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I don't feel that the attached letter merits a reply, and therefore have not prepared one.

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July 3, 1951
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Honorable Marriner S. Eccles,
C/o Federal Reserve Board,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Eccles:

Press reports on your views on the economic situation within the United States, especially as they relate to the monetary system, encourage me to write to you to present to you our program of economic reconstruction.

It is clear that you realize the desperate economic situation within the United States. As you rightly observe, our problem is "how fully to produce and distribute our abundance under conditions of full employment". You imply that this can still be done under our "free-enterprise" system. We disagree with that assumption.

We have reached the end of the economic era of scarcities and starvation, and have entered a new era of abundances. The techniques of distribution which were valid under the old economy are no longer valid under the new economy. Thus far we have distributed through the incentive of private profit. That system is now obsolete and has no place in our modern world. Our insistence on maintaining this archaic system of distribution has carried us into a tragic, futile foreign war which has already cost some three million casualties, and will, unless we awaken in time, carry us to civil war at home as we try to solve social and economic dislocations with gun fire.

These facts are well understood by all thinking people who have given any study to them. I have summarized some of the arguments concerning the economic crisis in the enclosed reprint of one of my speeches. I invite your attention particularly to marked passages.

Now we - the ACSE - are determined to do something about it before it is too late. We propose to present to the people in the coming political campaign our program of action which is strictly "Made in America", and which will, be are convinced, initiate a new era of peace, abundance and democracy.

It is our hope that among prominent industrialists we might find even one who would follow the historic example of Lafayette who, when he saw that agricultural/feudalism had failed, threw his lot with the people. Now our system of industrial feudalism has,
in like manner, come to its historic end. We must adjust to this accomplished fact or perish.

Have you, or has any other prominent industrial leader, the moral courage, the love of his fellow-men, the patriotism, the intelligence, to cast aside the outworn old order and join us in our efforts to serve the people of the United States and save our country from catastrophe? I should be very happy to come to Washington to discuss this problem with you at your convenience.

Very sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Herbert C. Holdridge
STOP THE WAR!

We are gathered here to exercise our Constitutional right to freedom of assembly, freedom of expression, and I hope before the evening is over, freedom of action. We agree that government derives its just power from the consent of the governed, and if we, as citizens of the United States, find anything to criticize in the actions of public servants, it is not only our right, but our duty and responsibility, to state those criticisms openly. Freedom of expression means that I have a right to speak, and that you have a right to listen, whether you agree with me or not.

We are here to protest against the insanity of war in which our country is engaged, and to demand that our leaders turn to the paths of peace. It is dangerous in these United States of America to talk of peace. Already we are so deeply committed to war, and have become so thoroughly saturated with war propaganda, that anyone who goes against the war current takes his life in his hands. Anyone who dares tell the truth is certain to be labelled as a Communist. If Washington, and Franklin, and Jefferson, and Patrick Henry were here today, they would be thrown into concentration camps. Jesus Christ would be crucified all over again. And this in our "sweet land of liberty!"

We are ruled by madmen and barbarians! I hold these barbarians in contempt. Not because I am afraid of them, but to make my position clear, I am not a Communist. If I were, I would stand on my two feet and admit it. I was for peace. If I thought that they were wrong, I would raise a heck of a stink openly. I work in the open, not under cover. Neither am I a Marxist. I am convinced that we can find solutions for our problems within our own traditions and within the spirit of our Constitution.

I accepted the invitation to speak here tonight with many misgivings. The subject is so vast, the issues which we must discuss are so evil, the smog of confusion which has been thrown around these issues is so impenetrable, that one stands appalled at the hopelessness of the task. Emotions have become so thoroughly involved that there is little objective thinking left in the United States. What can I say to help the cause of peace? How can we, in these few minutes, analyze even, the most salient features of the problem, much less come to agreement on solutions?

