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### By Way Of Example And Not Force

Few worthy ideals have ever been implanted in the minds of peoples by force, trickery or even faulty teachings. If we would help pave the way to peace in Europe and all the world we must change our tactics and set an example of friendliness and good will, an example that proves we are interested in peace and humanity and not primarily in advantageous trade balances. We must recognize the fact that life as lived by the Russian Red, the German Nazist, the Italian Fascist and others across the seas is just as dear to them as life is to us. We must realize that humanity extends beyond American shores, that the pain of shell and shrapnel creates as much suffering in a foreign land as it would in one of our own cities or towns.

The true democracy as we know it here has little meaning to those in foreign lands when they see in our acts a brazen greed to extract profits at the expense of starving humanity. We sell one country iron and shells to kill innocent people in another country, and by way of gesture we extend a weak charity to the victims of the shells of our own design and make.

### Hardly A Valid Claim

A great deal is being said about the possibility of re-routing United States Highway No. 17 over the Albemarle Monumental Bridge and through Plymouth, leaving out Edenton despite its rich history, and the villages of Windsor and Williamston.

The spirit prompting any citizen or group of citizens to promote the welfare be it of material, civic or religious value, is to be commended, but the real facts in the latest proposal hardly constitute a valid claim to the highway.

The monumental bridge of Messrs. Wood, Ehrlinghaus and Waynick was a sore subject back yonder, and if reports are true it is still a sore subject to those hundreds who are mired up in the mud and have no immediate hope for relief all because the powers-that-be in Raleigh gently remind them that tens of hundreds of thousands of dollars have just recently been given to "your section of the State to build a great bridge." The victims point out that the bridge is a local affair, that it was designed to give a few hundred motorists an outlet to Norfolk stores and shops and possibly open up some particular farm territory.

The facts in the case support the declaration of the victims, for the route, measured and reported by official engineers is several miles longer than the present U. S. 17. Then there is the remote possibility of filling in a big swamp and cutting off quite a number of miles, but no action is expected in that connection until the State and Federal Government want to dump another couple of million or so dollars into the swamps while home-state motorists are held tight in muck and mire.

Since the bridge route is longer, it is hard to understand how the claimants can support their contention. It is an established fact that the territory below holds no advantage over that through which No. 17 now runs as to beauty, type of roads and places of historical interest.

But if our neighbors want the traffic, Martin County with possibly some few exceptions will gladly yield all claims if the neighbors will accept the debt incurred by property owners in advancing a bid for north-south traffic. Martin and Bertie Counties spent several hundred thousand dollars to open up a north-south route, and there is little justification for a claim to even an alternate route.

### Yardstick Or Plain Old Stick Needed

This country spends close to a cool billion dollars annually to carry on its conversations by wire. In 1929 the people paid \$1.14 out of every \$100 to the operators of the communication trust. When the country scraped the bottom of depression, two per cent of the national income was required to feed the hungry mouths of the trust.

If ever a yardstick was needed in this country it is needed now to measure the bulging bellies and big trust heads of those who hold millions in their spiderweb of wires.

### A Campaign Of Promises

The North Carolina gubernatorial campaign is rapidly advancing into one of liberal promises and if the wind holds out it is possible that every individual will have a paved road, free automobile tags and a gold fence around his earthly possessions.

What the people in this State want is a candidate with guts enough to promise he'll abolish some of the over-lapping commissions bred and born out of pure and simple politics in administrations past. If a candidate promises just that, the people can well rest assured that their interests will be protected and ably advanced when it comes to roads, bridges, schools, taxes and good government.

### More About Diversion

If the candidates for governor keep on filing — and there is no present indication that they will stop — there'll likely be a howl over the possibility of diverting some of the candidates' filing fees from the State Board of Elections fund.

And if the office aspirants continue to increase in number, there'll be a great need for a Who's Who.

### "Equal Rights"

#### Charlotte News.

Auld Hornie must have had a bad time of it Saturday if he was tuned in on Munich — torn, as he was bound to have been, between giggling admiration and jealousy.

Said Lord Hitler: "What we are fighting against is the idea that one or two peoples of the earth should have everything. God didn't make the world for Englishmen alone. It simply cannot be that the German people are destined to be slaves of the English and the French."

And again: "There is a God — he creates people with equal rights."

Satan, remembering his effrontery in challenging the King of Heaven on His golden throne, might still have envied that.

In "Mein Kampf" it had gone quite differently. There it ran like this: there is no such thing as equality of right among peoples. There is in the world one single "culture-bearing people," the Germans. It is their business to rule the earth, it is the business of other peoples to obey and serve the shining ones. Nothing less than the whole earth will serve the purpose of allowing each German to realize his full potentialities as a master of the other inferior peoples, and at the same time bring civilization to these inferiors who cannot develop it for themselves. But first, let it clearly be understood, (these) people must be transformed into work animals. When the Germans have developed to the fullest it will be time to talk about giving them rights.

God has created peoples with equal rights. It follows, therefore, that the Jews, the Poles, and the Czechs must not be people but a sort of intermediate type between the lesser primates and man. God has not created Germany to be a slave to England and France. But it is plain that he has created Poland and Czechoslovakia and the Balkans and the world (according to "Mein Kampf") to be slaves to Germany.

God exists, there is no doubt of it. But the laws "Thou shalt not kill" and "Thou shalt not steal" — these laws do not exist.

The equal rights of a Pole and a Czech are to step into the gutter and tip their hats when a German passes, to be inside their houses at 8 o'clock in the evening, to have their shops and factories and farms taken over by Germans for the price the Germans choose or for no price at all, to have their universities closed, to have the books and pianos carted out of their houses, to be told that inferior peoples do not need books and music, that it contaminates Beethoven for them to listen to him.

The equal rights of Poles and Czechs and Jews and dissenting Austrians are to have their intellectual and political leaders systematically murdered, to have themselves systematically stripped of their property so that they will have to work for Germans on the terms the Germans choose, to be driven out of whole provinces of their native land to make room for the German hogs pouring in, to be herded into concentration camps and have their heads rammed into latrines, to be whipped with truncheons at intervals of every two or three days, to have their women raped by whole regiments of SS swine and then kicked to death, to be turned out with their women and children to starve and rot along the roadside.

These are their equal rights. Freedom for Germany. That is all milord Hitler wants, by his own confession. But by definition freedom for Germany means immediately, extermination or slavery for Poles, Czechs, Jews, dissenting Austrians, and ultimately the same for the rest of mankind.

### Highway Facts And Safety Hints

Come to a stop slowly if a blowout occurs, don't jam on the brakes.

Carbon monoxide is colorless, odorless, deadly — leave garage doors and windows open when warming a cold motor.

Every road has two safe driving speeds, one in the day time; a slow one at night.

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### N. C. Revenue Receipts Show Gain Over Last Year

Raleigh — The State Department of Revenue reported \$46,817,406.10 in revenue had been collected since last July 1, compared with \$43,287,341.07 in the same period in 1938-39. Receipts in February were \$5,461,730.34 an increase of \$319,883.07 over February, 1939.

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