

Anyone earnestly concerned for the welfare of mankind has certainly been deeply shocked by the failure of the system of collective security. He is painfully aware of the circumstance that a step backward here in international relations is to be deplored, one that surely only heavy sacrifices in welfare and human lives can make amends for.

With no small amount of consternation and disapprobation were we forced, in our day, to witness the eradication by states that hitherto proudly considered themselves champions of a higher civilization of those political and personal rights of a segment of its citizenry it had long been regarded as the unquestioned duty of every civilized state to respect. Among all these issues of such eminent importance to the existence of nations, *one* towers above in fundamental importance, namely, the preservation of the principle: *No state may physically destroy a part of the population living within its borders*. We are resolved to prevent in any way possible innocent people being driven to death, whether by weaponry or by systematic deprivation of every means of nutrition.

Through its inhumane regulations against German and Austrian Jews, Germany has walked down this path of destruction and is using its military, political, and economic power over the smaller states of Eastern Europe in order to destroy their Jewish minority populations in the same way.

We, as a nonpolitical association and as its individual members, are resolved to exert all our efforts toward

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ensuring that the inalienable right to life of innocent people is respected everywhere. On this point, for us there is no principle of nonintervention.

Can there be anything more disgraceful to a generation than the fact that such a demand need be put forward?

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