Our only weapon is TRUTH. I am sure that if we can discover the fundamental truth behind this hysteria of war, the solutions will follow as a matter of course. I shall tell the truth as I see it. I propose to call the shots as I see them. What I say tonight I have already said in formal correspondence with top government officials. I dislike name-calling. If my language appears extravagant, it is because the truth makes it appear so. Our leaders have led us to the brink of catastrophe. We might say: "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." But there is such a thing as animal ignorance. If they carry us to disaster it will be small cause for comfort to say that they did it through ignorance. It is their business to know what they are doing. That is why we employ them. Some of them may be ignorant of what they are doing, but I am sure that many of them know exactly what they are doing, and that their acts are premeditated. The issue is one of life and death. We shall fail to do justice to ourselves or to humanity if we fail to meet the issue with frankness and courage.

We are here to find a way to peace, so let us start by analyzing the war itself. As a teacher of History I know of no example of wanton brutality and violence to equal that which we, the so-called "peace-loving Americans," have demonstrated in Korea. Not even Genghis Khan, in all his glory, could match it. We stood before the world as the friend of little nations. We promised the Koreans unity after World War II. In accordance with our agreements, we had moved out of Korea, and so had Russia.

Then something happened. The American people will probably never learn the truth about our responsibility for this example of power politics in action. First, our top military brass made hurried trips to Korea. There is reason to believe that the South Koreans were originally flung into the war with North Korea. They were there by accident, not by intention. The other was John Foster Dulles, another man of the same stripe; hypocritical, synthetic Christian who preaches war in the Name of the Prince of Peace; henchman for the money monopolists; hatchet man of the money monopolists all over the world.

After that conference the policy of our Government was suddenly reversed. Troops were thrown back into Korea. A shooting war started, and without a declaration of war, the United States was up to its neck in World War III.

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We say that we hate Communism, and we hate Josef Stalin. I'll tell you why, presently. We haven't the guts at the moment to hit at Russia for fear of violent retaliation, and besides public opinion must first be steamed up to the point of acceptance. So we use little Korea, made up for the most part of poverty-stricken, inoffensive peasantry who never heard of Communism, as our whipping-boy. We beat these people and this country, to death. We smash their armies, South Korean as well as North, for we don't want them to attack us. We smash their cities, South Korean as well as North. We murder hundreds of thousands of non-combatants, men, women and children—South Korean as well as North. We bomb them with deadly gasoline bomb, almost as deadly as the atom bomb itself. We sweep back and forth across their country, burn their homes, and drive them into the snow to freeze and starve—men, women and new-born babies. We reduce the country to rubble. We annihilate this small country to which we promised peace and unity. These madmen, who make our public policies have made each of us an accessory before and after the fact of brutal, wholesale murder. Surely if there is a just God in Heaven we shall be held to a bitter accounting. We have taken up the sword unjustly, and deserve to perish by the sword.

And in the process we have murdered our own sons, whom we have fed to the God of War. Young boys, not yet dry behind the ears, have been thrown into this iniquitous conflict, for reasons which they do not understand and which cannot be explained to them, and which cannot be explained to their parents. So not only do we engage in mass murder, we also engage in mass infanticide! No wonder that in spite of all of the propaganda for war, the Gallup Poll shows that 66% of our people want our troops out of Korea.

And now they propose to draft all of our 18 year old boys and send them to their death. They promise that these boys shall be given training to fit them for battle. During World War II these same leaders made the same promises, but in a few weeks those kids lay dead on the battlefields of the world. I helped make those promises, for then I had confidence in our military leaders. I made a lie out of every falsehood and breach of faith. Those kids are lying dead there, 13 years later. They are lying there now. They will keep their promise only as long as it suits their convenience to do so, and can always find an alibi of “military necessity” to justify every falsehood and breach of faith.

President Truman, seeing at last that his silly contention that we were engaged in a police action would not be swallowed even by gullible Americans, bethought himself belatedly of the United Nations, which he had consistently by-passed whenever it suited his convenience. Twenty-four hours after MacArthur struck in Korea on Truman's orders, the United Nations rubber-stamped approval of our act of aggression. The charter of the United Nations states that armed force will be used only as a last resort, after all other means have failed. The U.N. disregarded the Charter, just as Truman disregarded the Constitution, and made warfare the first means of settling the issue. At first it was the American troops which won this noble victory or that, but when MacArthur and Truman needed alibi for set-backs, we changed our "party line." Now we read that the noble U.N. troops win a noble victory or suffer a noble set-back. All that, too, is false. It is still the United States.

