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EDITORIAL

TIME TO ACT

It is about time for the people of the United States to make an intelligent appraisal of Hitler's attack upon Russia and consider the problem confronting the United States.

It may help us to understand the situation if we divert to 1939 and remember that Hitler, after years of bitter denunciation of the Soviet Union, surprised the world by suddenly embracing Joseph Stalin.

Nazis Fear Two-Front War

After the collapse of France, the German army was largely unoccupied. Now, in the summer of 1941, Hitler faces the supreme task of his gigantic enterprise, the invasion and subjugation of Great Britain.

Despite the non-aggression pact and his victories in the Balkan area, Hitler was afraid of Russia, fearing that Stalin would take advantage of his attack upon England and force concessions from Germany.

In order to avoid the possibility of a two-front war, Hitler attacked Russia with the aim of destroying the offensive powers of the Red Army. Hitler and his generals know that the British are not yet ready to launch an invasion into Europe.

Beaten Russia Endangers British

Once the danger of an attack from Russia is removed, Hitler will be in position to transfer his tremendous military might and throw the full force of his army, navy and air force into the decisive attack upon the British.

Hitler's scheme is sound. It will work if the Red Army can be sufficiently punned in time for the all-out invasion of the British Isles in the late summer or early fall. Certainly, a quick victory over Russia within the next six or eight weeks will remove every threat to Germany and free all Nazi fighting men for service against England.

British Army Cannot Attack

The British Army, as it stands today, is no match for the German military machine and if it advances too quickly into Europe, will become the prey of the Nazis who have sufficient men in the West to take on a British expeditionary force of more than half a million men.

A better suggestion, from the British point of view, involves daring raids on the Continent with the possible use of "hit-and-run" tanks to smash airfields, factories, transportation facilities and communication lines. Such a campaign would force Hitler to keep strong forces in all the occupied territories.

Better than these suggestions, however, is the actual course being followed by the British, who are pounding German centers with long-range bombing planes.

Our Interest in Russian Army

The reaction of the United States to the invasion of Russia has been stated officially by Under Secretary of State Welles and confirmed by the President. The Government accepts the British conclusion that the great enemy of civilization today is Hitler and that the first purpose of free peoples is his complete defeat.

Regardless of our antipathy to Communism, as proclaimed in Russia, we will assist the Russian Government as long as the resistance of the Red Army contributes to the supreme end in view, the defeat of Hitler and the destruction of the Nazi regime.

It is not surprising that some elements of our population, long averse to Communism, should be reluctant to aid the Russians or to cooperate with the Reds in any way. These people, we suppose, believe that Communism is a graver danger to this country than Hitler and his despotic power. They would let Hitler and Stalin fight it out, without compunctions as to the slaughter and without concern as to the outcome of the struggle.

Act Now to Thwart Hitler

This attitude, according to our view, does not reflect appreciation of the purpose behind the Nazi attack on Russia. It involves the danger that our national peril may be greatly increased by the success of the German attack, which is what most competent military experts in this country predict.

Should Hitler whip the Russians decisively, remove the menace of Russia from his rear and acquire the reserves and raw materials he needs, the way will be open for an all-out and dangerous assault upon Great Britain.

Already the United States is committed to the defeat of Hitler. Our position would be gravely imperiled by the defeat of the British people. The German attack upon Russia gives us and the British a short respite and may provide the time necessary to assure the eventual defeat of Germany.

RUSSIANS FIGHT COURAGEOUSLY

Reports from Berlin and Moscow conflict, as one would expect, and it is virtually impossible to diagnose the trend of the warfare, much less determine the condition of the retreating Russian soldiers. Certainly, the first great clashes have given evidence of the willingness of the Russians to fight and, regardless of initial defeats, the Red army has not been disgraced by its performance.

The German purpose involves the complete destruction of the Russian Army in order to remove any threat in the east when the great assault is launched upon the British Isles. Prolonged retreat by the Russians will foil German strategy, regardless of the territory yielded, and Stalin's recent address to the Russians indicates that, if necessary, Russia will emulate the "scorched earth" defense of the Chinese.

If this policy is adopted, the Russians will burn or destroy everything of value to the advancing Germans and retire to the Urals where they will refit the army for a future campaign. Germany to maintain a large army in the occupied area and, in time, suffer the same disappointments that have all but nullified the Japanese victories in China.

It may be dangerous to venture an opinion, but extensive German advances are likely and to be expected. The Russians should avoid decisive battles, inflict heavy losses and always retreat in time to prevent utter disaster. These tactics offer great promise for the future even if they entail terrific losses today.

As this is written it is impossible to discern the full import of the warfare, as yet only incompletely reported. It may be two or three weeks before the strategy takes shape and during this period the Germans will probably occupy many important Russian cities. However, the key to the outcome is what happens to the bulk of the Russian army. If it escapes destruction, the Germans will continue to face serious difficulties.

BALLOON BARRAGES ACCEPTED

Not many years ago, when stories reached this country about the British balloon barrage there was some skepticism about the usefulness of the cumbersome gas bags as a defense against airplanes.

When the war began the British put their balloons into service. More balloons on ships in convoy and, finally, came news that Germany had adopted the balloon barrage as a defense measure against raiders.

The United States, busily engaged in an all-out defense effort, has not overlooked the balloons. The War Department is getting ready to secure 3,000 balloons, which will soon make a protecting web around the Panama Canal, Hawaii and vital continental industrial areas.

