

D. Mack's suggestions following on conversations with Sir A.
Outline of Remarks by Sir Arthur Currie

as Chairman of Disarmament Meeting in New York. Jan. 16.

1. Open by saying that he is going to refrain from indulging in these all too common platitudes about the undefended border line, and blood thicker than water, a common speech, a common tongue, common hopes. I think these are things that we ought now to take for granted, the time has come between our two countries when these things should be understood without words. A man does not make an announcement every other day that his wife is virtuous; he assumes that she is, just as an Englishman assumes that he is the best thing on earth and the rest of the world are damned silly if they don't acknowledge it. no

2. I presume we are all here because we want peace; because we are anxious to do what we can to promote peace; we are here because we don't want war.

3. Develop the theme of the waste and extravagance of war. The cost to the nations, the real cost in bitterness sorrow the moral things lost, all the aftermath of war not to be estimated in dollars and cents, - although we cannot ignore dollars and cents either when we are faced with an economic situation such as we have today that can't right itself until we do something about it.

4. While I would not say the last war was in vain at all - I cannot, for I do not believe it - to the mothers and fathers and relatives of those men one led in war one cannot say that they died in vain, that it was not worth the cost. I recall the days over there, we could not sit down in any mess at night time without hearing talk about these things about the way everything would be different afterwards, that we would not allow these things to go on that went on before, this selfishness and falseness of standards and ways of living, in international relations, relations between individuals, institutions, all those things that lead to trouble - these ways were going to be wiped out and put right. But nothing has happened. Nothing but delusion. The same old war profiteers have become the peace profiteers.

5. After some portrayal of the real cause of war and the reasons for the real desire for peace, - the horribleness of the last war which will be as nothing compared to the one that is coming, when there will be no escape for anybody - because you can make all the conventions you like about governing war, and none of them, not one of them, will be observed. I am not a pacifist. If I had to go to war again I would go, I would fight with just as much ruthlessness as I could, I would kill, maim, wound, destroy, it would not make any difference to me ~~xxx~~ whether they were soldiers or