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A challenge to America is contained in the statement of Erich Maria Remarque, author of »All Quiet on the Western Front,« to newspaper men on his arrival in New York yesterday for his first visit in the United States. The author, who lost his German citizenship a year ago and has been living in Switzerland, declared that the United States is »the hope of the world.«

»The world has a good impression of you, and all of Europe has had a big impression of your President during the last few weeks,« Remarque said.

A great responsibility is placed upon this country when it is given that position in the world, and the world will be waiting to see whether it will meet its full obligation in the crisis of today and others that may follow.

Remarque believes that another war would engulf the world, in his words it would become »a conflagration involving the whole world,« and few will be prepared to take issue with him on that prediction. Therefore he talked to America to do everything possible to anticipate the beginning of a war in Europe, and the other democratic nations are looking to her for the moral support they so sorely need when they are being threatened by the totalitarian powers.