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Germans have had to evacuate the an countries which they conquered. hough the underground resistance was rtant factor in the defeat of Gershough the part played by Britain in was enormous-and, in staving off an victory, decisive-the fact rethat Europe was saved from Nazi tion by the two non-European Al-Russia and America.

is why Russia and America are now incipal world powers in the postwar that also is why Russia and America each other directly in Europe, Eddle Fast and in Eastern Asia. Until World Wars of our time Russia and were separated by several great the British, the French, the Gerhe Austrian and the Japanese. The tional community consisted of at even or eight great powers. At the end econd World War there were in fact o great powers.

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this point we pass from history to bey. But before we start to prophesy the future, we must settle one cardinal bout the past. Did everything that. pened have to happen? Was it all ined? Were all the debates, the ne-

suit, as we see it now, came inevitably to pass? Was it, for example, written in the book of fate, which nothing could have changed, that the First World War should be followed by the rise of Hitler, that the rise of Hitler should be followed by the Second World War; that in the Second World War Russia and America should be neutral until the European continent was overrun by the Germans and only Britain continued to fight, that Germany should in the end be defeated by the two powers which, when the war started, were neither of them able or willing to fight?

Before we venture to prophesy about the chances of a Third World War, it is necessary to come clean and clear in our own minds as to whether the Second World War (or, in fact, any world war) must be regarded as predestined and inevitable. I do not believe that the Second World War was inevitable.

I believe the Second World War need not have happened, and therefore I believe that a Third World War need not, and may not, happen. I do not believe in historical determinism, whether it comes from com-munists, from ex-communists, or from pedants, doctrinaires, ideologists, crusaders, fanatics, hysterics, from those who have read Marx, Lenin and Spengler, or have misread Toynbee.

I maintain that the Second World War was not inevitable, that it could have been prevented, and that it need not have taken the course it did. Consider only our own part in it. Was it inevitable that we remained disarmed after Japan seized Manchuria and Hitler came into power in Germany? Was it inevitable that from 1931 to 1939 we should remain unarmed neutral and isolationist? Was it inevitable that we did nothing while almost the whole European continent was conquered by the Germans, and all the ports of China by the Japanese? Was it predestined





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