Mr. Hoover seems to think that his proposal offers hope, after the initial preparations, or reduced expenditures, a balanced budget, and freedom from the dangers of inflation and economic degradation. The Star fears that this is the shrewdest wishful thinking. We would be faced, for one thing, with a loss of our foreign trade. That might not be too important. What is important is that, as the Russians increased their military strength after the conquest of Western Europe, we would have to increase ours. We would never reach the point where we could sit back and say that we are strong enough, that we do not need more and newer weapons. Instead, we would have to live indefinitely in an old camp, and that, even without actual war and, sap our resources, cannot do our fragilization finally, bring on the economic.

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