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#### THE EVIL THAT MEN DO

Perhaps it was a good omen that an article on the death of Hitler got squeezed out of the Pilot two weeks ago by an interview with a returned soldier.

Faith such as that cannot be beaten with the sword; it can only fall before a stronger faith. It is toward which we shall have to lead the German people, if we do not want to see a resurgence of Nazism in Europe.

But as we look back and think what our feelings about Hitler's death would have been a year or even six months ago, how the news would have appeared in letters a foot high in every paper in the land, its omission, now, is hardly credible.

It is well that it should be so. Lately, as more and more atrocity stories, authenticated by photographs, appeared in the press, a growing realization has come over us that the dictator was only the head-man of the gang.

Not only that, it is a thousand times bigger than any group of men. As we recall the way in which it crept, like a living malignant growth, into the hearts and minds of a whole people, a great talented, vigorous people, turning them into the brutes and perverts we have read about, we cannot be unaware of its terrific insinuating power.

The racist theory as regards Germany is always popular. Perhaps because it is pleasant and comfortable to have a scapegoat, someone who is quite obviously guilty all round the clock.

But the roots of the plant that came to flower so poisonously in Germany are deep in the soil of the world. We shall not have grubbed them out with the removal of that malignant blossom.

That is why these next years are so vital to the future of the world and why the question of the treatment of Germany looms so large.

A peace, no matter whether hard or soft, will be ineffective, unless it means, to the Germans a great deal more than the cessation of war. The field will not remain fallow long; if it is not sown to crops it will grow weeds.

The obstacles are enormous. The individual re-education of the German people is a colossal task. They must be utterly changed in character. And the changing must be done by all too human agencies. The subtle corruption of power will be ours to cope with; the temptations of greed; the tragically human temptation to slide out from under such onerous responsibilities; the urge to get on home and forget it all.

people, with all our smugness, have no business over there telling other people how to act. We shall have all that to fight against, and we shall have, besides, the infinitely complex job of rebuilding a country as well as a people.

We can accomplish it only if we enter into it with humility, with determination and unity with our allies, who understand even better than we do the problems that we face. And we can only then accomplish it if all of us together understand one thing more: that we face a spiritual task far greater than any material or intellectual one.

When we look back fifteen, even ten years ago, we see a Germany still prostrate from the last war, without spirit, without industry, completely at the mercy of any potential enemy. In ten years that nation challenged the power of four of the greatest countries of the world and almost beat them.

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aid of Stalin." Yes, Mr. Patterson. Hitler and Goebbels have reminded us of this danger, quite frequently. But the Fuehrer didn't echo to Mr. Patterson's fright of September 16, 1943, that "if the Russians enter into some sort of arrangement for a separate peace with Germany we will have a damn difficult time of it."

In September 1943 the remark, "Russia is helping its alleged allies as little as it can." In January 1945 the Daily News sounds a sour note of cheer: "The fact that Stalin is concentrating his efforts against the heart of German power, instead of fooling around in the Balkans, is encouraging."

Meanwhile the Daily News was urging a fierce all-out Russian offensive against Japan. Was that to keep the Muscovite out of Berlin, do you think? And aren't the sensitive Axis papers a wren's bit afraid that a Russian invasion of Japan might communize all Asia?

So here's a parting groan on December 13, 1944. "But for God's sake, let's not go into World War III to put down Russia in its turn."

All right, Mr. Patterson. You can keep us out of World War III by doing what you have no intention of doing—closing your editorial trap for about 10 years.

#### THE Public Speaking

Editor, The Pilot

I have read with no little indignation your reporter's account of my recent visit to my old and valued friend, Mr. A. B. Yeomans. The story is completely inaccurate both as to the facts and their implications.

I don't know what the McCormick-Patterson-Hearst Axis has been saying about the Conference. Plenty, no doubt; and probably along their old line of phoney prophecy, still hoping against hope to chisel a split between the Allied Nations.

It might be amusing right now to go back over some of the N. Y. Daily News' statements which, when we read them, made us wonder whether we'd been fighting Russia and Britain—or only the Axis Powers.

Like this one, of June 1941, apropos of Poland's fall: "British diplomacy has thus incited unfortunate Poland, poor old France, and poor little Holland... to fight to their national deaths."

Some years, shortly after the above: "Other people feel that the British are fighting to preserve and if possible enlarge their Empire... that Hitler is doing the same thing for Germany, and that the United States can take care of itself whichever side wins."

The Daily News followed up in September 1941 with the reminder that England and France started the war "to keep Germany from getting too strong." Again, "We're being drummed into it by the war party here..."

Now jump to the Daily News of 1945: "Twice in a generation the American people have been led in a war to preserve the British Empire." This sage remark is just one of many, covering four years... We're fighting England's war in the Pacific, and why doesn't Churchill send "those big British naval units which are so often reported steaming toward the fight"?

In 1945, "The time seems ripe to request the British to begin doing their share in the work." (Lightly waving aside the fact that Britain, with a population one third the size of ours, has 4,500,000 men in her armed forces, and in the Burma campaign has employed the largest ground force that has yet been used against Japan—hence the capture of Rangoon.)

the criterion of universal approach to "practical political issues" is lacking. The powerful newcomers to international power and the habits of the old time diplomacy are alike trying to play their part in the new international Congress of Nations as if they had not recognized that a new era is dawning in this field.

Our own representatives have not yet been able to impress upon the assembled host of 49 nations' representatives that there is no alternative to another world war and ultimate destruction of civilization but faith and confidence in the announced principles and ideals of the Atlantic Charter and the Dumbarton Oaks outline of a possible guide to a system under which the nations may dwell together in peace and harmony.