So we sucked in the nations of Western Europe and South America, and made them, also, guilty before and after the fact of international mass murder. Why do they do this? I say it is the most shameful sell-out of all time. Through bribery, blackmail and intimidation they have sold their birthright of integrity for a mess of pottage of American dollars, and are up to their necks in bloody murder, side by side with the United States.

And what have we gained? Exactly nothing. We have been trying to check a dynamic idea with weapons of mass annihilation. Because we have no positive alternatives to Communism to offer the peoples of the world, we offer them, instead, death and destruction. We have used Korea as a testing ground for our weapons exactly as Hitler and Mussolini used Spain, and have pulverized a little nation in this gruesome laboratory experiment. But we haven't converted a single Communist! We haven't checked the spread of Communism, but instead have given it something on which to feed. We couldn't have done more to stimulate its growth if we had planned it that way.

The nations of the world won't buy our bill of goods. We have alienated hundreds of millions of Asians, who don't have to read our propaganda press, and who know the truth. We have already drawn against us in open warfare the entire Chinese nation, which has stopped us in our tracks. MacArthur admits that the best we can get out of it is a stalemate. And behind the Chinese are another billion people of Asia and Eastern Europe who hate our insides. We have become the most hated nation in the world. A few short years ago we were engaged in a decent and worthy war to destroy fascism. That war cost billions of casualties and hundreds of billions of dollars. Now we connive with fascism all over the world, and have become the leading fascist nation. How the shades of Hitler and Mussolini must be holding their sides with laughter!

What of tomorrow? Where does all this lead us?

We, a nation of 155 million people, have challenged the population of over half the world, a population fighting with high morale and great determination for its right to live. That population is backed by the considerable industry of Russia and Eastern Europe. In the show-down it would be backed by the industries of Western Europe which would surely fall into Russia's hands, unless we destroy our friends as well as enemies. We pride ourselves on our industrial supremacy, but close our eyes to the grim fact that within 24 hours after the commencement of the war of annihilation, our industry will be a smouldering ruin, and our war potential will vanish.
To protect ourselves, we are attempting the fantastic program of building up the armies of Western Europe, of Germany and of Japan to stand as a Maginot Line against Russia. To the British, and to the French at any rate, this is World War II. None of the Western Powers will dare stick to us when war threatens. They are looking down Russia's throat. During World War II France collapsed in a few short days. The threat today is far worse than it was then. The British high command several years ago informed the British Government that Great Britain is indefensible against modern weapons. I have heard a member of the British Parliament warn us that Great Britain will not be with us if we take the final gamble of war with Russia. She has the atom bomb and a very gun, and they do not like to see the world against Russia is already lost as definitely as the six billion dollars we donated to Chung Kai Chek for the same purpose. Within a few days they would fall into the hands of Russia or her allies, and would be used against us.

We are rebuilding the fascist forces of the world to stand between us and Russia. We expect to rearm the restored German fascist army to fight for us. They dare not. Why should they take the rap for us? Likewise, why should the Japanese, an Asiatic people whom we have just defeated disastrously and whom we smashed with the atom bomb, fight other Asians to save us? We tell them that we are protecting them, but they know that we are using them as buffers to save ourselves. They see how far our "protection" has gone in saving Korea. The entire proposal is a fantastic attempt of immature minds to escape from reality. Eisenhower might just as well go back to Columbia University, for all the good he will do in Europe.

What have we to offer these nations in return? We tell them we offer them freedom—that now we are the great "freedom-loving nation" of the world, just as yesterday we were the great "peace-loving nation." How can we offer them freedom when there is so little freedom left in the United States? They already know that they are chained to our chariot wheel by the American dollars of the Marshall Plan. They will break those chains at the first opportunity. I predict that the nations of Western Europe will themselves go Communist before they will fight our battles for us and risk certain death in the process.

We boast that we have checked the Chinese Reds in Korea. Our leaders are careful to remain silent on the important point that Russia has not engaged any of her own power thus far, either on land, or in submarines which might be used against our shipping in Korea, or her air power which is admittedly greater than our own, or in other secret weapons which we must presume she has. It is unlikely that she will commit them in Asia, for she will choose her own battlefields nearer home. In the meanwhile we cannot expect that she will maneuver us into a position where we must fight on two or more fronts.

