

After ignoring the call of humanity voiced by the war-stricken Chinese and raped Ethiopians, and after looking on while human beings were mutilated in Spain, we Americans are becoming incensed over the antics of Hitler. There may be human ties between America and Britain and her allies, but the hate for Hitler increased many fold when the closing of the tobacco markets was announced as a possible direct result of war. What hate and bitterness the pleas of suffering humanity in foreign lands failed to raise in our hearts are cropping out when the economic boot begins to pinch our feel.

Poland appealed to a civilized world for help when Germany was preparing to rape the little country. With no major trade connections in force, the appealing pleas of humanity failed to register an impression in our minds and attitudes. But the economic blow that was dealt in the closing of our tobacco markets offered in bold relief the seriousness of conditions surrounding not only Europe but also the rest of the world. The blow advances us another step nearer war, and as other economic blows are felt it is quite likely that our people once aloof to any participation program, will be ready to join in the march against Hitler.

At one time the farmer who suffered a loss in the marketing of his crops had other resources to fall back on. But the mortgage route has been run, and the chattles are bent. About the only course left to follow is toward the source of trouble, and indirectly Hitler is chargeable with the bad conditions existing right here in our own little home territory. One can talk about poisoned propaganda, but there is no idle propaganda behind the unrewarded toil of the farmer, his wife and children, the suffering and hardships that were theirs as they labored night and day to produce a crop that will be snatched from their hands because a crazy maniac starts a movement to dominate the world.

Even before the markets were closed, farmers expressed a willingness to participate in a movement to advance a strong economic support to Britain and France and Poland. Now as debts accumulate and the call of the creditor rings in their ears, the American farmers thoughts are returning nearer and nearer to war itself. Possibly the markets will reopen shortly, but the ed as absurd by the man on the street While he boasted about an empty plan to maintain peace and protect Poland, he was sending his soldiers, airplanes and other implements of war to blow up defenseless towns and kill men and defenseless women and children.

The attitude toward Hitler, fast reaching a point of strong opposition, was aggravated Sunday as reports told about a merchant ship with 1,400 Canadians and United States citizens aboard being torpedoed a few hundred miles off Scotland's coast.

This country may escape the actual conflict, but there are few who would deny England and France every possible help in this trying hour. The man about the street who once favored the payment of debts by foreign nations is now expressing himself strong in favor of sending supplies to them free of cost.

Hitler regardless of whatever causes he may have to offer for his ruthless steal in Europe, has created a hate among American people that will, in all probability, prove costly to him. This country may remain out of war for quite a while. There is no immediate cause for American youth to enter the conflict. There is, however, immediate cause for America to throw its support to England and France and furnish them with necessary supplies to check a beast whose greed apparently will not stop until all the world is subjected to his will and power. But the course of America, while not definitely charted just now, will unfold itself as the young war progresses. The facts that come to them hourly these next few months will cause the people to direct congress to take action. Already there is a strong demand for a change in the neutrality act, and the demand will grow as Hitler advances in Europe.

Elkin Tribune.

I doesn't reflect credit on the statesmanship of the world that any one man, particularly a none-too-competent paper-hanger, is able to plunge the world into conflict—war that has no more justification(than the satisfying of human greed for power.

It Had To Come

In spite of all his protestation the world recognizes Adolf Hitler as the cause of all the present world misery that comes from armed conflict. In his instance madness he has proven himself a genius in stiff-arm diplomacy, and his success in getting whatever he has wanted without bloodshed, at once inspired his people and swelled his ego to the point where he sincerely believed himself a superman, not even to be denied anything he coveted.

European statesmen know now that they trusted him too far, that he sucked them in for a nice ride down the river; they know that if, when he set out to occupy the Rhaneland, he had met resistance, his soldiers already had their orders to retreat; that if England and France had kept a stiff upper lip at Munich there would not have been the gobbling up of Czechoslovakia. And if today the Czech army and the Skoda munitions plant, the second largest in the world, were available to Britain and France instead of being a potential asset to Germany, the present task would be a lot easier.

But it had to come-this organized effort to hunt down Europes mad dog and remove him as a threat to world society and civilization. For everyone knows that Britain and France are not fighting for Danzig or the Polish corridor. Even Poland would not consider Danzig worth the misery of war and would have been willing to barter with the corridor. But Hitlers' bloodless successes had to be stopped somewhere, else the British and French empires eventually would have been reduced to puppet states and Poland would have been ground to a pulp in the German maw. That's why the business of stopping has begun. And there can be but one answer. No matter how long the contest, and admittedly it will be a long one, Germany as represented in Hitler must be subdued. Civilization is at stake and demands it, human righteousness depends upon it. And like it or not, a part of that responsibility will be ours-in one form or another.



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Nearer W ar Than in 1914

The man on the street points out that this country is nearer war today than it was in 1914, that while he does not want to see American youth dragged into the conflict he is in favor of sending the Allies every mouthful of food they can eat, every shell they can shoot and every airplane they can fly. And he would give the allied nations all this without cost to them.

With minute reports reaching his ears every few minutes and telling about the incidents of war as perpetrated upon a peace-loving people, the man on the street is more bitter against Hitler than he was a quarter of a century ago. Hitler's reply to Britain's ultimatum was describSome ladies will find heaven monotonous if they don't get a new-style pair of wings occasionally. — Exchange.

And if the money spent for war could be spent to make people prosperous and happy, there would be cars enough to eliminate the surplus population.—Buffalo News.

