

because the very forces which we tried to destroy in Hitler have come forth in far greater strength from another source ~~than~~ <sup>with</sup> no other totalitarian dictatorship whatever to oppose them. We could talk about Communism, but Communism is not the thing today. It is not Communism; that is just ~~an~~ an excuse. Communism sounds as if it means doing everything for everybody, but that is merely an excuse. Marx worked up an ideal- ideology which is useful in getting people in any section of the world to think that whoever is in power there is bad, and to work hard to fight against them. But the thing that is central today is not the thinking of Marx, but the thinking of Lenin and Stalin. It is the science of power, unscrupulous determination to secure absolute power, and when Stalin first- purged out practically all of the old Bolshevism, practically all those who had been leaders in establishing the Communistic revolution in Russia, it showed further that what he was seeking was not Communism, but power. Lenin worked out a method whereby if one is utterly unscrupulous he can get absolute power, and this is spreading all over the earth today. It may be stopped; we do not know. It may not stop until it has taken the whole earth; we do not know. But it is a thing with which there can be absolutely no compromise. It is a forest fire, which if you allow it to spread, it spreads more and more because of this wonderful science of power, which joined with unscrupulous/<sup>ness</sup> there is nothing which can reach it, can strike it, nothing human except greater power. And it just a sample of the many forces which we have had in whole age, and of the many situations we have had to face, and the terrible disappointments the church ~~has~~ has had, and the forces desiring democracy have had. This is an age of turmoil and confusion, and it is good for us when we see it in clear form as envisaged with something like the onrush of the Communist armies; it is good for us because it brings out vividly that which is around us anyway. It is here; it has been here all through the ages, the forces of ~~evil~~ evil, the forces of sin, the forces of wickedness, and this is Satan's kingdom, he is the prince