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Hitler Must Talk Gravy To Other Nations or Else

On September 1, the war entered its third year. In the two years that have passed since Hitler sent his legions into Poland, a long list of nations have been subjected to the ruthless Nazi rule. One of the citadels of democracy, France, has suffered ignominious military defeat, and has become a total state patterned on Hitler's Reich. Some 7,000,000 soldiers have been killed, wounded or imprisoned, and an unknown total of civilians have died in the rubble of falling buildings, and before the firing squads of the Gestapo and the S. S. troops. One of the Nazi military contains this line: "Today we rule Europe—tomorrow the world is ours." The first part of that has come true with a vengeance—but the second has not.

It is difficult, the war still being in an indecisive phase, to accurately sum up what has taken place during this astonishing conflict—a conflict which may well, as Hitler has said, decide the history of the world for the next thousand years. But one thing seems undeniably true, and that is that the forces which oppose Hitler have become tremendously stronger in the last year. After the evacuation of Dunkirk, it took an almost miraculous degree of optimism to give England a chance for victory. The best that most authorities hoped for was a negotiated peace, which would let some semblance of parliamentary government continue to live in parts of the Old World. Today Britain has at least an even chance of full and conclusive victory—and some experts think that her chance is better than that.

The United States is playing a great part in this. We are slowly becoming, in the President's phrase, "the arsenal of democracy." The possibility of our actually going to war in Europe seems to lessen, rather than grow greater. As yet, at least, Britain and her Allies have no need for additional manpower. What they need is munitions, and more munitions—aircraft and still more aircraft. Today Britain is carrying the war to the Continent—and she is carrying it there partly with American bombers which can fly at 30,000 feet, above the range of anti-aircraft fire, and above the efficient fighting level for pursuit planes.

British spokesmen have been saying lately, however, that we are not doing enough. American help, they observe, is as yet only a stream—not a surging river. And there can be no question but what the arms program has been held back by unnecessary delay, labor trouble, indecision, red tape,

buck-passing. The lack of a single executive head for the multitudinous overlapping defense boards and commissions is still an extremely serious deficiency. Even so production is coming up, especially in the aircraft field.

Some believe that the coming year will decide this war. Hitler is not only fighting a war on two fronts—something he always said he would avoid at all costs—he must face a third front too. The third front is the growing underground anti-Nazi movement in the occupied countries. Reports filter out from Europe of sabotage, the assassination of Nazi troops and police, the slow-down of work in factories in occupied lands which have been forced to produce for Germany. Lately, the German authorities in the occupied areas have put into effect extremely stringent new rules designed to prevent anti-German activity of all kinds. But the underground movement continues and grows. It is said to be especially effective in France. Frenchmen who have escaped from Europe almost unanimously report that the overwhelming majority of French people pray for Allied victory—and wait in grim silence for the day when they may be able to settle their long account with what they regard as the traitors at Vichy.

Not Too Hot Not Too Cold



By JOHN EMBERT
Reason Versus Emotion

I heard a man say the other night that the stand of the interventionists is based on reason but the stand of the isolationists is based on emotion. Interventionists are "for war" because they are using their minds to foresee what the results of "no war" because they are "against war". No logic matters to them; no past, no future, only the moment and their fear of the burden and horror of war. (Some, of course, are working for the "new world order," and the "no war" policy is part of their program.)

The Axis dares to predict victory for itself so boldly because of its faith in its propaganda methods all over the world. The isolationists everywhere have basic human nature on their side—and, up to now, the isolationists have always won until the bombs began to fall and the people to pile up in the streets. After that is usually hasn't mattered whether the public is "interventionist" or "isolationist." They've lost their sovereignty, and no one cares what they think about things.

Every Citizen Must Decide
Under the system of government that now exists in the United States the chief executive of this republic

will continue to be Franklin D. Roosevelt for about three years and a half.

Undr the constitution of the nation, The President is charged with the conduct of foreign affairs. Our foreign policy has likewise been approved by the Congress of the United States.

If, unfortunately, the United States, should become involved in war before January 1, 1945, the commander in chief of the armed forces of the country will be Franklin D. Roosevelt.

There is no way of getting around this fact. Consequently, patriotic Americans will cooperate with the President in connection with the defense program and, if necessary, the war program.

The fact that some dissentient citizens are attempting to sabotage the morale of the nation, with captious fault-finding and the indiscriminate peddling of all kinds of rumors, does not change the attitude of loyal Americans.

When the nation faces an emergency, as this country faces one today, the people who believe in the American system of government will support their duly elected officials. They have no other choice, except to support the enemies of the United States, either by word of mouth or action.

Hitler is sure that the people in this country will not be sensible enough to get together behind their government. He counts upon division to permit him to "take America" without fighting. Some Americans seem inclined to make the "inside job" easier for the Nazis.

Truth About Coal Shortage

News stories have been circulated indicating that there is fear there will be a shortage of bituminous coal due to inability of railroads to transport sufficient quantities to consumers before winter sets in. Commenting on this, an outstanding

bituminous operator says the country's coal supply is low due to the April strike and July miner's holiday. He points out that the American railroads could have handled 35 to 40 million additional tons of coal in April, for storage, but for the strikes; and that it is a serious mistake to try to place the blame for any coal shortage that may develop, where it does not belong.

During May, June, and July, this expert says, the railroads could have transported an additional five to ten million tons of coal per month, if it had been produced. Despite the increasing demands the arms drive will make on our railroads, there are no grounds for anticipating a transportation failure. Adequate production of coal for the homes and factories of this country is now imperiled by the 7-hour day and 35-hour week. The 35-hour week was adopted during the depression, when demand for coal was abnormally low. Today the demand for coal is abnormally high—yet the 35-hour week remains in effect.

It is estimated that an 8-hour day should substantially increase in the future, it could be met by extending the week to 42 or 45 hours. Certainly, a working week of such length, during this time of emergency, would be no hardship on coal miners or any other workers, who would receive proportionately increased pay. Production, and plenty of it, is essential to the swift completion of the defense program, and the protection of every home and individual in the land.

A Comment on Lindberg's Latest Speech

Mr. Lindberg's latest speech is replete with half truths like this one: "Tolerance cannot survive war and devastation." He might also have said, if he were a true proponent of tolerance, that it has not been

able to withstand a Fascist Europe.

He should realize that if Hitler becomes master of the Eastern Hemisphere, Fascism in the West will follow as night follows day. And it will make not one bit of difference whether we have not so much as a gun to defend ourselves, or whether we are armed to the teeth and beyond to do battle with the Nazi.

The Western world will be forced into a competing Fascism by the simple expedient of being forced into competition with Adolph Hitler for world markets. And our guns will be used against those people in this country who will have decided, when it is too late, to fight against Fascism.

Mr. Lindberg and the American First Committee have always made the point that it was England that declared war on Germany, and not the other way around. I am ashamed of the Lone Eagle and his committee for so under-estimating the intelligence of their own audience.

I hope that the defenders of America first realize, as do the people to whom they speak, that the Nazis did not declare war on the Austrians, nor on the Spaniards, nor on the Czechs, nor on the Poles, nor on any other little peoples that have been allowed to participate in the joys of the "new order."

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