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At the risk of being misunderstood, I wish to state without equivocation that I am opposed to the United States joining England in making war against the axis powers, our war. I am fully in sympathy with England and am thoroly opposed to Hitlerism, and all that it represents.

I am convinced that the United States should not actively become involved in the war in Europe, which is but a phase of all the wars of conquest and of defense that have wracked Europe during historical times. That it is a fight against democracy is true, for in all European wars some one has sought to impose the right of might on other peoples, and to deny them the right and opportunity of living their own lives and having their own form of government.

While the actual slaughter of combatants is very small now compared with the losses in the last War, the nations are becoming impoverished and, at the close of the war, there will be conditions to overcome that may well be worse than the war itself.

If The United States does not become an active participant in the present war, when peace comes, either thru conquest or stalemate, there will remain extant two strong countries, replete with man power and natural resources--The United States and Russia. If we engage in war now, Russia alone will remain strong and the doctrine of communism and destruction will spread over the world, wiping out the last vestige of human rights, both actual and spiritual.

When one is in the quicksands he can be saved only by one who still has his feet firmly planted on solid ground. For the rescuer to jump into the mire to aid the other, means the death of both. If the United States is to carry on the torch of civilization and human rights, it must remain strong. It is not afraid of the axis powers, individually