If our leaders think for an idle moment that this is not a fight to the finish, that Russia is bluffing, and that Russia will not eventually bring all necessary power to bear to maintain her position, they are even madder than we already believe them to be. The Korean War is merely an opening skirmish. We may expect anything to happen soon, and nearer home.

In analyzing any war we must be prepared for the ultimate. The ultimate in this case is the atom bomb, possibly the hydrogen bomb, and surely bacteriologicals, poisons, and other weapons of annihilation. Russia has known since 1918 that the United States must be the final enemy. Instead of being behind us in preparations we must assume that she may be far ahead of us. For my part I would expect her to use her weapons through sabotage, and assume that she already has our industrial areas prepared for demolition. A little more poison in the smog of Los Angeles, for example, could easily wipe out that industrial center. If she wishes to use her weapons we have the word of General Vandenberg that we could not stop over 30% of her aircraft. We may also expect the use of submarines and guided missiles, probably atomic.

When the war reaches this ultimate stage of use of weapons of annihilation we can take it for granted that we can do great damage to Russian centers. Dr. Vannever Bush, the atomic scientist who has prostituted his science to the God of War, has stated that we have enough atom bombs to destroy Russia. By the same token, Russia can be expected to have ample weapons to destroy us. Russia, including Siberia, is a vast territory with vast industries. She probably doesn't know where many of her industries are located. On the other hand, we are relatively small, and our industries are concentrated and cannot be hidden. It would be like shooting fish in a barrel. In such a contest the advantage would certainly be with Russia. And let us not forget for one moment that every responsible leader and scientist has pounded away, at one thought: There is no defense! The use of these weapons means the death of civilization.

We do not expect Russia to strike first. She would be foolish to do so. She doesn't have to. Anybody who needs to do, unless they force the issue, is to sit tight until we destroy ourselves from within. That is what our leaders fear, and that is why we may expect them to find some pretext for striking the first blow, and try to throw the blame on Russia. General Eisenhower has announced this philosophy of cold-blooded cynicism openly. He is reported as being concerned over the growing opinion that this country never should drop the bomb first, and announces that we should use the atom bomb "instantly" if we are convinced that it would bring sufficient destruction to Russia. The moment that this is announced the world knows that the United States' preparations are under way to condition the minds of Americans to the early use of the atomic bomb. Knowing as we do what the use of the atom bomb will mean to humanity, I say that anyone who advises that we use it should either be placed in a home for the feeble-minded, or confined in an institution for the criminally insane.

To summarize our desperate situation:

(1.) We have an economic system under the control of an economic oligarchy—about
which I shall say more presently—which would collapse suddenly if it were not for the expenditures for war. That oligarchy must have war or lose its power. blunderers in the Blunder of Bataan; Eisenhower, Bradley and Collins, blunderers in for war. Not one leader has stood before the people and demanded peace on terms under which peace could be obtainable. Does anyone in this audience know our peace terms? I don't.

(3) Our military leaders are conditioned to think only in terms of war, for war is their business. They have no experience in thinking in terms of social problems. They have been trained in armaments. They came out of World War II with the slogan: "Hit Russia Now!" They relish the power that war and preparations for war give them. In spite of the West Point motto: "Duty, Honor, Country," they are no different than other men who have had a taste of corrupting power. History has shown that when military leaders get set for war, they manage to bring it about, for it would be a pity to waste all of that preparation in the anti-climax of peace.

I know these military leaders personally, and I know their blunders: Marshall, blunderer as Secretary of War; Eisenhower, blunderer as Secretary of War; and General Motors. The Marshall Plan to bribe the nations of the world with American dollars; MacArthur and Collins, blunderers in the Blunder of Bataan; Eisenhower, Bradley and Collins, blunderers in the Blunder of the Bulge; MacArthur, Bradley, Collins in the Blunder of Korea; and now the entire blundering cast in the Blunder of Civilization! How can we have confidence in such leaders?

