Forrestal, he will not learn enough to do him or the [illegible] on any good about the fundamentals [illegible] warmaking. [illegible] for the training in "democratic citizenship," Forrestal had this to say:

"Also, while we are heartily in favor of laying all possible stress upon citizenship training and educational opportunities, we believe that these should be collateral to the basic purpose, which is training for actual military service."

In other words, Forrestal is thinking about the world as it is likely to be after this war, while Mrs. Roosevelt and her co-thinkers are thinking about it as they hope it will be. They hope this is the war to end war. The President, indeed, is using that slogan, worded differently, in his preachments to the people about the war. Hence, the Roosevelts are forced by their own slogans to work against real postwar military training for American youth.

On the record of history, however, the postwar world will be just about like the prewar world as regards international dislikes, jealousies and intrigues. We will be on the receiving end of many of those dislikes and jealousies, because we have done so much to help all the Allies hold up their end in the war and bid fair to come out of the war wealthier and less hurt than any other belligerent nation.

Those being the probabilities, it behooves us to line up strong potential fighting forces for the postwar era.

We can't do that by halfway measures, or by running large-scale kindergartens for young men and women. We can do it only by means of a genuine universal military training system, applicable to every able-bodied male American sometime between ages 17 and 21. He should be required to spend at least a year studying war, just as the men in our training camps are studying war now.

When he finishes his hitch, his uniform and other equipment should be put away for him, and he should be a member of the reserves for a specified number of years. Refresher courses of a couple of weeks a year would be a good idea, too.

Ample emphasis should be placed on training plenty of men for the Navy and Air Force, as well as for the Army. We shall need the world's strongest navy for an indefinite time after this war, and the world's best air force; and naturally we'll need enough trained men to keep them up to par.

All this will cost money. But it won't cost anywhere near what this war is costing us; and this war wouldn't have cost us nearly as much as it is costing us if we had had such a system in force prior to this war. Benefits of universal military training, on the other hand, should be great. It will also mean health and hygiene education for the boys, and it will be a considerable help in chinking up unemployment gaps.

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