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OUR UGLY TRAITS ARE UPON US!

Though the war in Europe is interesting and diverting for we Americans safely removed from the conflict, this is a sad era for the world.

Those who heard Neville Chamberlain's word to his people that England was at war listened to a voice burdened with the gravity and hopelessness of the situation. Black indeed is the future of humanity, blood-red its present.

Terrifying, too, is the probability that eventually America will be drafted into the murderous business. As members of that stupid and deadly race of humans, we will be susceptible to man's greatest vice.

The conflagration across the sea takes much of the edge off our own pleasant little world. It is hard to forget that hundreds and thousands of lives are being broken and warped, fields scarred and cities battered.

War is the shameful manifestation of man. The pity of it is that we can't, like the gingham dog and calico cat, eat each other up and leave the world to those animals who would not mistreat it so.

Chaos is visiting man at his own insistence.

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RADIO IS PROPAGANDISTS' ALLY!

Thanks to radio, Americans can prepare themselves for the greatest barrage of propaganda in history. Already atrocity stories are coming by special broadcast from all parts of Europe and they gain right-of-way on the air lanes over our favorite programs.

Newspaper readers and radio listeners can be certain that during the ensuing months they will see and hear only that news which foreign governments want us to hear. Although correspondents may make a sincere effort to report the war accurately, their copy will be so thoroughly edited that truth will have but an occasional chance. Consequently, we must steel ourselves to discount all the anger-rousing yarns that we read and hear. Most of them will be given to us with purpose.

Already the radio has proved of great value in spreading news, but it will be an equally effective tool in fanning prejudice and war fever. The radio will be a double-edged sword which must be handled carefully to avoid lasting injury to a credulous public.

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HITLER FIXES THE RULES!

Although it is hard to keep one's mind from accepting easy prejudices and forming obvious conclusions during periods of strife, there should be a more common-sense estimation of Adolph Hitler.

True enough, the man appears to be acting like a maniac, but for us to dismiss the whole European struggle with the assumption that it has come about because Hitler is a madman is to grossly underestimate him.

One of the first principles of self defense and self preservation is an accurate acknowledgement of the abilities of one's foes, and we do ourselves an injury to say that the feuhrer is crazy. If he is crazy, then his is the crazy cunning of a fox.

We should remember the lesson learned during the last world war that the enemy, too, has his side of the question and fights believing his cause is just. Despite our loathing of Hitler, doubtless his people believe in his aims and are willing to back to the death his ambitions. Most of us will admit that Germany was looted and robbed at the conclusion of the last war and few of us will deny that Germans hold a real grievance against the allies. Our objection is not to Hitler's ambition to regain necessary resources but to the methods being employed to gain them.

Hitler's murderous tactics earn him the condemnation of America. However, we believe the nazi leader is more unprincipled than mad. By his choice of tools, his work on behalf of the German people doubtless will react against them, to the everlasting sorrow of the whole world.

LIFE'S BYWAYS!



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run for 40 years and the annual instalments (including principal and interest) must average 4.3 per cent of the loan. In the two years FSA has been giving this start in life, 15 loans have been made in Oregon, a total of \$132,275, the average loan being \$8818 and the average acreage per farm 128 acres. For Washington state 24 loans have been made, representing \$163,777, average loan being \$6824 and acreage averaging 112 acres. Smallest acre average is in California—44 acres—with average loan \$8127. Irrigation makes the small farm profitable. Last year (fiscal 1939, ending last June), borrowers spent 24 per cent of their loans for improvements. As the good farms available are acquired, borrowers will have to spend more for buildings.

Here is what the AAA conservation program of 1937 meant to the Pacific northwest, as of Dec. 31, 1938, the figures just made available: Oregon payments \$2,466,778; Washington \$1,860,533. That is the money that went to the farmers. To administer the program in Oregon it cost \$149,556 and in the state of Washington \$93,774. Every county in Oregon

received benefits, the lowest being Clatsop, with \$5035; the highest Linn, with \$218,971. In Washington the range was \$2717 in Mason county to \$244,820 in Whitman.

Upper bracket officials are rushing a program extending the national defense and appropriations will be requested of the next congress early in January for another billion dollars. It will include one million, at least, for Tongue Point at the mouth of Columbia river; other millions to increase the number of airports and expand the airports now existing, and funds for building highways capable of standing up under the pounding of mobile artillery, and wide enough to permit brigades to be transported quickly.

War in Europe has changed the picture in Washington. Such topics as relief, WPA, spending-lending, congressional probes, all have been relegated while the administration from President Roosevelt down to the messengers discuss nothing but "the situation." So carefully had the administration formulated plans that the shock was cushioned and the financial market, always the first to be upset, was not disturbed. No cabinet member is watching developments more intently than Secretary of Agriculture Wallace for the conflict is expected to furnish a market for some of America's surplus food products.

Approval has been given for a WPA project which is to make copies of official records in all Oregon counties and transcriptions of historic articles in newspapers prior to 1891. A similar compilation of records is planned for Washington state.

Officials are conducting an undercover search for industrialists in Oregon and Washington to act as key men in the skeleton organization to be created by the war resources board.

About People You Know!

- Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Atkins and daughters Frances and June made a trip to Rogue River Sunday.
- Mr. and Mrs. LaVern Dalkenberg of Lakeview visited here with relatives last week-end.
- Mr. and Mrs. Merrick Thornton and Mr. and Mrs. Don Lowe spent the Labor day week-end at the coast.
- Mr. and Mrs. Bill Ausland visited with relatives in Grants Pass last week-end.
- Beverley Young left recently for Los Angeles where she will attend UCLA.
- Stan Smith, who has been visiting here at the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Russell, left recently for his home in Dunsmuir.
- Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Poole visited in Bend last week-end.
- Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Mayberry visited in Weed Monday with Mr. and Mrs. Howard Mayberry.
- Mary Sander left Monday for her home in Portland following two weeks visit here at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Sander.
- Mrs. R. E. Poston returned Monday from a visit in Berkeley and San Francisco.
- Bernard Applegate left Monday for Happy Camp where he will teach.
- Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Kaegi spent the Labor day week-end at Lake of the Woods as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Herb Moore.
- Jean Billings is visiting here at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Billings.
- Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sander of San Jose visited here last week-end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Sander.
- Bruce DeMers, who is attending school in Berkeley, visited here last week-end with his parents and friends.
- Constance Lemmon visited with relatives in Union Creek last week-end.
- Major and Mrs. H. R. Jordan returned recently from a trip to San Francisco.
- Dr. and Mrs. E. G. Everett visited with relatives in Lakeview last week-end.
- Marcella Scribner spent the last week-end at Fort Jones, Calif.
- Marjorie McNair returned from a trip to San Francisco early in the week.
- Gladys Applegate is visiting with relatives in Bly this week.
- Gordon Miller and Clifford Warden made a fishing trip to Hiatt lake Tuesday.
- Mrs. Orpha Milhoan is visiting in Lebanon, Mo., at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Gerald Donnigan.
- Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Stennett and Mabel Stennett returned Monday from a two weeks trip to Alaska.
- Betty Barksdale left Monday for her home in Glendale, Calif., following a visit here at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. R. Barksdale.
- Mr. and Mrs. Bill Snider made a fishing trip to Rocky Point last week-end.

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