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T H E E N E M Y .WHOM WE FIGHT .THE NATURE OF OUR ADVERSARY .

If we are to wage war successfully we must know our enemy -- his philosophies, objectives and tactics. Only through understanding the enemy shall we be able to recognize him in whatever guise he appears. Only by comprehending his methods can we be sure that we do not, by word or deed, unwittingly ally ourselves with him.

No medium is better equipped than motion pictures to enlighten the people in concrete terms as to the nature and purpose of the enemy.

1. Who is the enemy? The enemy is not just Hitler, Mussolini, the Japanese war lords. The enemy is much bigger and older than the Nazi and Fascist parties. The enemy is militarism -- the doctrine of force -- the age-old idea that people cannot co-inhabit the earth unless a few men dominate all others through physical force.

Those who believe that the war will be won with the destruction of Hitler, Mussolini, and the Japanese war lords, have confused the label with the evil itself. Such confusion could cost us the peace. It is conceivable that the enemy, by means of a spurious "revolt" against present leadership, might seek to dupe us into a "peace treaty" which would not be worth the ink with which it was written. If we allowed this to happen, the same military oligarchy which has made war on us would continue to dominate, cynically resolved to break any treaty at its own convenience.

The danger is real: recent public opinion polls show that three out of every ten Americans would view favorably a negotiated peace with German army leaders, even though some recognize that such a settlement would constitute defeat for the United Nations as a whole. In other words, three Americans in ten do not understand what or who their enemy is. Unless the nature of the enemy is made clear to everyone, we may once again

forfeit the fruits of victory.

Negotiation in this war is not possible in the sense in which negotiation was possible in other wars. Knowing what we do or what we should of previous negotiations with the Axis Powers -- negotiations in Munich, negotiations in the office of Secretary Hull while the Japanese planes were already over Honolulu--knowing this, none of those who now oppose the Axis would dare to trust the Axis in a negotiated peace, would dare relax one moment or disarm one regiment or return one factory to civil use as long as Hitler and the Japanese were armed and undefeated.

--Archibald MacLeish (Associated Press Annual Luncheon) April 20, 1942.

2. What are the enemy's objectives? The enemy proposes to dominate the world by force of arms. This war is not merely a scheme for geographical expansion on the part of Germany, Italy and Japan. It is the result of a deliberate plot by which a relatively small faction seeks to exploit the peoples and monopolize the resources of the entire earth. Those who subscribe to this doctrine have only contempt for the individual. Under their system, the individual is a cog in a military machine, a cipher in an economic despotism; the individual is a slave.

These facts are documented in the degradation and suffering of the conquered countries, whose fate is shared equally by the willing satellites and the misguided appeasers of the Axis.

Whether collaborator or conquered, the nation which

falls under the heel of the enemy inevitably loses every democratic privilege, for only by the ruthless suppression of the democratic will can the rule of force be perpetuated. Thus the enemy's objectives are dual: first to conquer and then to consolidate conquest by the permanent denial of all democratic freedoms.

Conquered nations in Europe know what the yoke of the Nazis is like. And the people of Korea and of Manchuria know in their flesh the harsh despotism of Japan. All of the people of Asia know that if there is to be an honorable and decent future for any of them or for us, that future depends on victory by the United Nations over the forces of Axis enslavement.

--President Roosevelt, Radio Address,  
February 23, 1942.

The Nazi system has a heroic position for only one leader. By definition only one person is allowed to retain full sovereignty over his own soul. All the rest are stooges--they are stooges who have been mentally and politically degraded, and who feel that they can get square with the world only by mentally and politically degrading other people.

--Vice President Wallace, Radio Address,  
(Free World Association) May 8, 1942.

3. What are the enemy's tactics? The enemy's tactics follow a consistent and deadly pattern -

(a) Divide and Conquer. The enemy thoroughly

understands that a house divided against itself cannot stand. Therefore, he seeks to isolate, and to tear asunder from within, that nation which he has marked for conquest. He distracts and confuses his intended victims by fostering racial, religious, economic and political differences among themselves. He directs their fear and distrust against their allies, their friends, their neighbors, against management, against labor, against those of another faith or a different race -- against everyone and everything but the real threat, the enemy himself. If, through ignorance or inertia, he is allowed to succeed, morale crumbles and with it disappears the possibility of the total victory that must be won.

