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It is probable that neither the Russian people nor the American people want a war. The number of Communists in Russia is about 3 million who boss within the Iron Curtain from Korea to Berlin, about 400 million, and with China, about 700 million people.

But the difference is a very simple one. At Washington a man, who used to be a judge in Kansas City and who had a minor position as a Captain in the first World War, facing Joe Stalin, an aged and diseased battler against the despotism of a former Czar and his henchmen.

But now Joe Stalin, from Moscow with his own henchmen, seeks to dominate this world. He is dedicated to the belief that Moscow and only Moscow knows the score. He truly believes that he and his boys know best how to run this entire world.

Joe has never been out of Russia. Let us not now, before the shooting begins, stoop to name-calling. Let us grant that Joe and his boys seeking to run this entire world, have a sense of personal self-confidence, and even perhaps a sense of personal service to the world.

And at the same time, let us not have any hero-worship. The man least of all who would say that he was or wanted to be top dog is Harry Truman—the man whom Governor Dewey of New York in the last campaign, spoke of as being too little for his present job.

Well, it looks today as if America is in good hands—certainly better hands than should a Wallace have won at Chicago or should a Dewey have won two years ago.

What men do under strain is the answer for us all. Truman has said many times that he felt that his brain was just average. He has even said that three million other Americans could make as good a President as Harry Truman. He has said, "I am just an

average guy who likes to take a drink and play poker and join the Rotary Club." But sometimes is it not safer and probably more accurate when one has to "fish or cut bait" to have a plain guy in the boss's chair?

All of us may read the Truman mind. He simply said to himself that if we keep letting the Russians keep biting off chunks of people and territory, eventually they will bite off the world. We can go back to Neville Chamberlain of England who met Hitler on the Rhine and then went back to England and said, "I have arranged peace in our time". Perhaps Wallace so would have acted and certainly Dewey would have been fuzzy.

But the plain Harry Truman has spoken. Harry does not care whether the aggression is in Korea or in France. To Harry it is plain aggression. He can see Joe Stalin's mind and his own mind is so plain and direct that he probably can see the gang around Joe, for he came through one of the worst gangs in America at Kansas City as he moved without being smirched himself from a Judgeship to a Senatorship to a Vice Presidency, and now into the Presidency of the most powerful national group in this world.

Plain Harry Truman's actions during the last two days have the fundamental approval of all average Americans. He says to Joe Stalin, "We would rather fight now than later. Make your choice, Joe. You are seventy and I am sixty-seven (n.b. verify these ages). But in our own personal souls, we may both be trying to do the best we can with what is left of life. But, Joe, you can't push me around as Hitler pushed Chamberlain around. We Americans are a different kettle of fish. And if, Joe, you seek to carry your idea and your gang into world supremacy by nibbling here in Korea and there in Austria or Yugoslavia or Germany, I say, 'This is the time to stop.' I know you are not bluffing and I know that I am not bluffing. But stop, Joe, or else."

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