

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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The President made the following statement tonight at the time of issuing his Proclamation under Section I of a Joint Resolution of Congress entitled "Joint resolution Providing for the Prohibition of the Export of Arms, Ammunition, and Implements of War to Belligerent Countries;" etc.:

STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

"In view of the situation which has unhappily developed between Ethiopia and Italy, it has become my duty under the provisions of the Joint Resolution of Congress approved August 31, 1935, to issue, and I am today issuing my proclamation making effective an embargo on the exportation from this country to Ethiopia and Italy of arms, ammunition and implements of war. Notwithstanding the hope we entertained that war would be avoided, and the exertion of our influence in that direction, we are now compelled to recognize the simple and indisputable fact that Ethiopian and Italian armed forces are engaged in combat, thus creating a state of war within the intent and meaning of the Joint Resolution.

"In these specific circumstances I desire it to be understood that any of our people who voluntarily engage in transactions of any character with either of the belligerents do so at their own risk."

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