

continuing to fight with Germany, but Germany continuing against Britain and ourselves, would you care to speculate upon the attitude of the Communist Party? Would it resume its general platform and principles then or do you find that too speculative to care to pass on it? I do not press you at all for an answer.

WITNESS: No. I think it is speculative. I do not think it has a very real basis. I do not think that is going to happen at all unless by some military disaster Russia is defeated, but she will still continue to fight in a guerilla form probably every inch of the way and in the alliance. I am convinced of that. Let us take this hypothesis, however, and say that Russia did fall out of the war and did find a separate peace, but I do not believe there is any basis for that. I wish to declare right here, and I am sure I am speaking for the other members that I was associated with, that we are in this war until Hitlerism is defeated, come what may. That is definitely and honestly my opinion and my perspective, that this world cannot be considered to be in any way decent and human until this gang is completely annihilated and defeated. If Russia does drop out of the war, it will only make our task so much more difficult, and I hope it never happens, because we will have to fight longer and we will have to lose much more. I would rather see them in the war so that we could finish this job much quicker than we would otherwise. But any disasters or any changes in that regard that may happen could not and would not in any way change my position, and I am sure the position of the men that I was associated with, in regard to the final defeat of our foe in this struggle.