(4) Our population has been subjected to poisonous propaganda against Russia since 1918. We have sent American troops to Murmansk and Siberia in another undeclared war against Russia, and has been taught to believe that there can be no final solution except through war. Many of our people of certain religious faiths, including Protestant as well as Catholic, have been exhorted to stamp out Communism through violence in the Name of the Prince of Peace. Ex-President Hoover, that noble representative of the Society of Friends—the good people of brotherly love—urges that we blot out Russia with everything we have. Nice people! Small wonder that our people find moral justifications for their fear of Russia.

(5) And to top it all, we have in the White House a tragic, inept figure of a man who is so befuddled that he doesn't know which end is up: who has gathered about himself as advisors like inept, unenlightened men of no ability; who has yielded to pressures from corrupt gangsters much of his life; who has an adolescent adoration for the military and who fancies himself as something of a military genius in his own right; who has already twice used the atom bomb when there was no military necessity: who has promised to use it again "if necessary," and who proposes to play God to determine which nations shall go to Hell and which shall be saved from it. We are in the position of the paper-hanger, turned corporal, turned destroyer. In the United States, a haberdasher, turned captain of the National Guard, turned into an instrument of death for world civilization.

The situation is Devilish. I leave it to you. How much chance do we have of survival? If you were gambling on the issue—as all of us are—how many days, or weeks, or months can we expect to remain alive and continue the fiction of "business as usual"? Do we dare to hear a lot about sending troops abroad, but don't forget, we are on firing line. How soon will D-Day—"Destruction Day"—arrive for the United States? So much for the background of the war hysteria. So far we have been dealing with symptoms. We must get down to fundamental causes.

These causes are simple. They are due to a break-down in our economic system. They have nothing to do with Russia or Communism. When we start to talk about our internal economic collapse the American people take to the cyclone cellars, and you can't get them to come out to listen to reason. Even the peace organizations haven't the moral courage to meet this fundamental issue. It has been said that we are living in a civilization, a civilization, a civilization. Unless we understand these fundamental economic causes and correct them we shall die. So hear with me for a few moments as I try to explain a few elementary principles of applied economics, with which many of you are thoroughly familiar.

Actually, the causes of our crisis are very simple, and not at all frightening, once we realize how easily they can be corrected.

This was the world we have developed no techniques for distributing abundance. That is the long and the short of it. We have solved the problem of how to create abundances through machine technology. We have not solved the problem of getting that abundance into the hands of the people who need it. And because we have not learned how to use the products of technology for the good of humanity, we are about to blow ourselves up in a terrible world war.

Let me explain that in terms of our existing economy.

It has happened to us to be born surrounded by the accidents of our civilization, poisoning our social system, which we love and to which we owe loyalty. Unfortunately, they left a gap in our governmental structure, and made no provision for the democratic control over our economy. This was natural, for we were a primitive people, engaged in small agriculture, and living in small towns. The local town meetings were adequate at that time to coordinate the common activities.

The second force is a usurper. It is the economic power. Because our Founding Fathers left a vacuum in our governmental structure, as our country expanded and became industrialized, a new economic power formed and expanded to fill this vacuum.
This economic control was private, highly centralized, and crossed all territorial boundaries. With the progressive concentration of wealth in fewer and fewer hands it developed into an economic oligarchy—an absolutism—a dictatorial economic state set within the borders of our democratic political state. Through its power over money it-corrupted our political leaders and developed into an "Invisible Government"—a financial dictatorship—overshadowing our political and social order.

It is this cuckoo-bird of the "Invisible Government" that has fouled the nest of American Eagle. It constitutes economic gangsterism. It has corrupted our political system and enriched Quislings in the interests of its masters. By this act of treason Congress has owned 95% of the wealth of the country, leaving only 5% of the wealth to be owned by the remaining 95% of the population. The national public debt is now about twice as great as the national wealth. The mass of the people who are expected to pay this debt own so little that they could not pay more than about 2% to 3% of it, even if they were taxed for everything they had. This debt is owned to the 5% even if they were taxed for everything they had. This debt is owned to the 5%

And always it uses its power to make it appear that our American democracy and this evil impostor are one—that this is the "American System." the system of "free enterprise," the system of George Washington and Abraham Lincoln, the system of "individual initiative," of "rugged individualism," of a chicken in evry pot. All of our loyalty "witch-hunts" are designed to force us to swear loyalty to this "Invisible Government" and become traitors to the Constitution. This is not the "American Way of Life." The system stands as the deadly enemy of everything we consider the "American Way of Life."

