

IS war, war, war. There may be peace here or peace there, but man is essentially and forever at war. The volcano may burst out in one place or another, the eruption may kill millions or only thousands, but until it is dead it will go on killing.

There has been one sign of better things, the Kellogg-Briand treaty. The K-B. treaty was the voice of men who saw something else than war as the main fact of human existence. The nations agreed not to use war as an instrument of national policy. But how honest were they? Just how well have they kept their agreement? That's another matter. If nations are just a lot of hypocrite there is not much hope for anything and they might as well have done with it and destroy the race, for it's not worth preserving. But if we are not hypocrites, let's be honest. If we are not going to use war as an instrument of national policy, why do we want to arm?

Why do we want to arm? We do not want to arm. We arm not because we want to but because we are at war. Nineteen hundred years after the coming of the Prince of Peace we are at war. It is nonsense to talk of this people or that people as "peace-loving". You cannot love a negation. The U.S. is spending two million dollars a day on war; Britain and France nearly as much. The mere fact that the guns are not being fired at this moment does not alter the situation: mankind is at war.