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25th ANNIVERSARY OF THE BEGINNING OF THE SECOND WORLD WAR

It is now a quarter of a century since that tragic event, which has changed the conception of states, their frontiers, political and cultural ideas and ideals as nobody ever dreamed about to be possible.

The scars of this upheaval have not been healed yet and mankind is dreading to think of what could happen if a similar event would take place again.

In view of the enormous technical advances that took place in the last 25 years it could well be that the Second World War would have been an insignificant struggle in comparison with the next.

Better judgment and statesmanship, assisted by the considered definite opinions of prominent Church leaders have no doubt helped to calm the troubled waters. However, the present policy of armed neutrality of the Western world, a very similar conception of a neutrality that has been the prime factor for Switzerland to stay in peace for the last 150 years, also looks to be the key to prevent a recurrence of a world war.

The cost of such an ideal, to be armed to the teeth seems an extravagant waste when everything goes smooth, but when it becomes obvious that it is the only thing to prevent war it becomes a small tax to pay in the interest of peace and prosperity.

—W.R.