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New York City, N.Y.
October 7th. 1939.

Mr. F. M. Huntington-Wilson,
New York Herald Tribune,
New York City, N.Y.

Dear Sir:-

In reading over your article of to day, one has reason to doubt the sincerity of your opinion when you say -quote- " The embargo contributes to the possible defeat of Great Britain and France and helps Hitler, because it arbitrarily deprives the British and French of rights that are theirs under the International Law." " Great Britain and France have the ability to pay for American arms and munitions, the ships to carry them and the navy to convoy such ships." "Nazi Germany LACKS ALL THESE."

At the opening - to get the record right - this is the opinion of one more fair-minded American citizen and not a Hitlerite, however this Ala New Deal crap is stuff rather difficult to digest. Why you ask. For the simple reason on your own statement you openly emphasize that Nazi Germany LACKS the ability to pay and as well LACKS the ships to carry any arms and munitions. To this one may add " no one seems to be able to tell us what the chances are of Nazi Germany ever getting a loan (money) if you will from this country or just who it is who would furnish them arms and munitions"

Thus - at any rate according to your statement - and supposed facts we are made to believe that - we help Hitler by giving him nothing so that in order to keep strictly "Neutral" we should all agree to help Britain and France and by so doing that procedure would "balance the scales"

If that in itself makes sense - mister - well then we have three strikes on us ere we dare step up to the plate.

You speak of International Law but you hesitate to point out just how well Great Britain ever respected the true meaning of such law.

Between the lines your articles implies if we do not get into the mess right now - we'll have to get into later on no doubt to stop Hitler from entering our shores. You seem to have reason to show that just now he LACKS ships to carry any arms back to his country but you - for some reason or other fail to show where he would find ships later on to transport his army over 3000 miles of water - deep ocean which would be quite necessary if he ever did dare to send over a few bombers and the like.

Can we agree - that sound business - where a debtor positively refused to pay even the interest on any loan overlooking for a moment his refusal to amortize the principal would ~~not~~ permit furnishing supplies of any kind particularly under any credit plan at a latter date?????

Propaganda of this type to the more intelligent individual is nothing more than excuses to get us into this European mess.

O' Yes even this day we find another submarine off the Florida coast - that makes three submarines so far - some more crap to simply have the weak-minded go as far as believing Hitler himself may be operating one of them. And not that alone but to have them carry that thought to the weakened mind of others.

Take brave little Poland -who was it that had her tell Hitler to go sit on a tack and "we'll see to it that you (Poland) get away with it???" It was Britain and none other than Britain.

Now it is none other than Britain who claims Poland was a real brave country - during ~~in~~ the last month what did they do to help Brave Little Poland - O Yes they had their airships fly over Germany dropping leaflets to the German people sealing them the idea to " overthrow Hitler" and with this procedure they "helped little Poland"

O Yes they - Great Britain will fight to the bitter end - fight to end Nazism to the last American soldier.

You say " if the Allies are defeated how much worse would it be if we had to face a hostile world alone. Just a little bit before we ever get that far - my dear man - would it be any worse if we once more send the A.E.F. over there to fight the battles for "brave" little England (and France as well) only to know we would at the same time stand a swell chance of being attacked on the Pacific side by the Japs.

Perhaps we could count on that element or group ever so ready to have us get into the mess - that crowd now doing all the shouting - their "immense" (??) Love for our Democracy - those who would have MINUTE MEN clamoring for dough once more and who would be occupying comfortable swivel chairs as they did before and those who would "feel ever so sorry" in seeing the youth of our America shipped off to die and rot on European shores.

It's certainly great stuff - but the majority of the sane people within our shores definitely DO NOT WANT WAR and I am one more being fed up on the various and rather smelly excuses to put us into one.

Let's do it the American Way - not simply preach the American Way but do it that way.

Truly yours,

Common Sense of one more
American (Born) citizen.