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Interview With Miss Dorothy Thompson.  
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LV (Off-Stage Voice) Miss Thompson do you agree with Raymond Gram Swing that America is appreciably nearer shooting than ever before ?

I'd like to answer that question in a different way. I think that Hitler is appreciably nearer shooting us and therefore I think we are appreciably nearer the plain. After all with the attack on Russia the Far East is bound to be involved in one form or another and we are very interested in the Far East.

C.U. SV (Off-Stage Voice) You are apparently convinced that Russia's entry into the war hasn't made America cool off.

A matter of fact the United States has always made a difference between the Government of Russia and what you might call the geopolitical position of Russia. We never liked the Russian Government at all and we often had a great deal to say about that Government. Never the less Russia helped us in the Spanish-American war and we realize that Germany stretching to Vladivostok represents a menace to us and Russia never has been a menace to us as a war power.

CU(Off-Stage Voice) If 90% of America is 100% against Hitler how can America logically stay out ?

Of course I think America can't logically stay out, if you are asking me a personal question, but after all it's very easy to understand that if great and profoundly peace loving country like my own should desire if possible to avoid war we have not avoided taking a stand on this issue. After all the Lease Lend Bill is a remarkable phenomenon in history.

SV And may I say finally that I am convinced that everyone is America except a very, very small minority want Britain to win and intends that Britain shall win and is going to help Britain to win.

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LV (Off-Stage Voice) Miss Dorothy Thompson, world famous journalist-broadcaster gave an interview to PARAMOUNT on her arrival in London. Miss Thompson do you agree with Raymond Graham Swing that America is appreciably nearer shooting than ever before.

I'd like to ~~xxx~~ answer that question in a different way. I think that Hitler is appreciably nearer shooting us and therefore I think we are appreciably nearer the ~~time~~ After all ~~his~~ attack on Russia plain. with the the Far East is bound to be involved in one form or another and we are very interested in the Far East. We are interested in the Pacific and we are interested in the Atlantic. And as this war becomes more and more clear that this war is going to be a world war we come nearer to being actually involved.

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SV Off-Stage: You are apparently convinced that Russia's entry into the war hasn't made America cool off.

Oh no! not ~~xxx~~ at all. Of course our Isolationists are trying to persuade us that the entry of Russia into the war changes the whole ~~idea~~ ideological basis of the war. But after all the ideological basis of this war was very well set by Mr. Chamberlain at the very beginning of it when he said if I remember correctly 'If I should think that one man and one nation should wish to dominate the world I should think he ~~xxx~~ ought to be stopped.' And of course that's the way America feels about it too. The Gallop poll in America, you may have seen it in England shows that 70% of the people of America wish Russia to win. They didn't wish Russia to win because we are Communists in America. We are a very anti-Communist nation but they wished Russia to succeed in repelling ~~timid~~ aggression this last and they realize also that was an aggression. That it was not an ideological matter. Mr. Hitler changes his propaganda to suit his policies ~~xxxxxxxx~~ he doesn't change his policies to suit his propaganda and we realize that perfectly well in the United States. As matter of fact the United States has always made a difference between the Government of Russia and what you might call the geopolitical position of Russia. We never liked the Russian Government of the Tzar at all and we often had a great deal to say about that Government. Nevertheless Russia helped us in the Civil War Russia helped us in the war of 1812, Russia helped us in the Spanish-American war and we realize that Germany stretching to Vladivostok ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ represents a menace to us and Russia never has been a menace to us as a war power.

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May I say what a pleasure it is to be in England and to see the courage and the poise and the humour of this great country, great civilization, [And may I say finally that I am convinced that everyone in America except a very very small minority want Britain to win and intends that Britain shall win and is going to help Britain to win.]

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