

behavior without concluding that the two are absolutely different. Whereas America seeks none of the possessions of foreign countries and has nothing but the most complete good will towards other peoples, the centuries have built up in the mind of European peoples national desires and bitterness that underlie and shape their every national action.

Even while they were bombing defenseless cities, the aggressor nations of Europe were beating their breasts and proclaiming their desire for peace. Now, however, they have thrown aside all pretense of lofty motives and are revealed for what they are—war-mad, self-seeking rulers who, disregarding all ideas of rights of others, feel that the time now is ripe for them to realize their dreams for the conquest of the world.

Look at the situation abroad. London is burning; Paris is captured; Rotterdam and Warsaw are partly in ruins. Throughout England, homes of defenseless women and children are bombed by ruthless raiders who hurl destruction from the clouds as carelessly as we would throw pebbles into a well. Hospitals and churches have been the target of tons of dynamite. Not even the dead can rest in peace because cemeteries are blasted by bombs which tear up acres as the raiders continue their daily work.

The people of America view with deep concern, almost, I might say, with consternation, the new, inhuman theories of government that have risen to plague Europe and to threaten seriously our own national security. We see unjustified and unjustifiable attacks upon weak and defenseless nations, and we are told brazenly by war-crazed dictators that even we may be subject to similar humiliations and conquests.

Thus it is that our people today, almost without exception, are ready to build up our armaments, to add materially to our armed forces, and to construct a two-ocean navy that will be unmatched by any nation in the world, in order to warn off, if possible, any or all attacks that may be contemplated or made against us.

But, and emphasize this also, American people are facing the facts today without the misunderstanding that misled them in 1917. Through bitter experience we have come to know that we can never persuade Europe to accept and live by American principles or American ideals.

That American ideals of peace among nations can be achieved is evidenced clearly by our own splendid relationship over a period of more than a century and a half with a great neighbor to the North, Canada. Although under different flags, our people and the people of Canada speak the same language and voice the same sentiments on international relations. Many nationalities are represented on both sides of the border, but no racial antagonisms separate us. In all the long borderline, there is not a single fortification. With the passing years, the residents of these two countries mingle more and more freely, and become more and more brotherly in their national relations.

Why is it that our people in America are so determined to continue to live the American way, rather than to conform their lives to some new pattern worked out in a foreign laboratory? The answer is plain and unmistakable for anyone to read who is not blinded by loyalty to foreign principles or uninformed in American ways of thinking.

The American way of living, won for us on the battlefields of the American Revolution, and preserved to us by our gallant forefathers through many a