place its resources behind the Allies and wonders whether "propaganda and emotionalism turned Uncle Sam's red, white and blue into yellow." Heads of both sides of the argument, with Mr. Millington are invited to submit brief replies.)

By Theodore H. Millington

Ever since you asked me to write something on the European War for The Eclectic I have written both sides of the arguments for and against the repeal of the neutrality act. I cannot find that either side of the argument furnish any assurance, to say nothing of guaranty, of security against our becoming involved in the war. My fears of involvement in this war are clarified and intensified by Supreme Justice Frankfurter's recent statement in which he said substantially as follows:—"It is difficult to maintain a neutral attitude of mind when our very institutions are being attacked and their destruction threatened."

To imagine that those powers would do to the Americas, in case they should be victorious, a must, of course, accept as a fixed principle of their future actions, their past and present actions toward those principles in our civilization which are fundamental to our happiness and which they have destroyed in their countries, namely:

- Freedom of religion
- Freedom of the press
- Freedom of assembly
- Freedom of the vote
- Freedom of speech
- Freedom from loss of life, liberty and property without due process of law etc.
- Freedom of search and seizure without warrant
- Freedom of trial without jury.

These principles are fundamentally sacred to the governments of the Americas and of England, France, Belgium, Holland, Switzerland and all Scandinavian countries. They are with some unfortunate exceptions more or less respected in all of them. These liberties do not exist under Nazism or Communism and only a few of them, and they precariously, under Fascism.

To argue, as some do, that these countries are more prosperous now than formerly is arguing for the stomach against the soul. "What profiteth a man if he gain the whole world and lose his soul?"

Besides, the reports on the prosperity under dictatorship are to say the least, contradictory and at best scarcely comparable to that of the U. S. We do not see the foreign born of those countries living here clamoring to leave the U. S. and return to their native land. They know the difference.

The development and prosperity of the democratic countries during the last 150 years is what weakened despotism and, among the people of the European nations, gave strength to a desire for freedom and democracy. Directly and indirectly it taught some theories and restricted others so that this war may be considered one of desperation.

Although Germany, Russia, and



With the fall of Poland, the western front becomes the center stage of Europe's war melodrama. British troops join French, who seek to find weak spot in Germany's Westwall. Nazi military units are rushed into action on the nation's western boundary. Map, above, shows Maginot Line, Siegfried Line, key towns, and location of major fortifications in the area.

Italy are now in the hands of usurpers, called dictators, the desire for personal freedom of their citizens, though suppressed at present, is still in the hearts of most of them and they are only waiting the opportunity to rebel.

I do not believe that this war would have started if Hitler and Stalin had feared that the sources of the U. S. would be behind the Allies. I believe, frankly, that placing our resources behind the Allies, far from involving us in the war, would, on the contrary, stop the war.

Withholding our resources aids the dictators and hinders the democracies.

The Eccentric's Forum

To be sure if we refuse to sell the democracies, the vast capital of the British Empire and of France will be used to build up their own production facilities in Canada, Australia and they will eventually win out. This time they will finish the job of going through Berlin. But our self-righteous mistaken humanitarianism, and dictator-programmed neutrality will prolong the war, drench Europe in blood and fill the world with suffering, economic disturbances and national ignoring and world contempt.

A big dog seldom gets hurt when he engages in a fight of the lesser dogs, but he always stops the fight.

Uncle Sam is still the biggest dog in the world of dogs. How happy and prosperous a people would we be if Hitler, Stalin and Mussolini controlled the seas?

That is their objective. Austria, Czechoslovakia and Poland were only the beginning.

Monarchies and dictatorships are not safe when democracies are happy and prosperous.

If it noble, is it generous, is it Christian, is it sensible, and neighborly to refuse to aid a neighbor when he is in trouble and especially when it is not of his own seeking?

Canada is our neighbor, and a very good neighbor. Canamam at war. Who can feel proud and

justified in denying Canada aid if and when needed. We have always boasted that our Monroe Doctrine includes Canada. Our neutrality act aids Germany against our neighbor.

Has propaganda and emotionalism turned Uncle Sam's red, white and blue into yellow?

To be sure, should Germany and Russia defeat the Allies we would then fight, and plenty, but it would be at vastly different odds, and the outcome questionable because, it would then be the United States against the whole world, Canada, Mexico and South America included. What of our boys' wives and daughters then?

