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EDITORIAL

STREET PURPOSES

A street has many incidental purposes, in addition to its service as a traffic artery. It is an orderly areaway for light and air; for pedestrians; for display of merchandise; for ingress and egress to stores, offices and homes; it carries water, sewer, telephone, gas, light and power facilities; and the down-town street has become a storage garage for the passenger car, and an unloading dock for the truck and bus.

Its basic function, and its most important service, however, is to the motor vehicle in motion. To the extent that it fails in this performance, it fails as a street, no matter what other purpose it may serve.

WE LIKE THE SAMPLE

Some people like the United Nations Organization just as it is. Others want it improved as the years go by. Still others think it is so feeble that they advocate turning it into a World Government without delay.

But all of them will surely agree on this: that we like the sample. The clashes between Bevin of Great Britain and Vishinsky of the Soviet Union at the London meeting were something new under the sun, and we like it and want more.

There were the Foreign Ministers of two of the great world powers arguing, and pulling no punches, right out in public, like a couple of aldermen or United States Senators! Not only were all the little fellows—Belgium and Uruguay and Ethiopia—sitting there listening to every word, but through newspapers and the radio everybody was in on it. It was enough to make a Richelieu or Metternich or Bismarck turn over in his grave. They handled such matters quite differently. With them it was all secret meetings, confidential emissaries, privately whispered threats or promises, forged telegrams. That was the way it went for centuries — up to the day the war started; and, of course, that was how the wars started.

The loud and open argument between Bevin and Vishinsky is certainly not a guarantee that another war will never start, but it is a hopeful sign. At the start of every war we have read about each side accusing the other of a double cross, and probably both of them were usually right. But it is not easy to manipulate a double cross without a fair amount of privacy; it is extremely difficult to talk out of both sides of your mouth when the whole human race is permitted to hear everything you say.

The important thing about the argument between Bevin and Vishinsky was not who won it,

nor even who was right, but the size of the audience. They have started something that should never be permitted to stop.

PITY THE WEREWOLVES

The way things are going, it will only be a matter of months before most Americans will be feeling guilty for having fought and defeated Germany.

This sense of guilt is the goal of a carefully-conceived and widely-supported propaganda campaign to make us pity the Germans. In some parts of the country, fund-raising drives are under way to re-build the German public buildings which our air men "ruthlessly destroyed." Certain writers, certain preachers, even certain Congressmen, are expressing deep concern that the level of nutrition in Germany today is only 1900 calories per person. They express this concern despite the fact that there are parts of Europe recently liberated from German conquest where the daily food ration is less than 1000 calories per person. These propagandists tell us that we fought a war of punishment; that in eliminating Hitler (did we?), Goebbels, Goering (we have not, yet), and a few others, the punishment was completed, and that now we should extend the hand of mercy to the "innocent" German population.

A level-headed American desires to be neither vindictive nor a sucker. He knows that the German will-to-aggression did not die when a few Nazi heads were lopped off. He knows that only by strict limitation of German industry until such time as Germany has proved her regeneration, can the German-cause-of-war be eliminated. He knows, above all, and with a profound sense of American sportsmanship, that it is an evil and vicious policy that would treat Germans with more consideration than Frenchmen, Poles, Greeks, Jugoslavs, Norwegians, and all the other Europeans whom Germany so very nearly destroyed forever.

Nobody should be allowed to go hungry, but it is a little strange that those Americans who are the most fiercely determined that Germans shall not be hungry show no interest at all in the problem of keeping the Germans from starting another war.

Mrs. Hofler Hostess To U. D. C. Chapter

Enfield—Thursday afternoon of last week at 3 o'clock, Mrs. T. E. Hofler was hostess to the Frank M. Parker Chapter U. D. C., in her home on Main Street. Bowls of jonquils and blue hyacinths decorated the living room for the occasion. Miss Katie Riddick presided, and Mrs. W. F. White led the devotional which was concluded with prayer by Mrs. R. E. Shervette, Jr. During the business discussion the chapter voted to make a contribution to the Red Cross drive, and to send \$5.00 to be applied on the Bust of Sidney Lanier to be placed in the Collonade of the University of New York. Plans were made to attend the meeting of District No. 11 in Weldon on April 2. Mrs. T. E. Hofler was welcomed back to the chapter membership, having dropped out for several years on account of ill health. Joseph Branch, attorney of Enfield, was guest speaker, and made a splendid talk on Stephen Russell Mallory, Secretary of the Confederate States Navy, which was organized in July 1861. The meeting was dismissed with prayer, after which Mrs. Hofler and her assisting hostesses, Mrs. G. C. Howell, Mrs. B. E. Bobbitt and Mrs. C. J. Leonard served a salad plate with hot tea. Guests of the afternoon were Miss Mary Savage and Mrs. A. C. Nichols, Jr. Members included Mrs. W. F. Dickens, Mrs. A. S. Harrison, Mrs. T. E. Hofler, Mrs. G. J. Leonard, Mrs. G. C. Howell, Mrs. S. B. Alsop, Mrs. R. E. Shervette, Jr., Mrs. C. F. Musselman, Mrs. J. R. Powers, Mrs. L. C. Marshall, Mrs. I. D. Wood, Mrs. W. F. White, Mrs. Egbert Barnhill and Miss Katie Riddick.

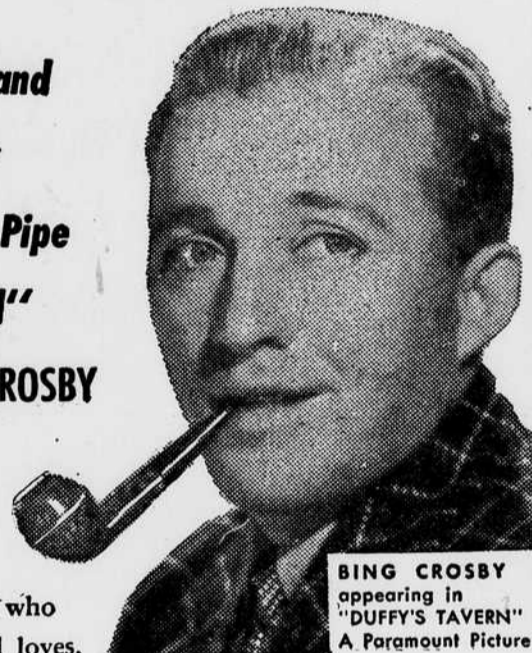
Town Talk

Mrs. Arthur King of Paschall, Va., spent the week end with her sister, Mrs. Grover Taylor.

Mrs. Gee Stephenson spent the week end in Garysburg.

Mrs. T. M. Ridenour and young son, Franklin, Jr., spent the week end here with Mrs. J. H. Lyerly, Sr. Captain Ridenour, who recently returned from the Pacific, is now stationed at Myrtle Beach Army Air Base.

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