

to specialize in that line. In that speech I pointed out the exact thing that I am saying to you gentlemen here. It was in 1937. Mr. King had returned from a League of Nations meeting, I believe.

Q. 1936. A. That is right; and there was a discussion on foreign policy in which Mr. Martin participated as well. Mr. King, among other things, said that is is not our concern-- I am not quoting the exact words, but this is the meaning. It is not our concern to meddle in European affairs, among other things, and I recall having said, dealing with that speech, that it would be far better for us to meddle diplomatically in European affairs in order to avoid having to meddle in European affairs with human lives; and the essence of that to me was that our task, as the senior dominion in the British empire, should have been to throw our weight on the side of those forces of Great Britain and France and any other countries to establish a world alliance and not to seek to appease this beast, because no beast can be appeased. Instead of giving this country or allowing this country or any other country to be taken we should have stopped him right there, and I venture to say that we would have probably avoided this war and at least I am convinced of that. If it had to come we would be immeasurably stronger and we would not have to discuss such terrible losses and mistakes and failures that we have experienced in the first three years of this war. That was our position. When the war broke out in the beginning we had hoped that perhaps there is going to be a change in this regard, that finally we are going to stand up and show Hitler's gang and all his satellites that they are not going to conquer this earth, and we supported the war. I recall Mr. Buck sending a telegram to Mr. King.