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THE AMERICAN BRAND OF DEMOCRACY

WE ARE IN THE WAR? WILL WE BE IN THE PEACE?

By Rev. Dr. Owen B. McGuire

In a previous article I was saying that the American form of government is a representative Democracy that it has functioned effectively because of the two-party system and that as the New York Times put it in its editorial comment on the late elections "When there are too many parties as was the case in France, Democracy ceases to be effective. Too many means more than two. Three are too many."

I gave some reasons to show that this statement of the Times is correct and I promised to show the same "by concrete examples," namely that by taking some States of Continental Europe and showing how government has functioned there for over a century, it would be made evident that Democracy, as we understand it never existed over there. They never had Democracy, and never knew what Democracy is. What they had was a corrupt and incompetent parliamentarism where the government that is in one terminology the Executive or Administration depended for its functioning, even for its very existence on a number of irresponsible political parties no one of which could be called to account for its acts and punished by the electorate.

ALREADY IN WAR

I intend to pursue these thoughts at greater length and if I may have the reader into my confidence would tell him that my purpose is not to give him some academic lectures on the science of government. I have an ulterior and more practical object in view.

Whether we have liked it or not, we are now in the war. We are already belligerents. To all intents and purposes we have become an ally of the British Empire. That is the fact and there is no use in blinking it. It is also useless to rehearse again all the promises that were made "to keep us out of the war." We are in it, and must see it through. The vast majority of the American people were against full participation in this war. That was known and fully recognized. The promises made to keep us out of it are ample proof that it was fully recognized. There are still many great American statesmen rather than partisan politicians who are convinced that our full participation in this war will be a calamity for America and for the whole world. Mr Hoover ex-President and thoroughly acquainted with European politics past and present is an illustrious example. But these things do not change and cannot now change the fact. We are in the war and must see it through.

These men and those who have agreed with them have not been able to keep us out of the war. But we may be able to influence the peace when the time comes to make it and it is not a moment too soon to begin to work on that. Our declared objective is to establish "the four freedoms," not only in Europe but "everywhere" or, as it is more generally expressed, to establish Democracy or to "restore Democracy" at least in Europe. Of course that is impossible. It cannot be meant seriously. There are some "naive" people who believe it to be possible. That comes from an ignorance of what Europe really is, and also in part from the assumption that Democracy did really exist in some countries over there.

APPROVAL WITHHELD

Here we see in this country and in England a number of the irresponsible politicians who were once in power in such countries as Italy, France, Spain and Portugal, great democrats who brought their countries to the verge of ruin and chaos and thereby prepared the way for the Dictatorships, but are now waiting on the side lines for the triumph of British and American arms to return them to power and restore their brand of "Democracy" in Continental Europe. As I have said it is not a moment too soon to begin to show that this cannot be done with our approval, that not for this are our young men, the flower of this generation of American manhood, to be asked to shed their blood.

My purpose then, is not to give the reader some academic or professional lectures on the science of government, but to try to explain Europe, to show also why these peoples over there do not under-

stand us and why we do not understand them. There will be plenty of time to do this. I have recently been down to Long Island and met my old friend Monsignor Belford one of the ablest and best informed churchmen in this country. In the long ago I spent one of my vacations as his guest when he was pastor of Oyster Bay and a great friend of "Teddy" Roosevelt who had his hour there and was then Governor of this State.

Monsignor asked me "What do you think of the war? Are we going in?"

I answered, "We are already in."

"How long do you think it will last," he asked further.

"It may," I said "be finished in five years but I think it will take ten."

In an article recently in the Saturday Evening Post, ex-President Hoover expresses the same opinion. It will he says take ten years and will require an American army of eight millions, fully equipped to be sent over seas to Europe Africa or Asia wherever they can be landed if they can be landed at all. Of course that is only a forecast. It may turn out to be a false forecast. But it is a forecast founded on past and present conditions on the far-flung battlefields. Yes, there will be plenty of time to explain Europe, and to do what we can to insure that when peace comes it will not be a return to the conditions that made this war inevitable.

IDENTICAL REASONS

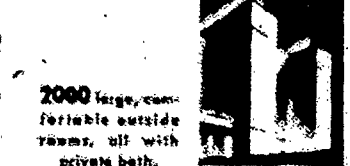
And by the way that last phrase reminds me of it - Mr Hoover in the Post shows from documents he wrote at the time, that he was convinced that the Treaty of Versailles as implemented by the League of Nations, made another world war "inevitable," that America had lost everything for which she had poured out blood and treasure.

In these articles in the Post Mr Hoover does not mention Mr Lansing nor his book, "The Peace Negotiations." But it is a fact and a remarkable one that in the memorandum written on the day the

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