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## Commentary on a Statement From Herbert Hoover and Others, 1941-1943

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE...

The Rt. Rev. Henry W. Hobson, national chairman of Fight for Freedom, Inc. issued the following comment today on the statement of Mr. Herbert Hoover and others:

"It is greatly to be regretted that the statement issued this morning by ex-President Hoover, ex-Governor Landon, John L. Lewis and others gives the impression that there are only 'warmongers' in America and only 'peace-lovers' in Berlin.

"It is an even more unhappy circumstance that these eminent gentlemen are bringing politics into national defense. They do not seem to recognize that the election of 1940 is over. In fact they talk as if they want to refight every campaign back to 1896.

"They say that this is 'not purely a world conflict between

tyranny and freedom' because Hitler has turned upon his fellow-dictator, Josef Stalin. This is really nonsense because all these gentlemen opposed effective aid to Great Britain before Russia was attacked.

"At one point in their statement they give the unfortunate impression that they agree with a statement issued from Berlin on June 23 that Hitler has started anew his 'crusade against Bolshevism'. Americans have long since lost their political naivete and know better than to believe anything coming from the Berlin propaganda bureau.

"Perhaps the unhappiest aspect of the whole statement is the fact that John L. Lewis could endorse the view that it is a matter of no concern to workers whether they live under a democratic or Nazi form of government. That after all is the issue.

"Step-by-step the Nazis have advanced. We say that to defend our freedom, AMERICA MUST FIGHT NOW."

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