

= Collective Security =
Conditions of Peace.

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Two distinct questions are involved:

[1944?]

How to deal with Germany?

How to make progress towards peace? (collective security)?

The view that but for Germany there would be no problem, is a dangerous fallacy which should be rigidly rejected. (Vansittartism).

This fallacy is dangerous because it implies that there ^{must be} some way of dealing with Germany, which would resolve the question of peace. ^{All we need do is find that way, and then we can stop dealing}

Our view: (a) The world was unstable before the War, and therefore Wars will occur in it. The Nazi deliberately precipitated this War, and might precipitate another. ^{just as vicious, & as dangerous to us} But we want no wars, whether the Nazis start them or others. In effect, we want ^{as much as possible} to ensure peace. That cannot be done by any treatment of the Nazis whatever. ^{I.e. not enough!}

(b) This does not mean that the question of Germany is not of prime importance. Indeed, we will be faced with it, whether we like it or not, and any mistake committed on that score ~~would~~ must have the gravest consequences. (a) Take a 'mild' treatment of Germany, ^{- it} which would mean that the Nazi had won the war. What ^{shall} could we expect, that that they would start preparing for it ^{and this time} even better? Quite apart from the revolting injustice which would be implied. The treatment of the Jews, the Poles, the Russians ^{I believe the accusations...} upon the Czechs even, passes imagination. No, never.

(b) Take a 'severe' treatment. It almost inevitably leads to a state of affairs in which we would permanently be charged with the government of a subjugated Germany. Why should we do such a thing? After a time, it would appear as an intolerable burden and we would try to evade it ^{at all} ~~any~~ cost. The Nazi would have won the war, after all.

This is the wrong way of putting the question. It allows of no

reasonable ^{answer} ~~solution~~. The answer ^{in this case} probably lies in the middle. But even so, it must be ^{inadequate} ~~unsatisfactory~~. Why?

(c) Because the German question ^{that} ~~can~~ ^{Satisfactory} be solved only in an order which is stable i.e., does not inevitably lead to ~~another~~ new wars.
 (~~I do not mean that~~ ^{if not} the Germans would start the war, ~~but~~ ^{else} somebody would).

This means that we must put the question this way: Was the world ^{- have a sound -} stable before the Germans started their wars?

Our answer: No. There was ^{at home} economic instability (Unemployment and fluctuating ^{international} trade) ~~much~~ ^{incompatible} too many sovereign states. ^{creditors like Finland} ~~too great economic interdependence~~ (economic instab. abroad).

- The intolerable condition of recurring unemployment
- The ~~small~~ emergence of the nuisance character of the small state
- The great dangers of economic interdependence under the world market system.

In this way these institutions have largely disappeared: ^{Some of these became even worse during the time of war} ~~eliminated~~

- Unemployment has been practically eliminated everywhere.
 We should be determined not to reintroduce it, otherwise the people will not understand ... (Germany, Italy)
- The small states have been proven to be utterly impossible.
~~has~~ Their neutrality claim meant that ~~anyway~~ they are a danger to everybody, ~~but~~ most of all to ~~themselves~~ their friends.
- The dependence on exotic raw materials is a great danger to the countries dependent upon them. If they must buy them, they cannot be sure whether in case of war they would get them. ^{freedom of the seas}
 { aa. Not done away with by plastics and substitutes ^{synthetics}
 { bb. Even increased: OIL. on account of ^{international} Airways.

The vital thing is to organize the world in such a way as to meet these problems.

- Not restore the gold standard.
- Not restore liberal capitalism
- Not restore the ^{nuisance} ~~anarchistic~~ sovereignty of the ^{small state} ~~anarchistic~~

A no go to themselves!

Continuity of Peace

Hopkins' Long Acta + The French Revolution

A. H. H. H.

1943

But do what?

Accept the new ~~human~~ monetary situation.

Accept controls.

Accept the mediatisation of the small states.

~~Anxiety~~

Britain has "shot the rapids."

she is more boat with the USSR;
cooperate in Europe with her.

Dublin ~~Inter-Allied~~ ^(of power) ~~organization~~ : Three Powers + Fourth
social instruments : Democratic Planning
2 [Peace in itself can be expressed through it.]

Temptations: Variations — }
 Pacifism }

Watchwords: Don't go back to the old world.

All solutions lie forward,
ahead of us.

The working class need not fear that it
can be kept out of power ~~if~~ what
it knows what it wants, when it wants it & what
price it is prepared to pay for it.

R.H. Carr: Conditions of Peace
J. Braunsthal: Need Germany survive?