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Questions Ahead of Us

THE WORLD is moving fast. No period of history has had so many crowded events in so short a space of time. The war in Europe ended. The United Nations Conference was held and produced a world charter. The British Labor Party was swept into power with a clear mandate to go ahead. The Atomic Bomb heralded a new age of either plenty or utter destruction of civilization and the war in the Pacific ended in victory. No mortal can write on all of these events with finality. Too much is yet to happen.

Many years ago we used to write and speak, "It is five minutes to twelve, the great clock of history is ready to strike the birth of a new era, and a new freedom for mankind." Truly now it is seconds to twelve. Every one of us must begin to think clearly. We can no longer ignore events and go about our petty little personal affairs as if nothing has happened. Everyone of us must take an interest and do something about the great decisions ahead. **BECAUSE THEY ARE OUR DECISIONS TO MAKE!!** It is our world if we but take hold of it.

In the face of this new and horrible force, this atomic power that man has finally begun to unlock are we going to continue a policy of attempting to rule the world by force and violence? Are any three nations or any three governments all wise enough to set themselves up as was done through

UNCIO and the World Charter to dictate to the rest of the world? Can we risk the destruction of civilization by upholding and supporting Imperialism and suppression of the rights of the little peoples of the world with its inevitable result of another holocaust?

Can we permit this great source of power and wealth to get into the hands of the great industrialists for selfish purposes? These same industrialists that financed and supported Hitler, that placed Fascism in a position of power? Yes, these charges are true. Our own State Department has revealed that American and British commercial interests made large loans to Hitler and the Nazi Party in the days when it was trying to get power. Are we going to permit fascism to fester and grow like a cancer by permitting it to remain in Spain and grow in Argentina?

Shall we continue to permit India and the East Indies to be exploited by a colonial policy that has perpetuated ignorance and poverty, famine and despair to the people of these lands? Can we allow our own nation to be faced with another crisis and period of depression, without adequate work, without adequate medical care, with poverty facing our aged in the richest and most powerful nation in the world?

These are the questions of the day. **THINK ON IT!**