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The speaker at the luncheon meeting of the Denver Bar Association on November 3, 1941, was Frederick H. Wood of New York City. Mr. Wood is a member of the firm of Cravath, de Gersdorff, Swaine & Wood and is one of America's great trial lawyers. He has argued many cases before the United States Supreme Court, among them the Schechter chicken case (which declared the N. R. A. unconstitutional), the gold clause case, the O'Fallon rate case, the Carter case and the Socony Vacuum oil case. Recently he successfully defended the motion picture industry in St. Louis against a charge of violating the Sherman Antitrust Act.

Mr. Wood's subject was "The Lawyer in War Time." It was his opinion that the United States should give such aid and take such steps as might be necessary at the proper time—and he stated that he would not presume to say when that might be—to insure the defeat of Hitlerism.

Concerning those who have voiced fears of the dangers to our American way of life, Mr. Wood said, "Those who assert that we are on the verge of national suicide must base their conclusions either upon the belief that the right of free speech and other civil liberties guaranteed by the Constitution cannot survive the stress of war conditions, or that our free economy will be succeeded by some form of national socialism, or both."

Mr. Wood pointed out that some curtailment of civil liberties had occurred during most of the war crises through which this country has passed but that in each case those restrictions were removed as soon as the emergency ended. "I am convinced," said he, "that unless the United States Supreme Court backs up on what it has done during the last twenty years in clarifying the problem of free speech, there will be little danger of a destruction of our liberties in the present war."

Of the second fear Mr. Wood recalled that during the last war the government exercised a degree of control over our domestic economy and daily lives which, if exercised in peace times, would be destructive both of our free economy and our personal liberties. All these powers, however, were laid down at the close of the war.

While the powers exercised by the government during World War I were greater than any now being exercised or which have been sought, Mr. Wood was of the opinion that our national defense program will require the exercise of governmental powers at least equal to those then exercised. "And," said Mr. Wood, "it must be admitted that we are in greater danger of losing our free economy now than we were then.

While before the last war the trend everywhere was toward democracy and free institutions, the trend since has been in the other direction."

The greatest cause for apprehension, according to the speaker, is apt to come from those who will seek a "planned" economy which, according to Mr. Wood, is but another name for national socialism, and from those high in the administration who will advocate the commercialization of war plants to be operated as "yardsticks" after the war. "It is better," he said, "to write off such investments as a part of the cost of war than to destroy our system of free enterprise by the pursuit of such a course.

"We should not, however, withhold from the government and its executive branch those powers necessary to the conduct of national affairs during the continuation of the present war for fear they may not be surrendered at its close, any more than we did in 1917. But," said Mr. Wood, "we can insist that all grants of power be limited to the duration of the war and that under guise of its requirements, no legislation be enacted affecting either our domestic economy or our personal liberties that does not automatically end with it."

A capacity audience was present at the meeting and Mr. Wood received a rising ovation at the end of his speech.

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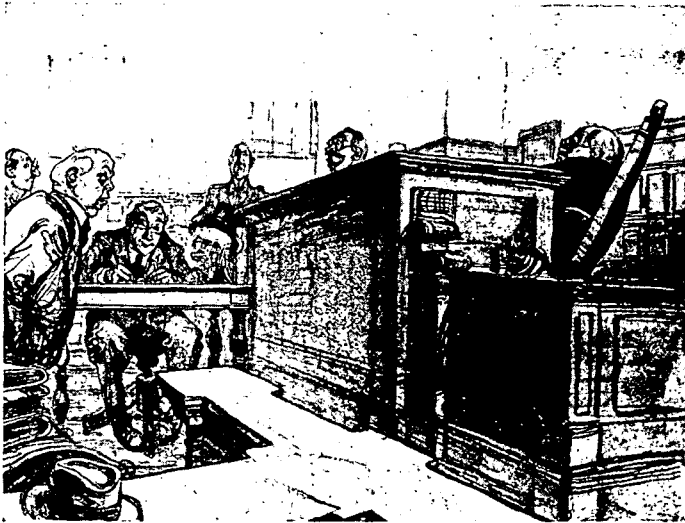
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