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Nazi Face Sentences

After a trial which lasted ten months, the International Military Tribunal has announced its decision on the Nazi leaders and organizations which have been charged with war crimes.

There is no doubt of the brutality, depravity and criminality of the course pursued by Nazi Germany. The only question was whether the defendants participated in the program in a glee that makes them personally culpable and, if so, whether there is legal basis for their punishment.

The deliberate policy of the Nazi regime was to disregard the rights, legal and moral, of the people in occupied areas. Inside Germany, there was, apparently, no law of God or man which was respected by the proponents of the Nazi doctrine. Inhumanity was commonly practiced and property rights were intentionally violated. Both succumbed to the might-makes-right doctrine.

The callous practices of the Nazi regime, both in the years of peace and during the course of the war, were on an equal with the worst that has been recorded in history. As Winston Churchill remarked, they were without parallel since the days of the Mongol invasion and were without equal in the annals of modern times.

Stalin On A "New War"

The declaration of Prime Minister Joseph Stalin of Russia that he does not believe "in a real danger of a new war" is interesting mainly because of the explanation that he gives for the existence of such a belief.

Stalin says that the "noise" of war is raised mainly by military, political scouts who need it to frighten naive politicians, to make difficult reduction of military budgets in their country and to check demobilization of troops for the prevention of unemployment.

If the reasoning of the Soviet leader is correct, one would find the United States and Great Britain maintaining their armed services on something of a war-time basis instead of demobilizing so rapidly as to threaten the complete collapse of essential defense forces.

The western democracies have already reduced their fighting forces and are continuing the process. By contrast, the Soviet Union maintains the Red Army in tremendous numbers and Stalin and other Russian leaders constantly talk about the danger of capitalistic aggression against Russia and urge the Red Army to be prepared at all times.

If one is to credit the Soviet leader with sincerity in his explanation of the talk about a new war, it is only logical to assume that the reasons which he suggests for such talk in other countries are, in fact, justification for the policy now being followed by the Soviet Union.

We sometimes wonder why the home team plays so much better and still manages to lose the game.

Inventories Increase

The Commerce Department reports that manufacturers' inventories in August reached a new mark of \$18,000,000,000.

The increase in August was about half of that in July which leads to the conclusion that manufacturers have expanded shipments. The increased inventory for the month, however, also indicates that there is some tendency to withhold goods from circulation.

There has developed a widespread practice, on the part of manufacturers and others, to hold goods for an expected increase in price. In brief, the business men are speculating on the market rather than producing goods at current prices for a fair profit. Like all speculators, they may make an unexpected gain but, in the event of economic trouble, they may take an unexpected loss.

Your Social Security

Social security in the United States takes in a vast number of workers. Many of these workers are at a loss as to when to do what, in order to get maximum benefits provided under the law.

Information put out by the Social Security Administration so that older workers, veterans and those who have lost cards can keep themselves informed on proper procedure, is sometimes overlooked. Here is the latest data on your benefits, if you have a social security card.

There are two main times for action. If you become 65, you should contact a field office of the S. S. Administration. It will probably be to your advantage to file your claim for old-age and survivors' insurance even though you plan to continue working. If you do not file at 65 and then become ill, the benefit will not be as high as it would if you had filed promptly at 65.

The second time you should take immediate action is when a worker in your family dies. A member of the deceased worker's family should immediately contact the Social Security Administration and file a claim for the deceased's insurance. Certain proofs should be presented to the administration—proof of marriage, proof of age, proof of death, and proof of paternity as to children—each should have a birth certificate.

Veterans who are returning to jobs, or with new jobs, who have lost their security numbers, can apply to the nearest social security field office for a duplicate. Any veteran with a new job and no number can obtain one by mail, but the administration prefers that the employee call in person at the nearest field office. Forms for mailing are available at most Post Offices.

American Youth Fortunate

American boys and girls—in the United States particularly—have a social growth and development more wholesome than that offered the youth of any other nation. They have opportunities for clean development in a wholesome environment that is not possible anywhere else in the world.

The normal life of the High Schoolers in our country, with the large metropolitan cities offering some unfortunate exceptions, includes school affairs, sports, dances, dates, the drug store, the movies, football trips, house parties, and other group activities in general. While all may not be just as it should be and some mistakes are made, the average conduct of our young people is amazingly good compared with those of European countries.

Of course, the Europeans have had wars and they have lived under adverse circumstances in the past few years, but the European way is different in peace or war time. It is inferior. It is far more involved than the average American boy or girl's life becomes at the age of sixteen.

In the first place, the Europeans have no counterpart to the drug stores of the Americans. Young boys and girls must go to a neighborhood pub for their drinks and there is no cola or crush to order. It's usually a mild or a bitter.

Until the young Englishman becomes old enough to take his mild beer, he has practically nowhere to go. He doesn't have a chance to get a milk shake, a soda, a cone or hot-dog. Only in London are the English just beginning to catch up.

France and Italy are as bad. Spain and the other Latin nations also drag behind in providing their youth with the modern, wholesome environment offered in the United States.

Of course, there is much room for improvement in some things here but, as far as the rest of the world is concerned, Americans are far ahead in giving American youth the chance to begin life with an education to fit them for life in this complex world.

A THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father expresses itself in kindly activities. As James asserts, it is this: "To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world." Angels may be fitted for "a religion of effortless adoration," but man is designed for a religion of action as well as adoration. "Not in contemplation" someone has written, "but in activity lies true hope not in rapture but in reality lies true life; not in the realm of ideas but among tangible things is man's sanctification wrought."

Weekly CHURCH COLUMN

Pastors are invited to take advantage of this column for sermons, church notices, etc. Mail sermons and contributions to Church Column Editor, care of this newspaper.

The new president of the Republic of Hungary, the Hon. Zoltan Tildy, is also an ordained Presbyterian minister. For 12 years prior to his election he was pastor of the Hungarian Reformed congregation at Szeghalom. The Presbyterian church in the USA is planning to send emergency relief to Hungary through his associates.

During the six-year period of World War II, the American Bible Society printed and distributed more than 14,500,000 copies of the Scriptures, in more than forty tongues. Of this total, about 9,000,000 books went to members of the United States armed forces through chaplains. Three million copies, in twenty-three languages, went to people who were or had been prisoners and residents in the "occupied countries." At the peak of production the Society's presses were turning out 10,000 copies daily.

Sponsored by Jewish educational, religious and civic bodies from all parts of the United States, there is in the process

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of formation a secular but Jewish-directed university to be on a campus at Waltham, Mass. A foundation known as the Albert Einstein Foundation for Higher Learning, has been established as the directing body of the proposed university. The head of the Foundation is Dr. Israel Goldstein, president of the Jewish Conciliation Board of America; other officers and directors include some of the most liberal and best-known Jews of the nation. Dr. Goldstein announces that both faculty and student body will be open to members of all races and religions. Dr. Einstein, approving the project, says it "will attract

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