Our institutions, "the rights of man" are being attacked. I cannot feel neutral and be honest with myself and my God.

The spirit of humanity which refuses to defend a man who kills in self-defense absolves a nation from the charge of murder when she acts even to the point of war in defense of the institutions which are the foundation of her very existence.

The German U-boats will strike against Canadian shipping and, if possible, against Canada herself.

Such an event will either BUST our neutrality wide open or make a craven coward of Uncle Sam. It may happen any day and is certain to happen some day. Unconditional neutrality at this point is beyond our control.

In view of the nearness to the World War and the sacrifices it will demand that the veterans of that war strongly desire neutrality but, if I know real men, and I think I do when I see them, these same veterans will be the first to come to Canada's aid when she is attacked. After all, the Canadian soldiers were and still are their buddies.

That our institutions are being attacked by Nazi and Communist propaganda has been proven by testimony before the Dies committee and is common knowledge.

That these attacks have been financed from abroad is also common knowledge.

In discussing neutrality, let us not forget that the enemy is already in our midst and is not neutral.

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'Y' Camp Group Looking Ahead To 1940 Program

With the 1939 season behind them, officials of Camp Mahn-Go-Tah-See, the Oakland County Y. M. C. A. resort at Loon Lake, near Hale, Mich., are already thinking of a bigger and better 1940.

In his report, Robert D. Lynd, camp director, listed 10 improvements the camp needs during the coming year. He told of them, and gave other detailed leveling of the playground. Of next importance are a new dock and raft, five new canoes, two or three additional row boats, and two smaller sailboats for boys to use, after completing training in the "Sea Scouters" for each boy, an addition to the kitchen, repair of the barn, and purchase of cot-tees in order to control use of shore and property, Lynd said.

Wilmer E. Moody, treasurer of the camp corporation, described how he walked and walked miles in seeing the camp's 427 acres.

"He saw only the west half," Lynd commented. Vice-President John D. Maynard, who acted as chairman of last Thursday's meeting, Secretary Maurice Cole, of Fernalda, gave a brief history of Camp Mahn-Go-Tah-See, and praised the pioneers who contributed most of their time and money to keep the institution going during the depression.

Others who spoke briefly were Mr. Moody, Dr. Palmer E. Sutton, of Royal Oak; Probate Judge Arthur E. Moore, of Royal Oak; Dr. John K. Ormond, president of the Birmingham 'Y'; Samuel Lang, of Royal Oak; and of course, Bob Lynd, Ernest W. Seaholm, also a member of the Board of Trustees, could not be present.

In Lynd's report, it was shown that 225 boys attended camp; 17 from Birmingham; 69 from Royal Oak; 30 from Detroit; 33 from Pontiac; and 14 others. Eighty boys spent a week each in camp through the courtesy of Mrs. James Couzens. Other persons and organizations from Birmingham and Bloomfield who sent boys to camp were Cranbrook School, Ardmore, and the Detroit Y.

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Doors open each day through the 28th at 11:00 a. m. and close at 11 p. m., except Sunday, when the show is closed.

Opening date this year comes three weeks earlier than ever before, a circumstance arranged by the Show management so that people here in the center of the industry would be able to see all makes of cars under one roof immediately after they are announced. Decision of several leading manufacturers to withhold public showings of their 1940 models until the very eve of this year's auto shows means that visitors to the Convention Hall exhibit will see more that is really new when it is new, than in some years past.

Cars to be exhibited at the Detroit Show include: Buick, Cadillac, Chevrolet, Chrysler, DeSoto, Dodge, Ford, Graham, Hudson, LaSalle, Lincoln, Lincoln-DePuy, Mercury, Nash, Nash-Lafayette, Oldsmobile, Packard, Plymouth, Pontiac, Studebaker and Willys.

Among the truck and commercial car exhibitors will be: Chevrolet, Dodge, Federal, Ford, Plymouth, Studebaker and Willys.

thur J. Brandt, George Baldwin, Dr. Ormond, Richard G. English, seventh grade Christ Church, Birmingham Rotary and Lions Clubs. Their donations and others totaled \$1,338, and sent 105 boys to camp. Total income was \$7,040.00. Total expenditures were \$7,039.63. Biggest item of expense was food: \$2,094.22.

Getting a wider Oakland County representation in the corporation's board of trustees was a goal for the coming year.

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