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Communications

THE WORLD COURT

(By a Patriot).

The liberty of the American people is again threatened by an effort of the internationalists to involve us in foreign entanglements by adhesion to the World Court. To do this would restrict our American independence of action in any further crisis and curtail that American sovereignty which has been complete from the day of the founders until now. It would do this without the least possible benefit to ourselves.

To get to the solid facts which underlie this question we must brush away the mass of propaganda which has been spread for years in support of the idealistic delusions of a super-state or world government. The simple fact is that the World Court is a judicial department established by the League of Nations with juristic powers as an international court of last resort, but also with the duty of acting as attorney-in-fact for the League. Thus it is both legal counsel and judge, and its decisions or opinions on all points of international disputes are binding on the League, on its members, and on any other nation which accepts the Court. Moreover, the League attempts to assume, through the Court, juristic powers over the entire world. It offers as its sole excuse for this international meddling, the noble purpose to prevent war by judicial settlement of international quarrels.

All this would be very fine if it were true, which it is not.

If and when we join the World Court we commit ourselves to support the policies of the World Court, which are the policies of the League of Nations. They uniformly have followed the desires of the European over-lords of the League, and we, as a nation, have steadfastly rejected them from the day when we refused to join it. There is no doubt that the League members are sincere in wanting us to join, for they naively admit that they need our wealth and influence to coerce nations which might defy the League. But we, as a nation, have no intention of supporting any such policy of coercion anywhere. The present policy of the League, and therefore of the World Court, is to maintain peace by supporting the status quo. America abhors war, but even more we abhor the idea of combining to prevent by force any people from seeking freedom and justice by whatever means may be necessary.

The World Court is not solely a judicial body. Real courts decide questions entirely on the basis of authoritative legislation and subsequent judicial interpretation, applied to prove facts. The term "international law" is misleading, for there is no such thing in the true sense of the word, based upon authority, universally accepted and permitted true adjudication on the law and the facts. Instead, the so-called "international law" is based upon the treaties which may at any moment become scraps of paper, on tradition, custom and unanimous consent. The Monroe Doctrine, for example, is not a recognized part of international law, but depends for its strength entirely on our American military and naval power. Thus the World Court will be forced to make much of its own laws as it goes along, and since the making of law is not a judicial but a legislative act, the World Court must inevitably become a legislative and political, as well as a judicial, agency.

The effect of this will be far-reaching. The Court will often decide international questions on the basis of political policies of the League of Nations and its European over-lords. So, what we are really being asked to do, is to support European policies which only too often have nothing to do with law or justice.

Also, if and when we join the Court, we must submit our own international interests, not to a judicial agency, but to a foreign political agency. The Court may safely depend for the enforcement of its decisions upon the nations of the League. Thus, if we join, we shall surely be placed, sooner or later, in the position of either renouncing our membership, or enforcing the Court's decisions through coercion.

The Court will, moreover, have a strong moral influence upon the world, and especially upon those who do not understand its hidden political involvements. If we join it we thereby publicly acknowledge its right to sit in judgment upon us as a nation; we thereby also surrender our moral right to complete freedom of action. This is something which this country cannot and will not do. While we are anxious to keep our every action within the bounds of international justice, we will never allow our vital interests to lie at the mercy of international politics.

This is especially true because this international, political World Court is controlled by a majority with interests opposed to ours. Its members represent nations most of which wish to destroy our immigration barriers, many of which are in debt to us for vast sums, almost all of which would break down our tariff protection, not one of which recognizes our Monroe Doctrine as international law, and several of which are hostile to our policies in China, the Orient and elsewhere. Moreover, a large part of the members of the Court are members of a political religious faith, who would combine church and state, and some are members of colored races. Often we would find ourselves in a minority and never, where our interests were concerned, could we safely count upon a majority. If the Court were confined in its acts and opinions to the administration of international law this would not matter so much, but, since it is in fact also a political agency, these acts and opinions would affect us so vitally that our adherence to the Court might be fatal.

To assure the safety of this country, we must not permit our vital interests to be adjudged by an extra-

neous agency which might become hostile. The Senate reservations were framed with this sole end in view, and the Court and its component members refused to accept them and do still refuse. The Hon. Elihu Root recently went abroad to try to induce the Court to accept our reservations, restated in the formula that it would not render any advisory opinion touching any matter which we believed to affect our vital interests, without our previous consent. The Court's representatives refused to accept this, and Mr. Root has returned, with no concession except that we may withdraw from the Court without the usual advance notice, if we object to the Court's taking up any such matter.

This is no safeguard, and in no way meets the Senate reservations. This is completely proved by the simple fact that it is accepted by nations which refuse to accept either the Senate reservations or the original Root formula because they DID safeguard us. We already have the right to withdraw. So, instead of protecting us, the new formula merely leaves us, when our interests are attacked, the bitter alternative of repudiating our previous acknowledgment of the moral authority of the Court. Yet we must join without any guarantee that the Court will not, at any moment, act solely in the interests of European politics.

Finally, to join the World Court is simply, and beyond any question, to involve ourselves in foreign entanglements. If it is dangerous for us to become entangled with one nation—as George Washington warned us, as the nation has till now maintained as a policy, and as has been abundantly proven wise—it is surely no less dangerous to become entangled with all nations.

This is what adherence to the World Court would mean. We seek no more than justice from any nation; we maintain peace with all the world on the basis of justice. So the World Court could not benefit us in any degree. It might cost us dearly.

Twice the real patriots have saved the country from such entanglements. It was they who showed the nation the dangers of the World Court when it was first urged upon us, and brought about the Senate reservations. Only last winter it was again these patriots which showed the dangers of the Kellogg Peace Treaty, and laid down the lines followed in the official interpretation of the treaty, which the Senate adopted.

The danger is no less now than then. We can win again as we have in the past. America will not fall into this trap if the truth is known. It is our duty, as real patriots, to spread the truth.

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