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Sir:

I have the honour to enclose three copies of the Nye-Wheeler resolution (S. Res. 56) calling ^{on} the President to "request all belligerent governments to proclaim publicly their respective war aims and peace conditions and any and all secret treaties for disposition of territorial spoils". The resolution has been referred to the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations.

2. In a brief speech when he introduced this resolution on January 27, Mr. Nye said that the information requested in the resolution was vital to a discussion of the lend-lease bill, which embodied a policy that "can and does carry implications of most serious consequences for our country". The resolution is "part of an effort to make certain that our own country shall not play a "sucker part" in this return engagement of the age-old tragedy "war" to the stage". He went on to say that the "resolution must not be construed as in any degree reflecting even a remote thought on the part of its authors that the United States should undertake to dictate terms of peace upon any nation".

3. On the wisdom of an effort to extract war aims from the belligerents, Senator Barkley (Democratic leader of the Senate) commented -

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The Right Honourable,

The Secretary of State for External Affairs,
Ottawa, Canada.