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To the Editor of the Hartford Courant,

In Germany, and in every country dominated by Germany, there are no labor unions, no agreed wage-scales, no limits to hours of labor, no standard of living. Everyone works wherever ordered and for as many hours as ordered, and receives a bare subsistence. There is, of course, no right to strike, no free speech, no freedom of any sort. There are no constitutional rights of any kind. The price of dissent is the concentration camp or death. The arbitrary orders of the dictatorship are supreme. The ethics of Hitler's Germany are those of Prussianism: might makes right, and violence, cruelty, persecution, treaty-breaking, lying, intrigue and deceit are the means to German aims.

This is the system and way of life that will encircle and dominate the United States unless Germany is defeated; and Germany can be defeated only by cooperation of Britain and America, in the factory, on the sea, and in the air. Such American-British cooperation is implicit in H.R. 1776, the law passed by Congress in March. It is the declared policy of our Government.

The "America First" Committee foretell horrors for Americans if we get into the war. They never face the infinitely greater horrors for Americans, if Britain goes down through our failure to get into the war. They never face the fact that, if Britain should fail, the United States would have a choice of abject submission or of facing the whole world alone without an ally and making infinitely greater sacrifices for an indefinite period. Where would all our rights and freedoms be then?

The "America First Committee" seek to sabotage the present and historical policy of the United States, which has always been to

cooperate with Britain when our country has been threatened with encirclement. It is significant that Hitler and his agents, pro-Germans, "reds", and Communists,- indeed all who wish to disunite and weaken the United States,- applaud, patronize, and play up the meetings and speeches of "America First Committee".

Americans who care about the future of our country and who consider their own interests should be as deaf to the teachings of the "America First Committee" as they should be wary of leadership which endangers our country by fomenting strikes in defense industries.

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