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Only, I am convinced, as my friend Mr. Brooke Claxton said so well this afternoon, by taking part in a collective effort by mankind at large to stop all wars of every kind. It is no good our hoping that if foreigners have wars we shall indefinitely and always be able to stay out. Some day our turn will come.

And why not stop all wars? Why, if all the common peoples long for peace, should any of their rulers ever be allowed again to drive them into war?

War is not due to natural causes.

It is not the result of the wickedness of human nature. It has been due, as your radio talks upon the subject have shown, to two main factors.

The first was that men had no laws and institutions to settle international disputes and to prevent war from breaking out. The second was that men's thinking about their national interest, was all wrong.

The first factor has disappeared. The League of Nations has been created. Rightly viewed, its mere creation was the greatest single happening in the history of man. And the League of Nations has not been a failure. As Mr. Dafoe so brilliantly explained a week or two ago, it did not fail in the Manchuria dispute between China and Japan. In that case its law and system were not rightly used; where they have been used the League has had a quite amazing measure of success.

And if we British peoples could only straighten out our thinking, if we could only settle and agree what are the national interests that are really vital to us, there would be no reason why the League should not succeed in every case in which war is threatened in time to come. The peoples want peace