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"Fascist Playmasters" Held Peril to Austria

Dr. Julius Deutsch Seeks Neutrality Under League

Special Dispatch to New York Post
CHICAGO, Nov. 26.—World peace and Austria's own future both depend on taking that country from the "Fascist playmasters of Europe" and making it neutral under League of Nations guarantee, Dr. Julius Deutsch said here today.

Dr. Deutsch was Austrian Minister of War under the Socialist regime. As commander of the Schutzbund Labor Defense Corps he took an active part in the Socialist attempt to prevent a Fascist dictatorship.

He is here on a lecture tour that will return him to New York in the middle of next month.

"The newspapers carry extensive reports about the negotiations between Mussolini and the Austrian Chancellor, Schuschnigg, regarding the future of Austria," he said.

"I wish to make it clear once again that any agreement concluded between Mussolini and Schuschnigg is not worth the paper it is written on. There is only one way out of the deep morass into which Austria and the whole world are slowly drawn.

"Austria must be taken out of the hands of the Fascist playmasters of Europe. Austria is used by them as an experimental ground for their insane ideas and policies.

"Whether Austria is under the iron fist of Nazi Germany or Fascist Italy does not and cannot make the slightest difference. The great Powers, and especially America, are concerned with the preservation of peace in Europe. But peace cannot be preserved as long as Austria is made the hunting ground of Fascism and the fundamental rights of the people are suppressed in Austria.

"The preservation of peace is



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closely allied with the re-establishment of democracy. If the world Powers want peace and a safe system of government, let them decide on a sane international policy.

"First, let them provide for the neutralization of Austria. A neutral Austria, guaranteed by the League of Nations, will cease to be the center of war dangers.

"Secondly, let Austria return to a sane governmental system, and the whole world will benefit by it. Nothing can save us—the world—from a new war disaster, if these guarantees are not given.

"Europe's fateful twelfth hour is approaching. We, the Socialists and laborites of Austria, promise safety, peace and stable conditions to the world. The others can only destroy what we have built.

"Not insane dictatorship, but common sense and constructive statesmanship must again rule if world civilization and humanity shall survive."

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