

American people have coughed up Billions of Dollars to subsidize a piecemeal world trade, in protection and direct first-aid to shippers. Labor has tossed in his all including his shirt. Rather than produce for home use, domestic consumption, the American people are trying to ram the so called surpluses and products of speed mania down the throats of foreign customers — that thin sewing line. It's all for defense to enforce the sale of our commodities the world over. Yessir, we're sticking out 50 million dollars for a battleship to protect each thousand dollar export. But (as it happens sometimes) the life of a battleship is several years, the value of foreign trade almost equals the cost of the protection offered.

Thus it is the foreign purchaser pays for our exports once (when he doesn't wretch or be put in a doghouse) and American people pay a second time in the cost of military or naval encouragement.

I mean, all the people here shell-out hard cash to subsidize the special rackets of the few.

Must be something special in the line of clay, those transmarine shippers that pass the hat among among the populace?

We have heard much lately about the "deathly slowness" of democracy.

How true it is? They are slow to war and quick to peace — that's why they prefer democracy.

They have no cause for war.

Democracy however is too slow for the economic royalists and, inasmuch as they do not propose to go to war themselves, they prefer dictatorship; totalitarian or by gentlemen's agreement — so as to make the common people jump around lively.

Empire builders have come to the end of their rope and it looks as if their holdings will suffer foreclosure — not only the few garden spots wrenched from Germany, but all of them. Quite a haul, hey? This can be understood when we consider the discomfiture of our own inland empires once capitalism had run its course in the golden west and further expansion and