The object of the Nazis and the Japanese is, of course, to separate the United States, Britain, China and Russia and to isolate them one from another, so that each will be surrounded and cut off from sources of supplies and reinforcements. It is the old familiar Axis policy of "divide and conquer."

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February 23, 1942.

(b) War of Nerves. The enemy's campaign to conquer by division is cunningly abetted by his war of nerves. The weapons he utilizes are manifold. He inundates us with conflicting rumor, so that in the end, we trust nothing. He buoys us up with false optimism, then attempts to prick the bubble, knowing that

~~exaggerated optimism, once dispelled, gives way to a corresponding defeatism.~~

Americans must be shown the enemy in his true perspective. Only by seeing him clearly and without distortion can we become immune to lies, rumor, over-confidence, and defeatism--proof against his war of nerves.

(c) Fifth Column. The enemy attacks from within as well as from without. He will sabotage our war machinery wherever we are incautious enough to permit him. By the use of a Fifth Column, composed of native sympathizers no less than of enemy agents, he "softens up" a nation in preparation for the overt attack by his military.

We must be especially prepared to stifle the fifth columnists in the United States who will try to sabotage not merely our war material plants, but even more important, our minds.

--Vice President Wallace, Radio Address  
(Free World Association) May 8, 1942.

To know the enemy, to understand his objectives, to evaluate properly his tactics, is to be forearmed against him. Here are a few aspects concerning the enemy which lend themselves to dramatization:

A) There are some people in this country who still feel we can do business with Hitler. The record shows that no one can. The very nature of fascism, which is world conquest in its most brutal and repressive sense, tells us that doing business with Hitler is an impossibility. Let us remind the American people of the lies and betrayals of the Axis. Let us show them the lot of those countries which did not understand that collaboration with the Axis meant conquest by the Axis.

Rumania and Hungary tried to buy peace-- with dishonor. They found that the part of the bargain which the Nazis kept was to give them dishonor. They sought peace and quiet at the hands of the Axis. They were given hatreds, riots and suppressed civil war. They sought, by giving up their countries, to keep their harvests for food and their manufactures to supply their homes. They have been given economic serfdom at the hands of Nazi masters.

--A. A. Berle, Jr., Assistant Secretary of State (Greek Independence Day Dinner address) March 25, 1942.

B) The power, cruelty and complete cynicism of the enemy should be pictured, but it is dangerous to portray all Germans, all Italians and all Japanese as bestial barbarians. The American people know

that this is not true. They will resent efforts to mislead them.

It is the policy of this government to distinguish between tyrannical systems which have attacked the peace of the world and the people whom those tyrannies have massed against us. That policy is binding upon this agency (OFF) as upon all agencies of government....I hate Nazism and Fascism and all their works. But the campaigns of personal hatreds, of hatred for whole nations of human beings, are disgusting to me. There is a clear difference between the hatred of persons and the hatred of evil.

---Archibald MacLeish, Director,  
Office of Facts and Figures.  
(New York Times, June 7, 1942)

- C) Let us expose the enemy's divide and conquer pattern. He tells us that the Russians plan to sell us down the river, that the British will fight to the last American. Let us remember that he is also telling the Russians that America will sell them down the river, and assuring the British that America will fight to the last Briton. We can spike the enemy's design by revealing it for what it is: a scheme to divide us from our Allies, so that we can be conquered piecemeal.
- D) The Axis New Order is neither new nor has it order. It didn't just happen when Hitler came to power. Pharaoh knew all about it; Caesar, were he alive, would understand it.
- E) Let us portray the enemy's complete disregard for the inherent

rights, the soul, of the People.

Through the leaders of the Nazi revolution, Satan now is trying to lead the common man of the whole world back into slavery and darkness. For the stark truth is that the violence preached by the Nazis is the devil's own religion of darkness. So also is the doctrine that one race or one class is by heredity superior and that all other races or classes are supposed to be slaves.

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F) Remember, the United States has never lost a war -- but Japan has never lost a war either. The enemy is not invincible -- but he is neither stupid nor weak nor foolish.