But believe me, this concession is not "peanuts." This is Big Business, involving hundreds of billions of dollars of your money. By this act of treason Congress has forced the American people to pay interest to this private corporation for the use of their own money, issued on their own credit, printed in their own Bureau of Engraving and given—actually given—to these private bankers for less than the cost of printing. This is the biggest racket in the world. Boiled down, it is legalized counterfeiting. If one of you should get the brilliant idea that you would like to grave a few banknotes of your own, they would throw you in the clink as an imposter, as an anti-American. But these professional, master-counterfeiters they call "elder statesmen." Henry Ford made the statement that if the American people knew the real wealth of the country—mines, factories, power plants, farms, homes, etc. The concentration of wealth has now proceeded to the point where 5% of the population owns 95% of the wealth of the country, leaving only 5% of the wealth to be owned by the remaining 95% of the population. The national public debt is now about twice as great as the national wealth. The mass of the people who are expected to pay this debt own so little that they could not pay more than about 2½ to 3½% of it even if they were taxed for everything they had. This debt is owned to the 5% group who already own everything and don't have to pay off anything. Because they have already acquired ownership over the bulk of the real profits—the real wealth—nothing more remains to be used for profits.

And now, in its very moment of triumph, this "Invisible Government" is disintegrating from within. In one last futile effort to save itself it is forcing us into a disastrous war. But let me summarize briefly. Profits can no longer be made for four reasons which encompass our system of distribution. It distributes the goods produced by our workers through the incentive of profits. The theory is that money is saved, it is invested in new industries in the hope of earning profits on the investment, these industries give employment and wages to workers, and the workers buy back the goods they have helped to produce with the wages they receive, and thus the cycle is completed. This is the theory, but it no longer works. I haven't time to explain in detail, but let me characterize briefly. Profits can no longer be made for four reasons which I call the four dilemmas of capitalism:

(1) The dilemma of monopoly of wealth: Ultimate profits are not money, but the real wealth of the country—mines, factories, power plants, farms, homes, etc. The concentration of wealth has now proceeded to the point where 5% of the population owns 95% of the wealth of the country, leaving only 5% of the wealth to be owned by the remaining 95% of the population. The national public debt is now about twice as great as the national wealth. The mass of the people who are expected to pay this debt own so little that they could not pay more than about 2½ to 3½% of it even if they were taxed for everything they had. This debt is owned to the 5% group who already own everything and don't have to pay off anything. Because they have already acquired ownership over the bulk of the real profits—the real wealth—nothing more remains to be used for profits.
(2) The dilemma of capitalistic saturation: If the system is to survive, it must expand continuously. Since those who own the wealth of the country cannot consume all of it, the surplus available for investment, money becomes unemployed, and when money can't find profit at home, it must try to find opportunities for investment abroad, is out of a job men are thrown out of work.

(3) The dilemma of technology: This one is simple. Machines which do not consume, have taken the jobs of workers who do consume, have destroyed their purchasing power, and without that purchasing power profits cannot be made.

(4) The dilemma of abundance: This one summarizes the rest. The profits system is designed to distribute scarcities. It thrives on starvation. When supply is less than demand—when goods are scarce—you can make profits producing those goods. When supply is greater than demand—when goods are abundant—you can't make profits selling those goods, and now the money system is not designed to distribute abundances. The profits system is not designed to distribute abundances. Technology, by creating abundances, actual or potential, in all fields of production, has created an environment in which the profits system cannot survive. For centuries we have prayed: "Give us this day our daily bread." Providence has answered with abundance, and that abundance has wiped out the profits system. We starve because we have too much.

This is the dilemma. There is to it. We have come to the end of the economic era of production for profit and scarcities, and must adjust intellectually to that hard fact. We cannot evade it. If we wish to survive we must find another method of distribution. This the Money Power will never, willingly, permit us to do.

