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No Deception This Time

Viscount Maugham, in a little book on "Lies as Allies, or Hitler at War" (Oxford University Press), remarked that in each of Hitler's aggressions in central and western Europe, he used the method of "lulling the victim to sleep by deliberate and repeated public lies as to his intentions."

After the humiliating exhibition of Russian military weakness in the war with little Finland, Stalin must have had doubts about his ability to hold his own with Hitler, and those doubts grew with the crushing of France by the Nazi war machine and the Nazi sweep through the Balkans.

Hence, no one could be surprised—neither Stalin nor anyone else—at Hitler's unprovoked violation of his non-aggression pact with Russia. He was treacherous as soon as that suited his purposes.

Lying is a constantly used instrument of Nazi policy. The resort to falsification is on a scale never attempted before by any government anywhere.

In two weeks of the air blitz on Britain last August, Berlin claimed that 922 British planes had been lost and only 249 German planes.

When a British convoy was attacked by the Nazis last November and heroically defended by the Jervis Bay, the Germans announced that the convoy had been "completely destroyed."

Hitler had fantastic ways of sustaining the morale of the German people. He fed them with lies and forbade them to try to get the truth.

History will establish the proper place for Hitler, as Viscount Maugham says. "History is meaningless unless it is the Truth."

Deadly Parallel

The following passage, with the change of a single term is as up-to-date as one of Prime Minister Churchill's speeches:

"United Germany found the strength in which alone freedom can live, and then turned that strength to its destruction. They took for their example the despot (Napoleon) from whom their valor had done so much to redeem mankind. They made him a prophet, became his disciples, developed his teaching and perfected his methods. They accepted William II as his spiritual heir. They turned their backs on civilization, and reverted to the creeds of Assyria and Babylon, of Attila and Genghis. In sheer ferocity they surpassed the methods of Tartar conquerors. They who had caught the music of the spheres sowed discord in every land. The light was theirs, and they sinned against it: no one class, but the nation itself was involved in the sin. There were Socialists who licked their lips over Brest-Litovsk. All but a mere remnant, and those largely in prison or exile, accepted and justified the creed of despotism, so long as it promised them the mastery of the world. The German people consented to be slaves in their own house at the price of enslaving mankind. They offered their own souls in exchange for the world."

This is a quotation from an article entitled "Windows of Freedom," which appeared in the issue of the Round Table for December, 1918. It and a companion article, "Some Principles and Problems of Settlement"—both written by Lionel Curtis—were reprinted in a pamphlet:

"The Peace Conference—and After," with an introduction by Lord Grey of Falloden. The parallels between the last war and the present one could not be better indicated.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The Glorious Fourth falls on Friday, which will enable many U.S.A. citizens to start their usual week-end tomorrow.

Now we may rest satisfied until Labour Day, except for weekly half-holidays and summer vacations, hoping the farmer will get good weather to help the tourist trade.

A second car ferry at Wood Islands-Cariboo seems essential. If the tourist and truck business is to be developed a two-way service operating at the same time, as at Levis, is the way to assure success.

Professor L. S. Angus, member of the Royal Commission on Dominion-Provincial relations, has been appointed to an important position in the Department of External Affairs, Ottawa, and has been granted 14 months leave by the B. C. University where he is head of the department of economics.

Ontario is suffering from a severe drought, so much so that the Provincial Department of Agriculture has been in conference with farmers over the advisability of putting live stock on grain to help out the pasture. We could let them have a little of our moisture in exchange for their sunshine.

How does our lobster packing compare with British Columbia's salmon packing? Of 1,470-1,44 cases of canned salmon inspected by the experts in the laboratory at Vancouver last year, only 120 were found to be below the prescribed quality standard.

The late Hon. Adrien Arsenault was a ready and effective political speaker, but it was with the utmost difficulty that his late leader, Premier Stewart could get him to take part in debates in the House. He was diffident, and underestimated his own abilities in this respect, which was evident when he did rise in a debate or to uphold a policy on the platform.

The ancient church of St. Andrew-by-the-Wardrobe, in the City of London, was wrecked by a Nazi bomb, but the rector, the Rev. J. R. Sankey, carries on in small temporary quarters, St. Anne's Chapel, and he also continues the parish magazine, in a recent issue of which he appeals to his readers to do what they can in the way of caring for animals and birds.

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The Defence Department, Ottawa, announces that the recruiting campaign will be continued until the 32,000 recruits asked for by Defence Minister Ralston have been obtained. By that time we may need another 10,000.

A reader suggests that the Government might well conscript for war the "unemployed balances" lying dormant in chartered banks and trust companies. These consist of accounts in which no deposits or withdrawals have been recorded for five years, and amount in the aggregate to millions of dollars.

NOTES BY THE WAY

The following illuminating example of "solemn nonsense" in Nazi Germany is perhaps worth publicity. It is from a recent article in a German paper. The writer is concerned to reproach those who complain about the joylessness of the times. "Joy, in these days," he says, "must be found in small things. For example, the housewife unexpectedly finds an old collar which can still be used... She has joy. Many other similar examples," the writer goes on, "can be given..." —London Times.

