

The Gallup Poll Shows—

# U.S. FEARS ATTACK IF GERMANY WINS

Two of Three Voters Believe Assault Would Follow Allied Loss; Feeling Has Increased With Current European Events.

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PRINCETON, N. J., June 4.—America's reaction to the war in Europe—as revealed in a nation-wide survey by the American Institute of Public Opinion—continues to be influenced by the belief that if Germany should defeat England and France she will sooner or later attack the United States. Whether this fear of a German attempt to dominate the United States is justified or not is a matter about which military and civilian experts disagree. But the fact remains that the fear is shared by approximately two Americans in every three, and is undoubtedly a factor in the desire for swift enlargement of the country's national defense, as well as a factor in the American desire to give every help "short of war" to the Allies.

If Germany should defeat England and France in the present war,<sup>1</sup> the Institute asked voters throughout the United States, "do you think Germany would start a war against the United States sooner or later?"

The answers were:

Believe Germany Would Attack U. S. .... 65%  
Believe Germany Would Not Attack U. S. .... 35%

Only one person in 10, on the average, said he had no opinion on the question.

German official sources, including Chancellor Hitler himself, have ridiculed the notion that Germany intends to attack the United States. In a speech delivered before the Reichstag in January, 1938, Hitler compared the idea with the notion that Germany would invade the moon.

Nevertheless a belief that Germany entertains the notion of world-wide dominion has persisted in American minds for many months, increasing rather than di-

## The Answers

Do you think our country's Army, Navy and air forces are strong enough so that the United States is safe from attack by any foreign nation?

YES ..... 15%  
NO ..... 85%

Should the United States require every able-bodied young man 20 years old to serve in the Army, Navy or the air forces for one year?

YES ..... 50%  
NO ..... 50%

Do you think that the CCC camps should give military training to every young man in the CCC?

YES ..... 85%  
NO ..... 15%

minishing with the course of events in Europe.

The trend of opinion on the question, as revealed in successive Institute tests, has been:

Germany Attack U. S. Believe Yes Believe No

February, 1939 ..... 62% 38%

Sept., 1938 ..... 63 37

Today ..... 68 35

Interestingly enough the present survey shows far greater apprehension of Germany's intentions among Southerners, 82 per cent of those interviewed saying they would anticipate a German attack sooner or later, if the Allies are defeated.

"These prophets of decay insist that the masters of our economic life are ignorant, incompetent and callous and show no signs of bringing social intelligence to bear on their problems and that, in consequence, the political medicine men flock about these problems with their quick and quack remedies.

"The ranks of businessmen, industrialists and financiers are not devoid of intelligence, competence and social sensitiveness. The political genius of the nation is not bankrupt. There is a vast fund of leadership in the nation that suffers neither from the rigor mortis of reaction nor from the St. Vitus Dance of irresponsible utopianism.

"It is for you to find the standards around which the stable intelligence, effective competence and sound social sense of Americans who believe in Democracy and an intelligently modernized economy of private enterprise can rally."

Oswald Ryan, Civil Aeronautics Authority member, presented certificates to 29 students who have

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