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It may be argued that the assistance of Switzerland would make no great difference, but if that were so, why did Switzerland make such enormous monetary sacrifices in the last few years for military purposes? I, myself, think that the active participation of Switzerland would be of the greatest moral and strategic benefit to the Western Powers. The strategic advantage is quite obvious, and the moral effect little less so.

The recently repeated assurance of Hitler that he will respect the neutrality of Switzerland, Belgium, and Holland is not due to sudden generosity, but to strategic considerations. These promises would, of course, soon be forgotten if he were to prove victorious.

Another point that should cause all European countries to safeguard their independence by assisting towards a quick decision, is the position of Russia, a country which may possibly wait for the thorough exhaustion of the present protagonists before again releasing on a distracted world her particular brand of political propaganda.

Talking of Russia, you record with justifiable pride the fact that Switzerland has decided against resuming diplomatic relations with that country, but so long as Switzerland can maintain relations with a Government with a record of iniquity, broken pledges, and brute force, like the German, the whole matter appears somewhat insincere.

If I can be convinced that the present attitude of Switzerland is worthy of her heroic past, and is, at the same time, serving her interests, taking a long term view, I shall be glad to hear the arguments.

Where is the Swiss who will be proud of the future liberty and independence of his country if he knows them to have been secured by English, French, and Polish blood?

Yours faithfully,

J. FREI.

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