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Questions and Answers with the Editor of Future Magazine

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Question 1: How can we protect our freedom and that of other
democratic nations and still avoid war with Russia?

Answer: By pursuing a patient but firm policy in our
relations with Russia, pressing for the conclusion
of the peace treaties yet unwritten; by cooperating
to support and strengthen the United Nations/
through further development of its powers and
functions; by maintaining adequate military strength
for our national defense, both as exerting "pressure
for peace" and as vital to the prestige and influence
of the United Nations for the present; and by
employing the economic approach as effective
insurance of world peace, remembering that the
surest and perhaps the only path to permanent peace
is effective international ordering of world economy/
to the end that every nation and every geographical
area will possess a sound and healthy economy.

Question 2: What is your solution to the rising cost of living?

Answer: All-out production, agricultural, industrial and
otherwise, is the key to the solution of this
problem. The full power of government should be
employed to bring such production about, and
private industry must do its full part. The
American people should be convinced that it is
almost as important that they store up their
purchasing power now as it was during the war, that
they will get better value for their money later,
and that they will thereby make more effective
existing anti-inflationary measures until goods
are more plentiful.
Question 3: Do you favor continued dependence upon spheres of influence; strengthening the United Nations' immediate World government; or what is your alternative plan for insuring world peace?

Answer: When international control of atomic energy, under the Baruch recommendation, has been brought about, and when we have convinced the nations of the world that federal world government is feasible by showing that our own Federal Government's tendency to usurp and invade the sovereignty of our States in domestic concerns can be effectively curbed, we can begin to look toward world government through the United Nations to insure peace, and not before. In the meantime, we must fortify the influence of the United Nations, particularly by seeing that we remain strong on defense and in economy ourselves; and within our resources, we must cooperate in assisting every nation and geographical area to attain a sound economy.

Question 4: What is your solution to the Housing problem?

Answer: The Taft-Ellender-Wagner Bill is an effective approach to the solution of this critical problem and I favor its enactment.

Question 5: To what extent do you support our present Reciprocal Trade Agreement program and the International Trade Organization?

Answer: I support our present Reciprocal Trade Agreement program and the International Trade Organization to the limit.