

We Will Not Strike!!!

Yesterday was the day designated by the American Youth Congress as the date for a nation-wide strike against War. According to the propaganda sent out by that organization, students in colleges all over the United States, would, on April 23, walk out for the movement sponsored by that organization to stop all American aid to Britain.

With keen interest we have looked forward to the date set for the strike. There was no walkout at Clemson College, nor were there walkouts in other South Carolina Colleges.

Because we are red-blooded Americans, we hold no truck with the insane dictates of the Youth Congress, who, in our opinion, are not worthy of the name American.

It Is Spring Again—

Last Spring at this time we wrote, "Spring has sprung war." At this time last year Mars was just beginning to come out of his winter hibernation and stir about. We claim credit for a bit of foresight, because we solemnly warned that the German army was not to be underestimated, that the Kaiser's staff made. And they didn't. France underestimated the power of the Germans and fell in her complacency, and England weathered the storm partly because the Germans underestimated themselves and were not prepared to make an invasion when it had the best chance to succeed.

Again, Spring has sprung war—after a winter of it. Greece is playing host to the German army, and the Mediterranean and the Atlantic are the playgrounds of U-boats, surface raiders, and long-range bombers.

The most popular parlor diversion again this Spring is trying to figure out what Adolf is going to do next.

Out of all this, one thing is certain. Of all the moves short of an invasion attempt on the British Isles, Hitler has made and has been making the most significant move of the war in its present stages. That is the so-called Battle of the Atlantic. If Hitler can maintain and supplement the blockade of the British Isles, all will be lost before another winter is half gone.

This inevitably leads to the question of what the United States is to do. We affirmed our determination that England must win by the passage of the Lend-Lease Bill.

Or didn't we mean what we said? Did we pass the Lend-Lease Bill in a moment of weakness, or didn't the country as a whole realize what was at stake?

If HITLER can whip England by blockade, can America afford not to take steps to defeat his purpose? The reasons for intervention, for the passage of the Lend-Lease Bill, are as important as they were two months ago, or even more so.

We're in the damn war, and we might as well make up our mind to an inescapable, if extremely distasteful, fact. Whether we were dragged in by war-mongers, the Administration, England, or any other reason, is unimportant now.

We are waging unofficial war against the Axis, and it seems to be the will of the majority. At the same time, we are timid, wavering, afraid, vacillating, and hesitant to take obvious steps to assure victory.

Well, we feel that there is a job to do. There isn't enough room in the world for a victorious Axis and us to live in peace together.

For a chance of peace in the future, the only course seems to be strife today. So be it. But let's do all we can, and do it quickly.

So, Spring has sprung war. Next year, God willing, perhaps we can say, *Spring has sprung Spring.*

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