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Willkie cannot win, and should not win, if he is on the wrong side of this issue:

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Are we going now to join Britain in keeping command of the seas? That is our only real defense.

OR

Are we going to spend all our money and time, and to be regimented, for years to come, to build defenses too late to save us? We cannot become "impregnable" alone against a hostile world that can outbuild us five times over.

No one with sane ideas on America's defense will vote for an "isolationist" party. And no honest and intelligent party can say they will "never" send men to fight abroad, or promise to keep us out of war.

No candidate, or party, that is on the wrong side of this issue can or should win. Willkie must repudiate the isolationism of Hoover, Taft, Vandenburg, Dewey (while a candidate), Hugh Johnson, the Saturday Evening Post, ^{Hiram Johnson} et al.

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Woodbury, Conn. October 9, 1940.

(I served three years as an assistant secretary of state under Elihu Root, four years as what is now called undersecretary of state with Philander C. Knox, and nine years in the diplomatic service).