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### THE PEACE MOVEMENT

“...God pity the ideals of this Republic if they shall have no defenders save the scum of the nations organized into a conglomerate international police force, ordered hither and thither by the most heterogeneous and irresponsible body or court that ever confused or confounded the natural instincts and noble passions of a people.” ~ Senator Borah, The United States and the League of Nations~

#### I. THE WAR TO END ALL WARS

The people of the United States were persuaded that \_\_\_\_\_ could be the final war. Slogans “The war to make the world safe for democracy” and “The war to end all wars” assured the American people that this would be the last war. World war was to guarantee \_\_\_\_\_. How this was supposed to work was not explained during wartime propaganda.

Millions died during World War I. People were anxious for a guarantee that mankind would never have to experience this again.

#### II. THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS

American President, \_\_\_\_\_, and several European leaders dreamed of a new international world order. This new world order would bring peace and prosperity to the world. Peace and prosperity for man brought by man. Some dreamed of God working through human government. Others dreamed of human government solving man’s problem without God.

Many American leaders opposed this new international order. Senator Borah wrote, “Your league will not bring peace. The causes of war cannot be removed by the writing of a covenant.” Others supported the League with great hopes of world peace. The \_\_\_\_\_ regarded the League of Nations as the political expression of the Kingdom of God on earth.

The League was the main issue in the \_\_\_\_\_ presidential election in the U.S. Warren Harding, an opponent of the League, won in a landslide. Under the leadership of several European nations, \_\_\_\_\_ was formed without the United States as a member.

Henry Cabot Lodge, a senator from Massachusetts, spoke of his opposition to the League:

“You may call me selfish if you will, conservative or reactionary, or use any other harsh adjective you see fit to apply; but an American I was born, an American I have remained all my life. I can never be anything else but an American, and I must think of the United States first. And when I think of the United States first in an arrangement like this, I am thinking of \_\_\_\_\_; for if the United States fails, the best hopes of mankind fail with it. I have never had but one allegiance—I cannot divide it now. I have loved but one flag, and I cannot share that devotion and give affection to the mongrel banner invented for a league.

The United States is the world’s best hope, but if you fetter her in the interests and quarrels of other nations, if you tangle her in the intrigues of Europe, you will destroy her power for good and endanger her very existence. Leave her to march freely through the centuries

to come as in the years that have gone. Strong, generous, and confident, she has nobly served mankind. Beware how you trifle with your marvelous inheritance, this great land of ordered liberty, for if we stumble and fall, freedom and civilization everywhere will go in ruin.”

### III. THE KELLOGG-BRIAND PACT

Some Americans continued to lobby for international guarantees of peace. Edward Bok, Pulitzer Prize winner for his book, *The Americanization of Edward Bok*, offered a \$100,000 peace prize in 1923. He promised this gift to the person who offered the greatest suggestion for world peace. In 1924, the prize was awarded to Charles Levermore, who suggested a \_\_\_\_\_.

Frank Kellogg, the U.S. Secretary of State and Aristide Briand, the French foreign minister, devised a treaty outlawing war. Eventually 62 countries signed this treaty. The U.S. Senate approved it 85 to 1.

Celebrations took place around the world. American preacher Charles Clayton Morrison wrote:

“Today international war was banished from civilization... In this simple pledge are gathered up the hopes of mankind, the faith of man in his brother—man as hope and faith never before found expression in common deed. Never did the spirit of man undertake a risk so great. It must mean a new world, a world of permanent peace, on the basis of Justice.”

The international law to outlaw war, still in effect, did nothing to prevent \_\_\_\_\_.

### IV. STEPS TO WORLD WAR II

During the postwar period, \_\_\_\_\_ adopted a democratic representative government though it proved to be too weak to handle the pressures resulting from the war. At the same time, Italy was developing into a totalitarian state under the shrewd leadership of Benito Mussolini, a ruthless dictator who furthered his powerful hold on the people with the concept of the supremacy of the state—an extreme form of nationalism.

The year \_\_\_\_\_ witnessed the fall of the American economy. The effects of this great depression were felt around the world. The withdrawal of American capital from Europe depressed the entire European economy, revealing the European dependency on United States’ support during the postwar period. The resulting political and social confusion brought about \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ that helped lead into World War II.

