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War, 1938.

Jones - Amer -

1/ Horror - Spain - China.

Will not deter - Cannot frighten nations -

nor undid - adventure - Blind

Wars - progressively more horrible

Air-raids - Gas - Attacks

Idealization - Youth - longing -

It is forbidden

2/ Pacifism - Rel. or Secular

Elite - 2000 - Resist not Evil

Secular - Slackers - Just - Odium

Even in lands strong peace sentiment

3/ Preparedness - Insurance - History

There has never - did not go to war
" " " was not defeated

No nation can - against every possible Conting

Ger. 1914 - U.S.

No nation - within framework of alliances

Break-down in Crisis - Italy in 1915

Greeks -

The Question - When is a Nation Prepared?

Our Armenian Budget - mounting - 1 B.

less prepared & formerly

Pr. is relative - pari passu -

Volumes

4) Isolation - Oceans - Old World Politics no
concern

We did our own Business

1898 - 1917

Are we doing it now? China? Latin America

Can we? Can we become Econ. involved

We may wish for Isolation but all the while
entangle

Assuming that we keep out of Europe -

Is it?

Penetration - Monroe Doctrine

Abandon it? Turn over - Eur. Imper.

5/ Actually, no Faith - Isolation - handshaking
Vote now & more armaments
We are realizing - tie our hands -
stronger than aggressor
No moral distinction -
Abdication - anarchy -
People will not tolerate it - Perish

6/ Concessions - Appeasement - Murmur
Strong, unsatisfied nations -
Satisfy them, especially if
No nation is ever satisfied - esp. if leaders
"Mein Kampf" - Turn-table "Young" + Old
Mussolini - Turn-left
Have & have more - access

7/ Disarmament - Effect not cause -
All Disarm. Conf. broken down -
Naval Limit. Agreements,
Must be Security first!

8/. What kind of Security? Regional But
Munich will go way of Hitler & Germans
Competition & Exclusion - Russia
Ignore lesser powers - Tell them - Greeks
Waste > Balance, Power -

9/. Only one Security! Liquor - all, law.
Broken down - Fault - Betrayal - U.S
Deterioration - Another World War
Return to Versailles Idea - No Substitution
Implemented - No Success - Act!
Given Security - Progress is disarmament

10/. Far off - But so are all ideas
An idea inherently sound
America must help - "Leaders" cooperate
Talked more -
If we will not intervene through regulated
internat. procedure - (Droth)

11. Revise our Notion of National Sovereignty
Status subject to Inter. law

Soc - if it is not anarchy - is always
limited by law

Just as Personal Liberty is freedom
under law - likewise

No nation has Soc. right to go to war
any more than individual

12. Long, hard Road -
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Quincy Wright examined the wars of the past 300 years, and found that in only three cases where a great power was involved on either side in a war, and where that was continued for as long as two years, did any of the other great powers succeed in staying out.

Austria - Spring 1938
Czechoslovakia - Autumn 1938

Hungary - Spring 1939
Poland - Autumn 1939

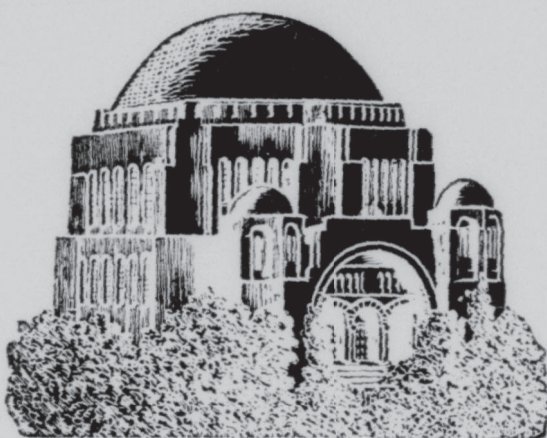
Yugoslavia - Spring 1940
Rumania - Autumn 1940

Holland, Belgium, Luxemburg,
Alsace Lorraine -
Spring 1941
Ukraine - Baltic Coastal
States - Autumn 1941



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