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WAR IN EUROPE CALLED KEY TO FUTURE OF U. S.

World Cannot Live Four-Fifths Slaves, One-Fifth Free, Committee Says.

The outcome of the present war in Europe may determine for many years the fate of human freedom, freedom of thought, of religion, of individual initiative, the Indiana Committee for National Defense asserted today in a statement of policy adopted unanimously by the executive committee.

Replying to "the appeasers who say that peace can be made with the aggressors in control of their conquests," the statement said that this world cannot live four-fifths slaves and one-fifth free.

"Our committee repeats," the statement continued, "that for these and other obvious reasons the United States cannot afford to have the totalitarian states win this war and that our foreign policy must, therefore, be arranged accordingly. Currently our committee urges that:

"1. American defense and aid to the Allies, which are parts of the same problem, can only be accomplished by very greatly increased American arms production. The battle for civilization and democracy may be won or lost on the American assembly line.

"Mobilize All Authority"

"To this end we will support the President in the use of his full legal powers under a state of national emergency, if necessary, to mobilize at once all the industrial resources of the nation for maximum production. Whatever executive authority of the President must be used; whatever additional authority from Congress must be secured—all of these should be mobilized for tremendous industrial production for supplying ourselves and the Allies.

"2. The life line between Great Britain and the United States is the sea route to the Western Hemisphere. Under no circumstances must this line be cut and the United States should be prepared to maintain it. The United States should supply Great Britain with all possible merchant vessels to fly the British flag.

"The United States should produce boats as rapidly as in the World War days, for lease or rent to the British. A shipping pool should be developed so that American ships could operate in the Indian and Pacific Oceans and thus release Britain's shipping for service in the Atlantic.

"Favor Revision of Policy"

"3. The time has come when Congress should assume a larger share of responsibility, with the President, for the policy of aid to the Allies. Consequently, we favor through congressional action, a revision of our international policy.

"This would include a repeal or modification of restrictive statutes which hamper this nation in its freedom of action when it would co-operate with nations defending themselves from attack by nations at war in violation of treaties with the United States.

"We ask immediately the repeal of laws regarding recruiting and enlistments as far as Canada is concerned in the interests of the mutual defense pact with Canada.

"The Axis alliance has united the wars in the Atlantic and Pacific into a world war. For the first time in the history of the United States, we are, as a nation, confronted with a hostile world alliance.

"Asks Firm Pacific Policy"

"The committee recommends a firm policy in the Pacific:

"1. We should give all material aid and financial help to China that is possible without lessening our aid to Great Britain.

"2. The United States should extend its embargoes upon exportation of all war materials to Japan.

"3. The United States and Great Britain should announce that their naval bases in the Pacific are open to each other's fleets.

"4. The United States should establish a clear naval understanding with Great Britain which will permit the two fleets to be placed in the most advantageous position to protect the Atlantic for the democracies and to stop the spread of war in the Pacific. The world's future is secure if the British and American fleets control the seas.

Indianapolis members of the Committee's executive committee are Mrs. Demarchus Brown, Louis J. Borinstein, D. Laurence Chambers, Joseph J. Daniels, John P. Frenzel, F. J. Hamerlin, John I. Kautz, Dr. Frederick D. Kershner, Hugh McK. Landon, Josiah K. Lilly Jr., Dr. Jean S. Miller, Col. Robert L. Moorhead, Kenneth Ogle, Henry Ostrom, John K. Ruckelshaus, Dr. Daniel S. Robinson, Wendell Sher, Frank B. Shields, William G. Sparks, Booth Tarkington, Mrs. Felix Vonnegut, Warrack Wallace and John F. White.

U. S. Manufacturers Adopt Plan to Guard U. S. Freedom

NEW YORK, Dec. 13 (U. P.)—The National Association of Manufacturers, "profoundly conscious of the dangers which confront the nation in a world torn by war and revolution," today supported a platform designed to "safeguard American freedom and prepare for the future."

The platform, adopted unanimously yesterday at the NAM's 45th annual Congress of American Industry, outlined national defense and

other problems, advanced a program for cushioning post-armament recession, and pledged industry to fulfill the "economic and social responsibilities" necessary for the advancement of the "general welfare."

The platform said, in part:

1. "What we need to protect. To safeguard our independence as a nation we must build our military, economic, and spiritual defenses on a foundation of strong and united purpose; but in building

those defenses we must hold fast to the liberties that are the very foundation of the American way of life."

2. "Improve our military defenses.

Under this heading, the platform said that the strength to defend America was the first concern of the nation. Three major problems, it said, were involved. They were determination of the vital interests to be defended, "the responsibility

of government," determination of the extent of national defense, "also the responsibility of government," and production of the required equipment and supplies "the task of industry—of America at work."

3. "Strengthening our economic defenses."

"Our economic machine must be geared to production of both the equipment needed for national de-

fense and the goods needed for everyday living."

4. "Fortifying our moral and spiritual defenses."

"Essential to America's defense effort is the moral and spiritual strength of the people. There must be a resurgence of faith in God and country, our confidence in each other and in ourselves; there must be self reliance and a willingness to sacrifice immediate self-interest for the common welfare. These

have been outstanding American qualities in all our histories."

5. "Preparing for the future." The platform stressed the importance of looking ahead to a time when the nation might have to revert to a peace-time economy. Envisaging a time when great numbers of workers would be released from national defense employment, it said that steps should be taken now to minimize the effects of that dislocation.

PASSPORTS NEEDED TO GET THEIR MAIL

FT. FAIRFIELD, Me., Dec. 13 (U. P.)—George Pelkey and his family must have passports to get mail from their rural delivery post box. They live in Canada, but the boundary line crosses their front yard and the mail box is in the United States. New war-time restrictions require persons crossing the border to carry passports.



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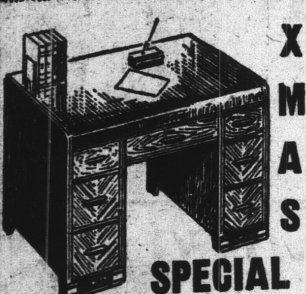
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