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Peace can be attained by our nation and the world through unified efforts on the part of the people of those countries. The people, getting their power from the dictates of their conscience and increasing their strength through their desire to live and be comfortable, can force their leaders into the paths of peace.

One of the best means of instilling into the hearts of mankind a sincere and lasting desire for peace is through education and information, provided that this education is properly directed and its aims are peaceful rather than militant. The German nation was one of the best educated, in the general sense, of any in the world. And yet it succumbed to the wiles of the Nazi regime. The education of the Germans, aside from a high technical knowledge, had too much emphasis on greed and avarice and on selfish demands. The people of Germany were deluded by their historians and were made dupes of their demagogic leaders.

Consequently while education can be the greatest force in the achievement of peace, it must be directed wisely and sanely. It must be based upon truth and not upon distorted bits of information designed to prove a few special points.

Already there has been set up for the world's benefit an organization that has the foundation we need to achieve and maintain peace. That organization is the United Nations. Today, it is the international forum for all free nations and in time it should become the forum for all people on this earth. It has machinery designed to keep the peace or, once that peace has been broken, to restore the peace through resort to arms, if that be necessary.

The generation of fighting men which has come from the recent war is a peace-loving generation. These men, and women too, having experienced the agonies of war, ^{are} determined to have no others. 10

If these people are taught now that peace is preferable to war, then we can have a peaceful world. If they are allowed to drift into the hands of scheming dictators who hide the truth and shy from the light of education and publicity, then we will undoubtedly have another war---a terrible war that well may be so fatal as to wipe out civilization as it exists today.

The major means of attaining and keeping the peace is through education and publicity of the fundamental basis of that educational program. It is up to the people themselves and to their leaders to see that such a program is provided them.

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