The German government faced many economic postwar problems trying to recover and rebuild under great financial strains resulting from the settlements of World War I as decided at Versailles. This state of unrest assisted in the rise of Adolf Hitler, who led the German people into a totalitarian state in 1933. Hitler’s party, known as the Nazis, achieved total control of the German people with a program of propaganda and terror. Much of the terror was vented towards the Jews, who were hated by Hitler, with many of them emigrating from Germany. It is reported that possibly up to six million Jews were killed in concentration camps.

While Hitler was dominating the German scene, Russia was coming under the control of the ruthless \_\_\_\_\_, who took Russia from a dictatorship to a totalitarian state by his ruthless

system of error and his effective propaganda system. He developed a strong program of industrialization especially focused at heavy industry suitable for armament. He also established \_\_\_\_\_ farms and \_\_\_\_\_ farms, which further lowered the standard of living of the poor peasants. Stalin also closed many churches, took over their property, and introduced the teaching of \_\_\_\_\_ into the educational system.

The first aggressive act which was to directly lead into World War II occurred between \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, with Japan invading Manchuria. China appealed to the League of Nations but was dissatisfied with the lack of significant support. This revealed the inadequacy of the League to maintain peace.

Hitler soon withdrew Germany from the League of Nations and criticized the conditions of the \_\_\_\_\_. He followed this action with a conscription system and the development of a German air force. This put Germany in violation of the Treaty of Versailles and was another step toward World War II.

During the 1930's, there was a peace movement among the democratic nations, an idealistic faith in humanity and such organizations as the League of Nations. Germany, Italy, and Japan misinterpreted this attitude as an unwillingness to fight and began foreign policies that would ultimately force the democratic nations into a major conflict.

Hitler led Germany to the occupation of the Rhineland in 1936, and Italy had been led to invade Ethiopia in 1935 under Mussolini's guidance, using poison gas and air attacks against natives armed with spears and shields. \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ met in a civil war in Spain in 1936, Germany took over Austria in 1938, and Czechoslovakia lost lands and rights to Germany at the Munich Conference in 1938 and finally there was a seizure of Czechoslovakia in 1939. This seizure of Czechoslovakia awakened the democratic nations to the reality of the dangerous potential of Hitler and Mussolini, and Britain promised that they and France would intervene if Germany invaded Poland.

Mussolini violated several treaties by invading Albania on Good Friday, 1939, in an apparent attempt for national prestige.

Hitler began long-range plans to attack Poland, which he accomplished on September 1, 1939, affecting the beginning of World War II, as Britain and France jointly declared war on Germany on September 3, 1939.

Hitler, Stalin, the Japanese warlords and Mussolini did not care that their countries had been parties to the Kellogg-Briand Pact.

## V. THE UNITED NATIONS

World War II did not shatter the dreams of an internationally guaranteed world peace. The League of Nations was abandoned and a new \_\_\_\_\_ formed. It was claimed that the former League of Nations only failed because the United States was not a member. This time the United States was a leading member, and the headquarters for the U.N. was in \_\_\_\_\_.

Again, some declared that world peace had been achieved. The United Nations Charter declared that "All members shall refrain in their international relations from the threat or use of force against the territorial integrity or political independence of any state, or in any other manner inconsistent with the purposes of the United Nations."

The Federal Council of Churches announced, “The Charter offers mankind means for the achievement of a just and durable peace... The churches have long held that nations can better serve God’s purpose for the world as they are brought into organic relationship with one another for the commonwealth.”

Senator Scott Lucas wrote:

“I am convinced that there is the beginning of lasting and durable peace. And if my prophecy proves to be correct, the Charter will rank among the greatest documents of history.”

Senator McClelland of Arkansas wrote:

“It is the ultimate goal, sincere hope, and the brightest purpose of the signatory powers and the people they represent to eliminate and forever remove mankind’s worst enemy, the scourge of war, from the face of the earth, and thus attain the fulfillment of one of the highest aspirations of all civilized peoples of the world.”

Since the ratification of the U.N. Charter, the world has experienced \_\_\_\_\_.  
The Peace Movement has consistently failed because it misunderstood the cause of war — \_\_\_\_\_.  
\_\_\_\_\_. The only cure is the Great Commission of Jesus Christ.

Nazis, Islamic fascists, and communists have neither hesitated to violate treaties or charters that they have signed. Neither do imperialists, tyrants or petty despots.

Peace is not to be found in peace movements or peace agreements.