

cumulated resources of men and materials thus obtained, Hitler and his Germany are now engaged in the bloody process of attempting to master the world.

There can no longer be any room for doubt or debate as to whether or not this twentieth century Genghis Khan holds a threat of danger for us. The truth is that he has already made plain his intention to destroy our system of government and way of life. The public statements of his philosophy, purposes, and program time and again contain violent denunciations of us and those things for which we stand. Over and over again he has proclaimed that there can be no room for any other system than the one he proposes.

The ruthless fanaticism with which his course has been attended, together with the almost unimaginable success he and his revolution have so far attained, destroys all doubt in any reasonably informed mind that unless he is crushed, sooner or later he will undertake to impose his system and control over this Western Hemisphere. This necessarily means that in order to do so, he will have to undertake first to subjugate this Country and, of course, that can only be by an act of war.

The complexities of life are so great amongst nations, as well as amongst men, that Hitler may conceive the necessity or advisability of attack even now, as his present war operations go on. It is a distinct possibility, though a terrible one, to think of, that in the circumstances the alarm of an attack upon us may be heard in the future. Bear in mind that we and our Government in the face of such a fanatic, with such a philosophy and such power, may not have the decision as to whether or not we shall go to war.

It is for that reason that with practical unanimity of all parties and of all sections of our people, we embarked months ago upon our great program of defense—and later, with the same unanimity, as further defense precaution, undertook by the Lend-Lease Act, to aid Great Britain and those other nations bearing the brunt of Hitler's attack.

In order to consider intelligently the probabilities of attack, it is necessary to bear in mind the nature of the Hitler claim and the basic character of the world revolution he and his Germany are carrying on. Unlike other world revolutions, Hitler and the Nazi Germans proclaim the object of this one to be not only the building up of a great German state, but the use of that state together with conquered satellites, for the purpose of installing the absolute supremacy of the race as a race over all other peoples.

This is an effort on a gigantic scale to turn back the clock of civilization more than a thousand years. Not within recent centuries has any leader or nation waged a war for such a purpose. Such a philosophy is founded upon a basic falsehood, corrupting in the end both to the conqueror and the conquered. To attempt to set up a theory that a given race is inherently superior, and therefore entitled to be supreme over all other races, and to hold them through direct or indirect subjection, is to fly in the face of all the experience of the ages, as well as scientific knowledge.

Different races, it is true, have many qualities of superiority over other races, but no race has been gifted by the Creator with any sufficient combination of qualities to enable it with any show of justification to claim the inherent right to superiority over all others, even though that claim may temporarily be