

THE COMMON DEFENSE

Drifting from Our Moorings.
It has taken ten years since the rise of Hitler, to make us see that men who renounce sound moral principles have only the alternative left of acting like animals in response to the demands of their unbridled passions and instincts. Hitler denied the validity of the Christian religion and the existence of universal moral law and taught the German people that their destiny lay in obedience to the promptings of their blood. We have witnessed the results. From all corners of Europe comes the story of wild and unrestrained violence, pillaging, looting, and massacre. The latest evidence is now before us. From what are called unchallengeable sources, the New York Times, for October 26th, reported the story of how the Nazis began on January 18th to destroy the Jews of the Warsaw Ghetto and how they didn't stop until not one Jew of the 500,000 in the Ghetto remained.

This is not recorded as a means for reciting hatred of the Germans, for hatred is as futile as it is false in principle. But it is recorded to remind us sharply that men cannot play fast and loose with the eternal moral verities. It is recorded to remind us that men anywhere, who renounce the moral law which proceeds from God, will have nothing to resort to as a basis for living except the demands of their passions which can never produce life in terms of love and justice, but only life in terms of hate and pillage and massacre.

What has happened in Germany can happen in America if we neglect to educate children in the knowledge of the moral law and if we flout it ourselves. In spots, it is already happening in America, exactly as it began to happen in Germany some years ago, by the spread of malicious gossip about the Jews, followed now—as in Boston—by open and violent attacks upon them. This is not the work of grace in men's hearts. This is sin reigning in men's mortal bodies. This is not the work of men who yield themselves to God "as instruments of righteousness." This is the work of men who yield themselves to sin, "as instruments of righteousness."

The attack upon the Jews is not something with which they alone should be concerned. It is something with which Christians should be concerned because anti-Semitism is an invitation to men to act contrary to the truth of God, for the souls of men whom Christ came to redeem. There is nothing to be gained by refusing to face this situation. These acts of wanton violence in the world are evidence that men are drifting away from their Christian moorings. In a situation so grave and so full of meaning for all Americans there is nothing left for us to do except to brand anti-Semitism as a sin against God, as the forerunner of things to come if it is not stopped, and as the destroyer of true Americanism. Having done that we must set ourselves as flint against it.

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FENN STATE DISCOVERY IS AID TO DRY MILK

American soldiers and sailors in far-off corners of the globe soon may be drinking whole milk from home, thanks to a discovery made by C. D. Dahle and D. V. Josephin of the Pennsylvania State College.

Huge amounts of dried whole milk are being purchased by lend-lease and military authorities, but it has to be used rather quickly since it develops off flavors and odors after being in storage a few months.

In preliminary trials, the Penn State dairy research workers have indicated that oxidation of lecithin, a constituent of the membrane around the fat globules of milk, is the main reason why dried whole milk becomes stale so rapidly in storage.

Removal of about half of the lecithin during the process of dried milk manufacture improved the keeping quality considerably, Dahle and Josephin found.

War Means Prosperity For Doctors, Preachers

BATON ROUGE, LA.—Doctors and preachers are the number one beneficiaries of the fatter purses held by Louisiana farm families in wartime.

A survey made by Mary Louise Collins, home management specialist of Louisiana State university's agricultural extension service, disclosed that next most popular uses for increased funds are repayment of old debts and repairs to farm property and to clothing. After that comes purchase of livestock.

Two-thirds of those contacted in her poll put medical attention and the church first among their expenditures.

Twins Decide One Day Apart to Be Chaplains

MEMPHIS.—When twin sons were born to a minister some years ago he named them Paul and Silas after the biblical characters and prayed that they would become preachers.

Today, Chaplain Silas Cooper, formerly a Baptist pastor in Birmingham, Ala., is stationed with the navy in Memphis. His brother is a chaplain in the army. The Rev. Silas Cooper says he felt the urge to become a minister while in college, and wrote home about his decision. The next day his brother did the same thing.

Neither brother had known of the other's decision.

Soldiers Make Merry With 'Meri' Goulash

WITH ALLIES IN NEW GUINEA. —Food is where you find it in the jungle battle zone.

Privates Cletus Duwors, of Dorchester, Mass., and Stanley Grochala of Trenton, N. J., offered a pleasant surprise for correspondents.

The boys tossed every food available into the stewpot—and called it "Meri goulash," after a nearby native village.

AEF in England Sets Health Record

LONDON.—The health record of American troops in the British isles is better than that of United States army men in any other overseas theater, Brig. Gen. James S. Simmons, director of preventive medicine in the division office of the surgeon general, said in an announcement from Europe.

—Kinzua Bridge, near Bradford, is considered one of the finest engineering works in the east. The bridge is 300 feet high and 2,100 feet long.

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APPLE CROP IS THIRD OF NORMAL

What is expected to be one of the most disappointing apple harvest seasons on record is nearing completion in the commercial apple belt of southern Pennsylvania.

According to Miles Horst, state secretary of agriculture, the bulk of this year's crop was delivered to apple canners or processors. As a result of this and other conditions, the supply of fresh apples for civilian use will be considerably below normal needs this winter, he says.

"It is not expected that the supply of Pennsylvania apples for civilian use will be sufficient to meet the heavy demand," the Secretary reported the other day. "Only half of last year's canning volume will be attained this year and apple cold storage

in the state is reported to be only one-fourth to one-third full.

"Growers say that early indications for the 1943 apple crop were cut to approximately two-thirds of normal by winter freezing and by spring frost damage. This large a crop would have materialized had rainfall been normal. However, continued dry weather during the summer, reduced the size of the fruit so that final harvestings show only about half of the expected crop, or about one-third of normal."

Prices likewise have been disappointing, growers report to the Department of Agriculture. The price ceiling on fresh apples was set considerably below the market prices of the better varieties and grades and as a result orchardists say they are losing money during a year when costs are high and yields are abnormally low.

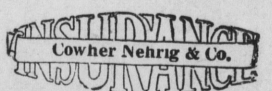
"With the supply of apples now in storage in Pennsylvania and in other principal apple states for below normal, and with the demand for apples continuing heavy, particularly for use of the armed forces, the supply of fresh apples for civilian use is expected to be far short of the demand" Secretary Horst said.

STATE FORESTS.

The Pennsylvania state forests have been growing in size ever since the first state forest land was purchased in 1898, when 17,010 acres were acquired. Today they comprise 1,654,762 acres and are administered by the Department of Forests and Waters.

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