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# The Battle of America Has Started!

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## The Time to Act in the Atlantic is NOW

**T**HE turn of the war today involves the greatest peril to this country since Germany struck. The attack upon Russia is part of the Battle of Britain and the Battle of America. If Hitler defeats Russia quickly, he will have unlimited oil supplies and will be that much stronger to attack Britain and the United States.

Also if Hitler's defeat of Russia is complete and a Quisling government is in control at Moscow, Germany may even have a base in Siberia, across the Strait from Alaska. There are Russian submarines at Vladivostok and a Russian air force which could be used by Germany. So far Japan has been luke-warm toward her Axis obligations because there was no way in which Germany could assist her. If Germany wins, she will control Russian military equipment in Siberia and can go to Japan's aid against China, Singapore, the Dutch East Indies and the United States in the Pacific.

On the other hand, so long as Russia holds out, Britain and the United States will be given a breathing spell to prepare and an opportunity to take the initiative in the Battle of Britain and the Battle of America. Presumably Germany is unable to wage air war on two fronts at the same time — she has neither the planes nor the gasoline.

1. The United States should, therefore, send to Britain for use over the English Channel or in Egypt or anywhere else every army and navy plane that the President finds can be spared and the maximum product of our factories to enable Britain to continue the offensive which she has so well started.

The delivery of this equipment should be protected by American naval forces.

Our planes should be manned by American pilots to whatever extent Americans will volunteer for such service, and every obstacle in the way of British recruitment in this country should be removed.

- H.W.
2. The United States should take over the job of cleaning up the Atlantic, sinking on sight the German submarines, surface raiders, etc., that are destroying the freedom of the seas.

There should be full participation by this country in the Battle of the Atlantic. This would release British naval forces for service in the Mediterranean and elsewhere.

3. We urge the occupation of such bases in the Atlantic and Pacific as may be necessary for the defense of America.
4. Realistically, while reaffirming its opposition to Communism as such, the United States should give whatever assistance it can to Russia in Russia's resistance to Germany.
5. Without taking our eyes off the main target, which is the Battle of the Atlantic, the United States should make whatever arrangements are necessary with China, the Dutch East Indies, Britain in the Far East and Russia, so that Japan may be immobilized as an Axis partner.

## WHAT YOU CAN DO

We are a practical people; we are not concerned with hypothetical states of war based upon rules which Germany has discarded. Let us be bold therefore. We are interested in the most practical and forceful measures we can take today and the next day and the next day to contribute to a defeat of the Axis powers. If you agree that *now* is the time to save the security of the United States and to save life in doing so —

1. Write, telegraph or telephone the President, your Senators and your Congressman that the time to act in the Atlantic is NOW.
2. Send us a gift so that additional copies of this message may be distributed without delay to every part of the nation.

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