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**The Slovak Case**

Every year, in March, in connection with the commemoration of the proclamation of the Slovak Republic, those Czechs, who under the leadership of the Council of Free Czechoslovakia, aim at the Czech domination of Slovakia, denounce the fight of the Slovak people for their independence and present the Slovak republic, realized on March 14, 1899, as a Hitler creation. (See "Slovak Separatism," in your March 11 letters column.)

In reality the Slovak case is only the realization of the principles of democracy and liberty. In the past, until 1918, Slovaks never have been under the Czech domination. This happened after World War I, without the plebiscite to which the Slovaks were entitled. Therefore it is improper to speak about Slovak separatism; in reality it is a natural resistance of the Slovaks against the Czech rule imposed on them.

If the U. S., British, French or other political personalities and diplomats in dealing with Hitler's government in the interest of their countries did not become Nazis, why is another standard used against Slovaks, who did the same in the interest of their country?

Many intrigues are made against me by the enemies of Slovak independence, because I was and am standing in the first line of this just fight. That's why I am denounced as a war criminal. It is known that I realized the policy of neutrality of Slovakia and I was obliged to resign from all my political functions on July 29, 1940; and the U. S. entered into war in December, 1941.

Thank God, there are other Czechs (e.g., General Prebisha and his organization and others) who understand that the Czechoslovakia solution did not work and brought misfortune not only to the Slovaks but to the Czechs, too. We do not work for a pulverization of Europe, but if possible, for a United Europe. If this aim would be opposed

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...ment of all countries.  
I think there is no reason for the U. S. to be engaged against the natural rights of the Slovak people. The interest of the U. S. and the Slovaks are the same. Prague is the most reliable satellite of Moscow. The Slovaks are fighting Prague. By helping the Slovaks in their fight, the free world may weaken Prague and increase complications to Moscow in its imperialistic aims.  
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