The balloons, trailing thousands of feet of wire cables, kept attacking bombers at a high level, adversely affecting their bombing accuracy. Dive bombers can hardly operate in areas protected by the barrages and a successful dive bombing attack must be preceded by fighter planes to shoot the balloons to the ground.

FOOD FAMINE NEARS?

With German armies invading Russia and the prospect of a long war looming on the horizon, there is the possibility that the world may face a food shortage that might assume famine proportions.

Already certain areas in western Europe, occupied by Nazi armies, are in need of food to take care of their populations. If destruction in the Ukraine means the loss of the wheat of that area it may come to pass, as suggested by Secretary of Agriculture Wickard, that food reserves will be more important than munitions. The issue may resolve itself into "who can feed the people, the democracies or the dictatorship?"

American farmers, acting under their programs, have attempted to adjust supply to reasonably expected demand. The restrictions have been used to reduce burdensome surpluses but it should not be forgotten that the same machinery will assist our agriculturists to increase production when, and if, it becomes necessary.

The United States has some individuals who are dangerously near the traitor line.

Hitler's best bet: division and disunity in the United States.

After the wreck it is too late to resolve to drive slower.

FARM CALENDAR

Timely Reminders From The Pennsylvania State College School of Agriculture

Control Chicken Pests—Lice and mites, which make chickens uncomfortable and reduce their efficiency, can be controlled easily, say poultry specialists of the Pennsylvania State College.

Sow Ryegrass Seed—Ryegrass has largely taken the place of rye for sowing in or after truck crops up to the middle of September.

Hold 4-H Club Camps—Eighteen district camps for Pennsylvania 4-H Club members are being held this summer. This number is three more than last year.

Stop Turkeys Crowding—Turkey poulters crowd into cool corners when the room temperature is too hot and they crowd under the hover when there is insufficient heat.

vania State College say that these indications show what condition needs to be remedied to stop the crowding.

Keep Bees Busy—The Pennsylvania State College bee specialists stress the need of removing supers of honey as soon as the sections are full and sealed.

Plant More Vegetables—There is still time to plant some more vegetables. Ask your county agricultural agent about it.

Collision at College—H. M. Tetz and G. B. Smith, both of State College, escaped without injury when their cars collided at the corner of Hamilton and Pugh streets, State College, about 1 p. m. last Wednesday.

Laurelton Village Enlarged—Long-needed living quarters at Laurelton State Village were increased last week, when the first of the two new cottages, No. 11, was opened.

PAIN NEURALGIC RHEUMATISM NERVE ALL WILL BE QUICKLY RELIEVED with Lushnet's "No-No-More" capsule.

THE OFFICE CAT "A Little Nonsense Now and Then, Is Relished by the Wisest Men"

Sambo's Prayer Who say it ain't no good to pray? It's coz you doan pray right. Jes' pray de way yo' oughter pray. An' pray with all yo' might.

Is Th-th-tha S-s-s-o? The young man was evidently confused for as he walked slowly across the street he would stop from time to time and gaze long and thoughtfully at each building.

Strange Interlude The traveling salesman was checking out of the hotel in a small country town. Reaching the office downstairs he discovered that his straw hat was missing.

Might Join the Team A patient in an asylum was observed winding up and making imaginary pitches although he didn't have a baseball in his hand.

Signs of Improvement Two old maids were in an insane asylum for years, always knitting and knitting.

Scared Stiff Rastus—"Say, Sambo, what time in yosh life does yo' think yo' wuz skeered de worst?"

Slips That Pass in the News (Salusky, Me., Defender) "The storm (stork) visited Mr. and Mrs. Gale Dellanie recently and left a little baby girl."

(Alexandria, Ga., News) "For Sale—Washing machine in good condition, by woman in poor health, except for slight warp in the bottom."

(Schonfeld, Ore., News) "In chronicling the arrival of a nine-pound boy at the Bill Davitts' place, the writer inadvertently forgot to mention Mr. Davitts."

(DunBois, La., Press) "Wanted—White woman for cook and waitress. Quarters in garage. Can have child. Call Dellaheld 0777."

(Dumbee, Nev., Times) "Miss Hawes is easily the most accomplished actress we have seen in town for several seasons. When she step onto the stage it is easy to see that she has her heart and soul in her pants (parts)."

Question and Answer Column Juno Mee writes, "Dear Office Cat, can you tell me how many Mormons there are in Salt Lake City?"

Ask Mrs. Dolphin The teacher was talking about the dolphin and its habits. "And children," she said, "just think. A single dolphin will have 2,000 baby dolphins."

We'd Like to Know Hitler says he made Germany what it is today. Is that a boast or an apology? A tourist is a person who thinks a farmer wouldn't care if somebody took a dozen ears of corn.

LOUISA'S LETTER Dear Louisa: Can a man crash your column? I am fairly young and good looking and have a very attractive wife and one lively little girl.

Query & Answer Column PROBLEM—In what sport does a winning team go backward, while the opposing team goes forward? (Answer elsewhere in this department.)

J. R. E.—When did Steve Brodie make his spectacular leap from the Brooklyn Bridge? Ans.—Steve Brodie jumped from the Brooklyn Bridge, July 23, 1886. He undertook this feat as a result of a bet.

Six Injured In Auto Collision (Continued from page one) that the steering columns of both were bent forward, the wheels smashing through the glass windshields.

MERCURY 8 ... ISN'T IT BEAUTIFUL! Indeed it is! And the big dashing Mercury has a silent, 95-horse-power engine that owners say, gives 18 to 20 miles per gallon.