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To win world domination by 1941—the year of triumph announced by the Communist, Einstein—the next few months are vital to the conspirators. This was admitted by one of them—the man Tugwell—in his Los Angeles speech.

Another world war must be brought about and the United States involved in such a war through the *lunacy* of a dictatorship or the dictatorship of a lunatic. Such plot and such madness is the original neutrality bill, involving sanctions.

To complete the plan, the zealots who seek world domination must force the United States into the League of Nations. These men have abandoned all hope of enticing the United States into the League by the *front* door. Senator Lodge and Senator Knox, before they died, left a warning still heeded by our people. The second plan was then to get the United States into the League by the *back* door of the World Court. That failed.

Frank Simonds warned us of still a third attempt to bind the United States to the League of Nations. He wrote that the battle of *dark forces* arrayed against us may yet be won if we are dropped into the League of Nations “*through the trap door, which is the Executive Branch of our government.*” That trap would consist in granting the President *discretionary power to interpret neutrality laws*. Before the ink was dry upon his warning, *Frank Simonds was dead*. His death was sudden—and one wonders again at the curse, “Oppose Roosevelt, and die.”

Power was once exercised by our neighbor *in the matter of mail contracts*. *Young fliers of our army died* to make a stock manipulator's holiday. Death will never have a holiday while the smile of our neighbor hides a sadistic lust for power over the young, the strong and the ardent. Oh, the pity of leaving their lives in *one man's hands as autocrat of war or peace!*

With Frank Simonds' keen and experienced brain suddenly stopped, the conspirators' “administration neutrality bill” was pushed before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. *Who wrote this bill?* Who but Bernard Baruch himself fathered the amazing idea that “it is essential to

the preservation of peace in our foreign relations that the complete control of commerce should, whenever international war anywhere exists, *be lodged in the Executive.* " There is the *trap-door* of which Frank Simonds warned us—and died. There is again the echo of Louis Brandeis' nephew's words, "The Presidency of the United States is the world's greatest pulpit. We do not care who occupies the pulpit as long as we write the sermons."

We have Baruch's own boast of his part when in the Waldorf-Astoria hotel he met Captain Jefferson Davis Cohen, then a recent guest of the President at Hyde Park.

"What have you been doing?" asked Cohen.

" *I have been writing the Neutrality bill,* " replied Baruch.

Neutrality Trap Leads to War

But as Frank Simonds fell, *two men rose up to take his place.* Two men defy the curse against those who dare oppose the autocracy of Roosevelt. One man is Mr. John Bassett Moore, a distinguished *authority* upon international law. Mr. Moore said of the proposed neutrality legislation:

"This obviously would bring us *fully into any war.* * * * Taking the pending bill as a whole, with its misconceptions of law, its confusion * * * its general incoherency * * * the more one studies it the clearer it becomes that it is inspired by the thought of enabling the United States * * * *through unlimited power to the President* * * * to co-operate with the League of Nations *in avowed war* * * * the bestowal of such power would constitute *the worst form of dictatorship ever set up.* "

The second man who, as Frank Simonds fell, rose and stands shoulder to shoulder with John Bassett Moore, is Lincoln Colcord.

Mr. Colcord wrote to a member of the Senate he had never thought of legislation to *enforce neutrality,* and such legislation would only be making trouble, as "the rules and practices of international law have been laid down by long experience, and there is an almost endless record of their diplomatic treatment."

Both Mr. John Bassett Moore and Mr. Lincoln Colcord agree that the proposed legislation was demanded by " *an unintelligent and deluded fanaticism stirred up by an organized propaganda* * * * to make us a party to *all* future European wars—always, of course, in the name of peace."

If such a proposal to make our neighbor a dictator, were passed as introduced, then indeed, should we repeat Henry Ford's warning:

" Baruch has definitely planned the Communistic state which will come into being immediately upon the proclamation of the next war. It will not be necessary for Communists to stage a revolt, it will only be necessary to force patriots into a war, when the United States goes under Communism in one day! Baruch said that his power exceeded that of any one man. But his power was puny compared with that proposed for the next war.

"Instead of one thing menacing us in war now, three things menace: war itself; the attempt at establishing Communism as a war measure; the possible resistance. "

The women of the United States, were the Frankfurter-Brandeis-Baruch plan for the extermination of their sons *properly explained* to them, would soon realize that they have been victims of the Catt-MacDonald propaganda. What a suave pair of bell-wethers these two have been in the running of conventions and conclaves and congresses for forgotten women!

These organizers have regimented American women to cry "peace! peace!" when behind their professional smile was the homicidal mania of war—war as the harvest for their occult masters—war as the means of extermination of American manhood—and the substitution of a new racial domination.

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