The rather ridiculous situation that developed due to the desire of one Nation's head to defer announcement of the end of the war in Europe while the gigantic news gathering and disseminating corporations teetered on their toes and lost valuable time (and, incidentally, money) while attempting to bring the wished-for news to the world, is a timely illustration of the sand-lot attitude toward world affairs. We are no longer interested in, nor desire, NAZI and FACIST demonstrations to emphasize the importance of world-shaking political announcements.

The citizenry of a free people are able to make their own decisions based upon the facts and are beyond the sand-lot stage in dealing with international problems. Let's make this clear to our representatives in San Francisco—and through them to the others.

O. A. DICKINSON, Col. USA, Rtd. Southern Pines, N. C.

The Pilot Mrs. James Boyd, Editor, Southern Pines, North Carolina

Dear Mrs. Boyd:—At a recent meeting of the Board of Directors of the AMERICAN RED CROSS Moore County Chapter, the Secretary was instructed to write you a letter of appreciation of the splendid co-operation and generosity of your newspaper in handling the publicity for our Chapter.

It seems hardly fitting for us to extend "thanks" to you for work carried on for a cause which is universal. The Board of Directors, however, wishes to acknowledge with sincere appreciation the complete harmony and co-operation with which your paper helped and continues to help in performing the duties laid out for us in this time of emergency.

Most sincerely yours, Louise P. Dana, Chapter Secretary

#### Reading The Pilot

We are pleased to acknowledge new or renewal subscriptions from the following: Southern Pines: Mrs. F. A. de Costa, Mrs. George Draughon, Mrs. Thelma Holt, Mrs. George S. Nevins, Jr., Major Thomas B. Wood, Miss Emma Louise Hackney, Mrs. Fred Van Camp, Dr. L. M. Daniels, Mrs. Amelia Schmidt, Dr. Edward F. Green, L. T. Avery, Mrs. Eugene Sample.

Mr. Yeomans is also reported to have been seen lately clad in full camouflaged battle-dress, complete with gas mask. The purpose of the latter is doubtless to supervise practice on the range mentioned in your valued communication.

As to our reporter: my dear sir, we can only apologise. You know what help is these days. The Pilot has suffered like many others. Our reporter to our regret refuses to retract her statement and sends you a message, which in the interest of fairness we feel obliged to transmit: It is in the form of a quotation: "What became of Brother Possum, Uncle Remus?" the little boy asked.

Yours for free speech and free possums.—The Editor. Editor, The Pilot: Evidence shows that the old adage of "boys will be boys" is still dominant in the staid counsels of the Nations' representatives in San Francisco. So far, the indications that fundamental issues are

York, N. Y.; Cpl. James R. Faircloth, 34116122, 331 Bomb Group, 335th Bomb Sqdn., A. P. O. 18615, care Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif.; Cpl. William R. Morrison, 34466038, 3622 Q. M. Regt. Truck Co., A. P. O. 350, care Postmaster, New York, N. Y.; Cpl. L. A. Morrison, 14050635, Hq. 1st Allied A/B Army, A. P. O. 740, care Postmaster, New York, N. Y.; Pfc. Fred A. Isele, 32329420, Hq. Sqdn., 13th A. F., A. P. O. 719, care Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif.

#### Camp Mackall Men Give Generously In War Fund Drive

During the recent American Red Cross War Fund campaign, a total of \$4094.04 was contributed by military and civilian personnel at Camp Mackall, it was reported by Colonel L. R. Hathaway, honorary chairman.

According to agreements with the local Red Cross Chapters in the surrounding counties the contributions were apportioned as follows: Moore County, Southern Pines, 208.58; Richmond County, Hamlet, \$1072.63; Richmond County-Rockingham, \$1721.80; Scotland County, Laurinburg, \$1091.03.

Colonel Hathaway, in praising the response of the enlisted men, said that "although they were not asked to participate, many insisted on giving something to help their buddies and expressed appreciation of the American Red Cross services to the armed forces."

"I would like to take this opportunity," he added, "to thank all of those who helped make this campaign a success. Their efforts and the funds they raised are splendid testimonials to both our armed forces and the American Red Cross."

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This 11th day of April, 1945. D. G. STUTZ Administrator, with the Will annexed of Frank B. Pottle, deceased. April 20-May 25

NOTICE OF SALE NOTICE is hereby given that under and by virtue of the powers of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust executed by Martha Burnett to Lloyd T. Clark, Trustee, which Deed of Trust is recorded in Book 50, page 276, in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Moore County, the debt secured by said Deed of Trust being past due and unpaid, and the powers of sale contained therein having become operative, the undersigned Trustee will offer for sale and sell to the highest bidder, for cash, at the Court House Door in Moore County at Carthage, N. C., at the hour of Noon on the 24th day of May, 1945, the following described real estate:

BEGINNING at the southwest corner of Lot No. 9 as shown on the map entitled "Property of Niagara Realty Company, Niagara, N. C., recorded in Book 85, page 603, and running thence, South 89-24 E a s t 302 feet; thence, North 71-55 East 401 feet; thence, North 40 West 223.5 feet; thence, North 29-56 West 203.4 feet; thence, North 1-24 East 325.1 feet; thence, North 64 West 232.4 feet; thence, South 64 West 217.4 feet; thence, South 0-36 West 808.4 feet to the beginning, and comprising Lots 9, 10, and 11, and the Burnett tract as shown on said map. Apr. 23, 1945. LLOYD T. CLARK, Trustee

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