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## The Passing Show Of Nineteen Forty-Two

### SMOKE ON THE HOME FRONT

"If Hitler wins this war, it will not make much difference. It will just mean swapping Dictators. I don't believe Hitler is any worse Dictator than Roosevelt."

If the Stokes county man reported to have repeatedly made the above statement, a man with a family and protected in the enjoyment of his rights as a free citizen of this free country, is honest in his conviction and actually believes what he has said, it is a sad commentary on our educational systems and on all informative mediums of the times: The books, the magazines, the newspapers, the radio and all of the innumerable publicised observations and experiences of thousands of citizens of this and other countries.

The President of the United States is not a Dictator nor indeed can be. He has no powers except those vested in him by the constitution, and no prerogatives save those delegated to him by the laws of this nation, which are passed by congress. If he were the unscrupulous tyrant which this Stokes county man pictures him, he would quickly be impeached by our Senators and Congressmen. The President cannot make laws. He can only execute the laws made for his guidance by our governing body.

On the other hand, Hitler is saturated with unrestricted powers, not only over property but over life and death in his own nation of Germany and in the nations which he had subjugated. There is no law in the realms of Hitler except Hitler law.

Hitler has caused the death of more than a million innocent men, women and children among his enslaved peoples, merely by a nod of his head or a wave of his hand. We do not speak of soldiers in battle. We mean the helpless and unarmed citizens who have been the victims of his suspicion or hate.

Hitler has no morals and defies both God and man in carrying out the decrees of his ambition or malice.

Hitler has ordained that the young women of Germany need not be married to engage in the duties of family life, but are even encouraged and enjoined to multiply and propagate indiscriminately that the armies of Germany may have more men to feed them.

Hitler confiscates and appropriates to himself or his henchmen at will the property of Germany or any other nation under his control. The subjects of his iron rule are forced to endure this outrage and like it. Through his Gestapo or secret police system, any person who dares oppose the will of Hitler, dies. Any person who even incurs his dislike or suspicion is quietly removed by his orders, to dungeon or firing squad.

Hitler has all but destroyed every public aspect of the Christian religion in his domain, and the children in the schools are taught to believe only in the God Hitler.

This man who is a real Dictator is the star scoundrel of all time, the world's most ambitious and ruthless tyrant, the bloodiest murderer of all the ages.

He is the most grasping and dangerous menace to peace and liberty that mankind has known, not even excepting Genghis Kahn, Alexander, Caesar or Napoleon.

In comparing Roosevelt with Hitler, the Stokes county man betrays the most abysmal ignorance on record, and can only be classed with the imbeciles, the nit-wits and the nincompoops—admitting that he is honest in his belief.

If not—if he knows better, and is actuated by

### BUSINESS AFTER THE WAR

Many people believe that we will be in for a great depression and a long period of hard times after the war when millions of men from the armies and the idle war factories will walk the streets and highways with nothing to do, and panic and desolation will brood over the land everywhere.

We do not for one minute coincide with this gloomy view.

We believe that for many years after the battles are over and peace has come that the United States of America will be in for the greatest period of good times the world has ever known, and that future generations will read in their histories of the golden age that came when the allied armies were finally victorious over the Axis.

It will be no doubt quite a number of years after the war is over before the giant armies can be demobilized. But as fast as the men can be disarmed and put back into the ways of peace they will be absorbed by the economic needs of the nation.

Let us remember that the great war munitions plants must largely be converted back to peace time employment, and that countless thousands of hands will be engaged.

There will then be automobiles by the millions to be built, railways, traction lines, tools of every conceivable kind, furniture, farm trucks, tractors and implements of myriad sorts to be manufactured.

The highways will be repaired and reconstructed and new roads built everywhere.

Then we must furnish supplies to all of the destroyed and barren places of Europe and Asia and Africa. The starving millions must have food, and farm prices will soar.

The needs of a shattered world must be met—in England, Russia, Germany, Japan, Italy, and all the nations that have been depleted.

Only America will be in position for many years to supply that need.

Those who envisage hard times after the war are mistaken—the flush times will be such as have not been witnessed within the memory of man.

### CEILING

Congressman John H. Folger makes a strong point in the tobacco ceiling proposal matter when he says it will not be fair to the farmers of Piedmont North Carolina Old Belt to fix a ceiling on their tobacco prices based on the prices being paid on the eastern belts.

The farmers of the Old Belt—Mr. Folger argues—have grown a much better crop of tobacco than the farmers down east and a ceiling at say 35 cents for the eastern crop will be comparatively too low for our farmers whose crop would naturally be worth considerably more.

Folger with leading tobacconists and farmers of this section of the State will appear before the Washington authorities to enter a protest, and the chances are good for a modification of the OPA ruling.

malice, then he becomes of that vicious and dangerous type of society that needs be confined. He is of the genus asp, and spits the same kind of venom you find in the fangs of the Black Widow spider. He debases himself, and is lower than the toad that drinks from the sewer ditch.

### SEPPUKU RECOMMENDED TO MARSHAL ROMMEL

It is noticed in the papers that Marshal Rommel, since his much heralded blitz in North Africa has been hopelessly smashed by the British and Americans, is sick.

It is also noted that the Marshal will be replaced by another Hun general.

It appears to be quite a convenient time for the Marshal to get sick. Wendell Willkie, who paid this war front a visit after the battle, says the Axis lost over a third of their tanks in the fight and uncounted masses of other material, while British Spitfires and American flying fortresses had complete control of the air.

But people are naturally wondering what species of ailment afflicted the Marshal, whether he was taken with a coronary thrombosis, or a drying up of his gall duct, or just a case of nerves.

Anyway why doesn't he do like the Japs—employ seppuku, a quick antidote for failure.

When a Jap gets licked, he finds it embarrassing to face the rats back home with his story of how it didn't happen.

So he resorts to seppuku or as some say harakira, which is a disembowelment following a disillusionment.

In this way he can show at least that he had some.

### THE PRESIDENT IS RIGHT

Inflation means the high cost of living.

There is great danger to the country when commodities begin to rise exorbitantly in price, making it difficult or impossible for poor people to buy the necessities of life. This condition is immediately followed by a rise in the wages of labor.

Thus the dangerous spiral starts, and never ends. Soon the economical equilibrium is thrown out of joint, money becomes almost worthless and the country reels on the brink of disaster.

The President says Congress must apply ceilings to both commodities and wages before the disaster comes, and that if it fails to do so he will under the powers granted him to protect the people in grave national emergencies, install ceilings himself by presidential proclamation.

The President is right. The people will uphold him in his efforts to prevent the economic crisis.

### UNCONQUERABLE RUSSIA

The Reporter has said ever since the Huns first attacked Russia that they would never conquer Russia.

We are glad to notice that our two valued friends Franklin Roosevelt and Winston Churchill have both recently given expression to the same opinion, and we are willing to give both of them credit for saying it after we said it.

The Germans are now thundering at the gates of Stalingrad and may take that important city. But they have not trapped the wily Joe Stalin's brave armies. And they never will, and soon Joe will get relief by the gigantic new front now rapidly coming to his aid.