The Russians insist that our system can live side by side with Communism. I deny it. I say that it can't even live side by side with our American democracy. One or the other must give way. This system is outworn and outdated, and no more place in a modern world of technology than the ox-cart in an age of stratosphere airplane. It is a "crack-pot," "screw-ball" system in this world of atomic energy, a "small ball" system in this world of potential abundances, for it burns food, or dumps it in the ocean, or hides it in caves, or pours oil on it, while people starve, after it has taxed those same people to pay to produce the food. This is the greatest sacrilege of all time.

And now, in a matter of days, or weeks, or months, this government by the Invisible Empire," in a last hopeless effort to sustain its profits economy, will blow us all to Hell.

Tonight, as we free-born American citizens meet in time of crisis, we ask ourselves: "What is the answer? What can we do about it?" We are frightened into believing that we must choose between capitalism and communism. Is this true, or is there another alternative?

I say that this is another great falsehood. We do not have to choose between the system of scarcity and starvation of the Invisible Government," and Communism. There is another alternative—an American program of action—which can save the country. We must tackle the problem of the abundance of our material resources in such a way as to enable the people can accept this fact we shall be on the road to a new era of peace and abundance.

Many fine minds have worked on this problem, and offer sound solutions. Let me offer a tentative ten-point summary of such a program:

DOMESTIC

(1) Back to the Constitution: Restore Constitutional government in the United States. Root out the "Invisible Government" and its collaborating Quislings, expose them to public view, hail them before Grand Juries for perjury and treason, punish the guilty, and destroy their power for evil. And not only the military stooges, but their dupes who pull the strings from behind the scenes. No American Krupp must escape. We have come to the end of the economic era of domestic production for profit and scarcities, and must adjust intellectually to that hard fact. We cannot evade it. If we wish to survive we must find another method of distribution. This the Money Power will never, willingly, permit us to do.

(2) Economic Democracy: By Constitutional Amendment, fill the vacuum left by our Founding Fathers, by restoring control over our economy to the "sovereign people" through a program of Economic Democracy.

(3) Monetary System: Abolish the Federal Reserve Banking System, and return control over these banks and our money to Congress, where it Constitutionally belongs.

(4) Distribution: Recognize that the profits system has come to its historical end, that it never had moral right to exist, and that its end is long overdue. Establish
(5) Purchasing Power: Eliminate all need for social security by providing for full purchasing power, not only for those employed, but for those too young or too old to work, and those unable to work. With proper use of technology the hours, days, and years of labor will diminish progressively. This will enable all families to have proper use of technology, each family could have purchasing power equivalent to $10,000 per year. Our problem of tomorrow is not how to make a living. We know how. Our problem will be what to do with our leisure. Now we must learn how to live.

FOREIGN

Having thus set our own house in order we can appear before the bar of international public opinion with clean hands, and cooperate in a program of peace.

(6) World Peace: STOP THE WAR! Now, and working through the United Nations, as revised, GET OUT OF KOREA, NOW!!, and from all war-torn or troubled area, except where necessary, token forces may be left under the U.N. to conduct free elections in those areas. World wide elimination of armaments and abolition of military conscription. Outlawing, under the U.N., of all atomic, bacteriological and chemical weapons of warfare and all means of mass destruction.

(7) World Government: Reconstitute the U.N. organization. Limit its power to international affairs. Include all of the nations of the world, and provide voting power proportionate to the size of their populations. Decisions to be final if passed by three-fourths of the total voting powers of the members.

(8) International Adjustments: All colonial or subject peoples desiring their freedom, to be given that freedom, the sovereignty of their countries to be guaranteed by the U.N. Recognition of the Mao-Tse-Tung, or People's Government of the People's Republic of China. Unification of Germany and Korea. Final peace with Germany, Austria and Japan through the U.N.

(9) World Unity: Relief and assistance to war-torn or backward areas; technicians and technical aid to be sent to backward areas to assist them to build up their own industries, and thus become self-sustaining. Aid instead of exploitation. Exchange of students, educators, scientists, artists, etc. Equal sharing in the development of science and technology, and just access to world resources.