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Adelard Godbout, Premier of Quebec, recently exposed himself as a failure in accomplishing his duty, our full duty, in close formation with the other Provinces and the Central Government. We are conscious of being among those who are not satisfied with the realization of the ideal of Canadian national unity.

Juke boxes, neon signs, installment buying, bedroom, bathroom and parlor living, nickelodeon and parlour, downtown breakfast, cellophane, selling short, modest poetry, the cost of living, passing of the back-fence debate, passing of the barefoot boy, moving to the city, the fact that who don't understand their own children, leaders who don't lead, vacations that leave your tired, comedians without a joke, political campaigns without a platform, fighters without a punch. —London Free Press.

The sentiment of friendship toward England, the great hope in all the countries which are occupied by the Axis legions. It is only in countries which have been spared the horrors of war—as for example in Canada—where the sentiment of friendship toward Britain can be afforded. The French people who formerly piled up attacks on "perfidious Albion" are today hoping with all their hearts for her victory.

In Poland it was noted the German Army was careful to secure roads, bridges, factories and other useful facilities wherever possible. Whether they can follow this policy in winter, or in the resistance encountered.

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WORDS OF CHALLENGE

A THOUGHT A DAY FOR A PEOPLE AT WAR

"Everybody has great admiration for the British people who have stood the constant terrific bombing for months and months and continued to face the situation cheerfully." —Dr. Serge Voronoff, 75-year old Russian born scientist.

Must Conquer Russia In 90 Days

The Nazi war machine must crush the Red Army in three months or face disastrous difficulties according to Washington opinion.

The whole outcome of the Russo-German fighting hinges on the Red Army strategy—whether the Russian forces follow the Poles' example and remain spread out in an attempt to defend all frontiers, or withdraw intact to interior positions to take advantage of rivers and other natural defences. Unless a mastery retreat succeeds, the Red Army faces the peril of being cut up quickly.

The time limit of three months was based on climate and weather conditions and the state of Russia's transport system. Fall rains would tend to bog down the whole campaign.

The Nazi High Command, it was noted, chose a time when the crops in the east were green and difficult to destroy by air. Later in the season grain fields might be burned by the Russians to prevent the Nazis from gaining any immediate increase in their food supply from that region.

Should the Nazi invasion succeed in a month, enough time might remain for an all-out attempt to conquer England this year.

Isolation In The Andes

Without there are few in this troubled world who can read the strange story related by Capt. Luis Conterno, Peruvian flier, without acute yearning. Forced down in the mountains of his native land, in a wild but fertile plateau, Capt. Conterno was greeted not by the savages he anticipated, but by a friendly band who explained in pure Castilian, that they were descendants of two families that had lost their way in an effort to reach Brazil from Peru in 1904.

War—25 Years Ago Today

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LAW OBSERVANCE

Sir,—I noticed an advertisement inviting readers to send in their suggestions for better conditions, so here goes: I will offer some suggestions to the tourist traffic. If tourists come here to enjoy the climate, and hospitality of our people, paid or otherwise, give them to understand that they are expected to keep our laws, which are made for the citizens' benefit, and incidentally for visitors also, by the citizens themselves. I do not approve of loosening up the tourist laws for the sake of tourists. It does not pay even from a financial standpoint, and let our lawmakers and judges set a good example themselves by total abstinence. Perhaps they do. I think the auto speed limit should be changed to careful driving. If they have a speed limit, there should be a bell after the manner of a cream separator that rings when over speed. Yours for a better Canada.

I am, Sir, etc. COMMON SENSE.

wars or revolutions, of economic crises or the impact of crashing faiths. How many of those who have vainly struggled to grasp the swiftly changing scheme of things in which we have our being would not deem those lucky mountaineers content? Yet they were not quite content. Of the outside world they wanted only teachers and writing to Ely—only knowledge in a word; that most explosive commodity which wrecked Eden and which has set men to scheming and striving through the ages.

The fall rains were a barrier, stout and high, but the queuing spirit of the little band within leaped over it. Probably its members did not know, quite, the implications of their simple request; they only obeyed the urge to know things beyond their immediate ken, unaware of what emotions of pity and terror, anger and greed that knowledge might bring to Ely. In the world without we have no need to reach across the mountains for that painful experience; neither can we wall our souls against it. And it is good to know that, in any case, the wall could not bring content.

No Time To Waste

The most dangerous error that Britain and America could commit would be to regard the German attack on Russia as a "breathing spell" for themselves. On the contrary, what Britain and America do in the next few weeks may be more important than anything they could do in a whole year if they let this opportunity pass.

These few weeks are the time to go all out in reducing to the maximum possible extent the German war effort in Russia. With this and in view we ought, at once to make available to Britain, for an air attack on the western front, every "plane that we can send abroad." If Russia can be kept in the war until Winter, or nine weeks instead of six or six weeks instead of three it may make an enormous difference in the outcome of the whole conflict. What the British and American democracies do or fail to do in these next few weeks may determine the whole future history of the world.

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