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The World Plot

What many has suspected for the past two years is now coming out into the open—a plot on the part of dictators to control the world.

Hitler knows that if Germany is to lick Britain that the United States must be prevented by some means or other from furnishing any great amount of aid. Hitler has been aggravating the trouble between Japan and the United States to make it impractical for the U. S. to more effectively aid Britain. Now the move is to get Japan, Russia and Spain all on the side of Germany and Italy. Japan would keep our attention in the Pacific to prevent our fleet from being too close to aiding Britain.

The American navy has dominated the Pacific for several decades and the English navy has kept watch over the Atlantic. Hitler knows full well that the combination of the two is unbeatable on the high seas.

Automobiles—Production

While Europe is struggling in total war, we in America take time out from reading the war news to look over the 1941 model automobiles, which have been having their premier showings during the past few weeks.

It is a great credit to the industries of a nation to be able to put out so many beautifully new cars with all their improvements and advances, and at the same time prepare for national defense.

Once under way, industry in this country can produce almost anything with amazing rapidity. It takes some time to get going but mass production was born, reared and fostered in this great country and no other can touch it when it comes to production.

Industry can produce war materials at a peace time rate without disruption of regular production of peace time commodities. If it becomes necessary, some plants and machines could be converted into plants for manufacture of munitions and mechanized armaments, arming America as no other nation has ever been armed.

Henry Ford made the assertion that he could produce 1,000 planes daily and when someone questioned the practicability of the statement he went still further and said his industry could do it without affecting automobile production.

Although a leader, that is only one of many industries which could arm the nation adequately.

The dictators drunk with lust for power realize something of the productive abilities of American industry and that is why they are seeking a combination of five powers—Germany, Italy, Japan, Russia and Spain.

Should England fall, we may have to fight them all, economically if not in armed conflict. The American people, sufficiently aroused, can and will meet any threat from abroad.

Hitler has great respect for the ability of American industry to produce war materials and armaments at an almost unbelievable rate but he is inclined to turn up his nose at armies of democracies. He has yet to fully feel the brunt of a democratic people aroused but we predict that he is soon to encounter just that from the British.

Borrowed Comment

A GROWING STATE (Skylark Post)

It is significant to note that North Carolina, known throughout the nation as the "balanced state", maintained its reputation for being progressive and productive when the 1940 census figures were released a few days ago.

While the average increase in population in the United States during the past ten years was only seven percent, a new low record, the increase in North Carolina was nearly twelve and one-half percent. There were only eight other states in the union that showed a higher percentage gain.

With a population of 3,563,174, North Carolina now ranks 12th in the nation. New York is, by far, the largest state, having 13,379,622 people. Next is Pennsylvania, Illinois, California and Ohio.

Of the eight South Atlantic states, North Carolina is the largest, followed by Georgia and Virginia.

With the exception of the three Pacific Coast states, the South Atlantic states had the largest percentage increase in the nation.

China and India have clearly demonstrated to the world that nations with the largest populations are not the greatest countries, but when there is a combination of numbers and quality, such as is the case in North Carolina, there is greatness.

Here's to the Old North State, may she continue to grow in population, in agriculture, in industry, in education and as a paradise in which to live, work and play!

MAYBE IT WILL WORK OUT ALL RIGHT

(Elkin Tribune)

Governor Hoey has come in for considerable friendly criticism because of his methods in naming the draft boards for the various counties of the state. Or should we say that the criticism has been directed more at the plan of organization than at the Governor, for few there be who would accuse Mr. Hoey of allowing politics to enter into such an important matter as this.

And counting all men as patriotic beyond the point of surrendering to political expediency, there is nothing in the plan itself to criticize.

Governor Hoey, as head of the draft in North Carolina, must name the personnel of the three-man draft boards for the counties. Naturally he cannot, even with his broad acquaintanceship in North Carolina, make these selections by himself. And so he has announced that he will abide by the recommendations of a committee composed of the county school superintendent, the chairman of the elections board and the clerk of the Superior Court who will offer the names of a lawyer, a doctor and a prominent private citizen to be members of the draft board with Governor's approval.

Obviously these officials are in position to make wise selections, and in most cases it is expected they will, but the gap is down for politics, just the same, and there be some in North Carolina who are slightly inclined to measure their patriotism by their own accomplishments for their party. Two of this nominating committee are elective officials and the other is appointive. The two certainly will be Democrats, and in the main the third will be too. And so if they are a-mind it will be a rare sight to see a Republican on the draft board in any county. We don't believe even a few of them would work down that sort of groove in such an important matter as this, but one need not be surprised if there is raising of eyebrows, just the same.

And certainly that ought not to be. For in this conscription program it will be necessary to take some and leave others, for it is a selective draft in which various factors will have to be considered, if there be equity in the selection. It is clear to the naked eye that it would be better if these county boards were entirely removed from everything that smacks of politics.

WAITING FOR DRAFT?

(Baltimore News Post)

There has been a noticeable spurt in enlistments since Congress passed the draft legislation—not a rush, to be sure, but enough to suggest a trend toward voluntary service, preferably to compulsion.

Awaiting the chance of being drafted for the Army, the Navy or any of the several other branches of service in defense of the country, involves no disgrace, but voluntary enlistment carries with it a feather in the cap of the soldier, which proudly adds distinction to the wearer.

The volunteer can enlist in the particular branch of the service which he prefers, and may avail himself of that privilege rather than run the risk of being drafted and assigned to another service.

He also sets a psychological example, inasmuch as his promptness to defend his country contributes a morsel of proof that his countrymen are not laggards in patriotism.

Every volunteer helps to inspire others to be volunteers.

Population Of U.S. is Now 131,409,881

Census Figures Show Gain Of Only 7 Percent Since 1930

The census bureau at Washington has announced that the population of the United States, as compiled on April 1, is 131,409,881 which is a gain of only 7 percent since 1930. This is the smallest percentage of gain in any decade in American history.

The 48 states and the District of Columbia reported 8,634,835 more residents than they did 10 years ago, but individual states had widely differing stories.

By percentages, Florida gained the fastest of the states, 27.9 percent, while South Dakota lost the most, 7.5 percent. The District of Columbia where the number of government workers has doubled outpaced all the states with a 35.2 gain.

In actual numbers, California gained the most, 1,196,437, and Kansas lost the most 81,862.

North Carolina showed an increase of 12.4 percent, climbing from 3,170,276 in 1930 to 3,563,174 in 1940.

North Carolina also advanced from 12th place in population among the 48 states to 11th, to trade places with Indiana, which dropped from 11th to 12th.

The 7 per cent national gain was less than half the ratio in any previous decade. Census Director William L. Austin said

this was due to a declining birth rate and a virtual stoppage of immigration during the last 10 years. From 1910 to 1920, the gain was 14.3 per cent, one from 1920 to 1930 it was 14.1 per cent.

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Approximately five months will be required to test all the cattle in Harnett County for Bang's disease, says Joe B. Gourlay, assistant farm agent of the State College Extension Service.

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