

"Everybody Knows It But Us"

American Ideas Will Lead the World for 4,000 Years, Says Ambassador Johnson—Ancient Despotism Now Is Making Last Stand Against the "New Order" of Freedom Spreading From This Country, Veteran Observer Insists.



The Star's Special News Service herewith presents one of the most thoughtful and forceful expressions of American faith and American position in the present world crisis yet to come from a representative of our government. It was obtained by Clarke Beach in an interview with Nelson T. Johnson, who has just returned to Washington from the American embassy in China and whose observations are based on thirty-four years of service in the United States diplomatic service.

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AMERICAN ideas will lead the world for 4,000 years. This war is the last stand of the old order against American ways and ideas.

"The wave of the future lies right here in the United States of America, and the funny part is that everybody in the world knows it but us.

"All the world is watching us. No American can travel in other countries without seeing that.

"Before the war, when you stood on a street corner in the busy sections of Paris and London you could feel the throb of the energy coming from the American dynamo. All the vital things you saw were an expression of the American spirit. We are doing the things that they want to do. We are the heart and epitome of the new order which has been on the way for 2,000 years.

"In the United States we have a new world with new foundations, with human freedom as a basis.

Nelson Trusler Johnson, who has spent thirty-four years in the China service of the state department and has just relinquished his post as United States ambassador to Chungking, thus sums up his analysis of the struggles in the East and the West.

"Fascism is a revival of ancient despotism, making its last stand against the new order," he continues. "In the United States we have given expression to the spirit of human liberty, and we have found that industry, progress and better living goes along with this. In the history of the earth, human beings never have achieved so much in so short a time.

"Our new found belief in man's ability to govern himself is opposed to the belief of the Nazis that man is the victim of environment, circumstances, with his life in the hands of an angry God, and all he can do is to get on his knees and

placate that God through some high priest—Mr. Hitler.

"Essential in the struggle between China and Japan is the cause of the old oriental order which Japan champions, and this order which we have given to the world and of which China was rapidly becoming the champion. Japan is trying to impose its ancient Wang Tao (the kingly way) on China."

Real Democrats in China.

Mr. Johnson pointed out that most of the Chinese who are prominent in government, industry and science got their ideas from the United States, and many of them were educated here. The Chinese people, he added, "are essentially individualists, in one sense the most democratic people in the world. They are the only oriental people who have shown a deep interest in democratic government."

The ambassador compared the vi-

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