

ROSE LANE SAYS

Americans Have Devised
Only World-Peace Plan
That Will Stop Wars

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AMERICANS KNOW how to make a lasting international peace; Americans have made it. They began it right here, by making peace between two principal armed Powers and seven smaller ones, as antagonistic to each other as the Axis and the United Nations are now. Right here are all the peoples, all the so-called "races," speaking all the

languages, believing all the religious and all the social and economic theories, having all the economic interests, and all the fears and greeds and stupidities there are. They don't make wars. They don't arm themselves to kill each other.

Americans have the working plan that spread this peace from the Atlantic to the Pacific and beyond, and only 50 years ago Americans still expected this plan to spread

liberty and peace around the whole earth. The legal machinery is here, to do it. By Act of Congress, never repealed, any group of 60,000 persons who will form a government limited by the American revolutionary principles of human equality and individual freedom, and make application to join this Union, may, with the approval of Congress, join it.

TO JOIN this Union, a State renounces one power, the power to make war. Nine sovereign States did this, to form the Union. Later, four more States joined it. Later, the independent, sovereign Republic of Vermont came in. West of the Alleghenies, men cre-

ated independent States whose very names are forgotten; who remembers the proud State of Franklin? The States that exist today are the States that renounced their power to make war, and joined the Union.

OUR PLAN WORKS

The Union was 60 years old when the great Republic of Texas joined it. Only 30 years ago, the 48th State put its star on the flag of these United States. The 49th should be Haiti, and the 50th, the Philippines.

HERE WE HAVE a world-peace plan that works, that actually has worked for a century and a half. What's wrong with it? Nothing is wrong with it. There's no reason at all why it shouldn't cover the whole earth. The men who made it intended and expected that it would.

STRONG POWERS MAKE FOR WAR

Do you hear a single world-peace planner today even mentioning it? No; they say we must have permanent and universal military conscription—a plan that's been used in Europe for 2,000 years; and look at Europe. They plan "a four-power alliance to enforce peace." For the love of reason! what is war, if it isn't enforcing peace? They say that "Americans must permanently maintain a strong military force and use it to stop aggression anywhere in the world." What else are Americans doing,

now? And if this is world peace give me strychnine.

THE ONLY WAY to stop an effect is to destroy its cause. What makes war. A strong government. Schoolboys fight, and do men. But 50, 100, 5,000 men fighting; make, at most, a riot. Only a government can make war. Only a strong Power—that is, government armed with strong military force—ever does make war.

CITIZENS RETAIN POWER TO MAKE WAR

In 6,000 bloody years of ceaseless wars, the only practical way ever devised to stop war is the American way; that's to reduce and restrict and sternly limit the powers of government. Americans know how to do that; they have done it. Within this federation of sovereign States, where the individual citizen, a free man, keeps in his own hands all power that does not grant to his hired public officials, there is peace. With only one exception, there has been peace here for 166 years.

AMERICANS HAVE a world-peace plan; it is working, right here. Any time, anywhere, so many as 60,000 persons have the sense, the will and the courage to accept the responsibility of individual freedom, to destroy the tyrannical power of their rulers, and to form an American revolutionary government of their own, will Americans refuse to let them join this Union

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