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U. S. On Road To New War, LeMay Says

LOUDONVILLE, O., April 27.—(AP)—The United States has started down the road leading again to world war, Maj. Gen. Curtis E. LeMay, formerly of Wright Field and now deputy chief of air staff, declared today.

In an address at ceremonies dedicating the Ohio memorial forest and shrine, the World War II air ace asserted:

"Today we honor men who died in defense of our nation. Today we must ask ourselves, 'Will their sons have to die, too?'"

"The answer to that question depends upon us. If we follow the course we followed after World War I, the course we are beginning to follow again today, if we disarm and dissipate our military strength, the answer is 'yes.'"

General LeMay was one of three principal speakers today at the 3,500-acre tract of trees—a living memorial to the Ohioans who died in World War II—was dedicated in a program which attracted hundreds of persons.

Gov. Thomas Herbert, in accepting the forest as a state shrine, also touched on future national security with the observation the forest "must also be a constant reminder that we shall not have discharged our obligation to them (the 16,800 Ohio dead) until the objectives for which they fought and died have been achieved."

"Once again the minds and hearts of men are unable to see the forest for the trees and willingly permit the necessary objective of lasting peace to be obscured by the selfish desire for personal power," he commented. Fleet Adm. Ernest J. King was a third speaker.

General LeMay asserted "our nation will tolerate neither persecution nor oppression within her borders, nor will she wage aggressive war against any nation, weak or strong."

"But not all the peoples of the world believe in that principle," the general said. "To many people, the individual is only a means to be used as ruthlessly as need be toward accomplishing one end—strengthening the state."

"Such a state cannot fail to view our land with greed and envy. The only check upon such a power is military strength. Strength so great as to make the game not worth the candle."

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