CHAPTER XXI

FREEDOM VERSUS WAR

1. "When men are free, they soon learn that wars of aggression are unprofitable." Page 261. How does Mr. Weaver explain this?

2. When war is forced upon free men, they always give a good account of themselves. What are the author's reasons for this? Do you agree? Explain.

3. ". . . the underlying cause of war is *not* the enemy. . . . War is caused by a false notion of human energy . . ." Page 262. Give Mr. Weaver's explanation of this statement. Do you agree? Explain.

4. In your opinion, can the United States buy immunity from conquest by international communism? You may want to read: *Billions, Blunders and Baloney* by Eugene W. Castle and *Will Dollars Save the World?* by Henry Hazlitt.

5. Read *On Minding One's Own Business* by William Graham Sumner.

6. Should the United States "mind its own business" in its relations with foreign nations? In considering this question you may first want to find out to what extent the United States government has "minded its own business" in the past. It may be necessary for you to consult an American history book to refresh your memory regarding the following topics.
   (a) President George Washington's Neutrality Proclamation, 1793, and Farewell Address, 1796.
   (b) The Monroe Doctrine, 1823 – its origin, provisions, and applications in the Maximillian Affair, 1862, and in the Guatemalan Crisis, 1954.
   (c) The Open Door Policy, 1899.
   (d) The United States and the League of Nations. Do you believe that World War II came because the United States did not become a member of the League of Nations? Explain.
   (e) The participation of the United States in the United Nations, 1945.
   (f) The Truman Doctrine, March 12, 1947.
   (g) The Marshall Plan, June 5, 1947.

7. Is the United States "minding its own business" by virtue of its membership in the United Nations? Explain. Do you believe that our federal Constitution is endangered by this membership? Explain.

Readings on United States Foreign Policy

American Foreign Policy in the Making, 1932-1940 by Charles A. Beard
America's Second Crusade by William Henry Chamberlin
A Diplomatic History of the American People by Thomas A. Bailey
The Freeman. March, 1955 issue on "One Worldism and the United Nations"
Giddy Minds and Foreign Quarrels by Charles A. Beard
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