There once was a time when a man could withdraw after college to a life of pure research, to a snug little business his father had built up for him, or even to a tropical island. There are no islands any more. Priorities get into laboratories—taxes and the SPAB have their way with businesses—submarines and bombers use tropical islands for bases—and selective service finds its men no matter where they go. Like it or not, the news is happening to all of us today—in college and after college. And it is only common sense to understand what is happening and what "There are No islands any more" is on its way to happen so we can adjust our lives and all the ways of our living to the strange new world the news is making.

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