(10) Moral and Ethical: It is not enough merely to raise the economic standards of the average people of the world, without having some regard as to how those gifts are to be used. In the Army we used to consider each promotion as giving us access to a better brand of whiskey. I am no longer interested in such standards of well being. Jesus of Nazareth said that we cannot worship both God and Mammon. In the United States we have become so thoroughly saturated with Mammonism—with materialism—that spiritual forces play little part in our lives. Our religious leaders have become the apologists and the collaborationists of a pagan economic philosophy. The people of the United States will have to learn in this new era of development, without any illusions as to how those gifts are to be used. To expect them to do that is a most unrealistic foreign policy. And yet we dare accuse Russia of being less. Let us look to the beam in our own eye before we attack the mote Russia's eye.

I am not here to preach a sermon, but as one practical man, my hope and confidence in this hour of despair rests on the conviction that God still lives, and that if we weather this crisis it will only be through a moral, ethical or religious regeneration.

So much for my ten points.

"This is all very good," you will say, "but still you haven't answered the question: 'How are you going to do it?'"

If I generalize too much it is not because I have no answers: I am a practical administrator and learned through my war experience that when administrative techniques had to work on a global basis, any plan must work practically. For almost twenty years I have been working on a plan which I call "A Blueprint For Abundance." Without going into detail, I should like to mention that my plan provides:

(1) for a democratic structure, through the establishment, by Constitutional Amendment, of a fourth coordinate branch of government, the economic, to supplement our present executive, legislative and judicial branches, thus assuring control by the people from the bottom upward, and not by bureaucracy from the top downward

(2) for a system of income distribution, profitless, to assure a budget of revenue adequate to all the costs of goods and services, such as buying, selling, being provided for workers, for those too young and too old to work, and for those unable to work. Thus, when the total purchasing power is expended, all goods and services will be bought and paid for without the tax of profits.

The mechanics for putting this plan into effect are simple. I was told by a top economist of the Brookings Institute who wrote the N.R.A. Act for President Roosevelt, that had he had my plan back in 1933 it could have been put into effect in six months. I have discussed the plan with right wingers as well as left wingers, and the general reaction has been "Well, when do we get started?" I mention my plan now, not to promote it before this audience, but to show that I do have positive answers, but primarily that we do not have to choose between capitalism and communism. Edward Bellamy gave us many a good lead.

So here we are, on the brink of disaster. The situation is nightmarish. We want to run, but are paralyzed in our tracks.
situation. We can arouse the people to civil war or revolution, with blood flowing in the streets. Abraham Lincoln said, you may remember, that revolution is always a legal, final recourse of repressed people. To this I am appalled. This is what I am appalled. But if we attempt it, we shall defeat our own ends.

The second is legal political action. It has been suggested that this issue we carried into the 1952 campaign, and that I spear-head such a campaign. The third is the proposal of the ‘Invisible Enemy’ of the ‘Invisible Government’ of the Money Power or its collaborating Quislings. I do owe loyalty to the Constitution of the United States and to the American people. I am still under oath to defend the Constitution against all enemies, domestic as well as foreign, and propose to carry out that oath to the letter, and as given the opportunity. I might start a fire at the grass-roots that would sweep everything before it. Certainly it is the last opportunity we shall have for peaceful, constitutional action!

There is a great question of whether we still have the time. I am convinced that our top leaders have already made the final decision to plunge us into a full-scale war, and are only awaiting the opportunity to develop a favorable incident to serve as an excuse. You will say that I am accusing them of treason. I am. They know that their system would collapse at home if we found a formula for peace and prosperity. Such a campaign, carried into every state in the Union, could show the people the futility and tragedy of reliance on armaments to solve deep-seated social and economic problems and cause them to search for positive alternatives. I might start a fire at the grass-roots that would sweep everything before it. Certainly it is the last opportunity we shall have for peaceful, Constitutional action.

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This is not an issue of nation against nation—of Russia against the United States. It is an issue of the forces of evil—of greed, and corruption, and violence, and death—against the forces of human decency all over the world.

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This is the supreme challenge of the age. Let us take counsel together. Let us gird our loins and grasp this challenge fearlessly. Let us drive the money changers from our temples and purify them again. Let us unite to build this new world of peace, abundance, cooperation, unity, brotherhood, democracy and justice. We have every thing necessary to build a world of such promise as to make former concepts of Utopia fade into insignificance.

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