

ciently to look after our own and that is to join the whole world in looking after all of us, for the day has long since gone by when any nation, however populous or however powerful, has or can have an independent economic and financial life of its own. "Let us withdraw from Europe and mind our own business," cry strident voices at Washington, and their cry is repeated in a considerable portion of the American press. Why should not Idaho and California on like grounds withdraw from the Union? Why should not Bannock County withdraw from Idaho and Inyo County from California? Why should not Pocatello withdraw from Bannock County and Independence from Inyo County? Why keep up these hampering entanglements, alliances and associations? Why not let every community look after itself and let the devil take the hindmost? What need have Pocatello and Independence for the potatoes of Aroostook, the corn of Kansas, the cotton of Georgia or the oil of Oklahoma? Are they not themselves upright, forthright, downright people and able to attend to their own business without alliances and entanglements with others? That is the morality as well as the stupidity of the policy called isolation, and its economic and financial results, if it be pursued long enough, will be so disastrous that present conditions will seem like an abounding prosperity. When Thomas Jefferson put his pen to the Declaration of Independence, he took no such immoral and unreasonable position but proclaimed a decent respect to the opinions of mankind and declared the causes of the separation from Great Britain in that spirit and for that purpose. It is a decent respect to the opinions of mankind and a decent respect for the prosperity and happiness of our own people which should now lead our public opinion to compel the government at Washington to move quickly to end the war which is still going on.

Speaking to a score of cardinals on Christmas Eve, Pope Pius XI used these words:

"Unfortunately We see but one solidarity, namely, of distress, of pain and suffering. There is but one ten-