

The German Plan of War
for 1940

All political talk is based on the assumption that there is time to talk. Free speech is no good when no freedom for action is left. More freedom for action is taken for granted, however, than today still exists even in the United States. People are satisfied when they are informed about the events of the past. Real freedom faces the worst possibilities of the future, and then sets out to redirect the trends that lead toward the worst results. "Internal vigilance is the price of liberty". Our modern system of huge corporations, gross monopolies, gigantic factories of education may be compared to the big British Navy of 1914, consisting of dreadnoughts and cruisers, but lacking aircraft and submarines. The New York Times and Herald Tribune do not reach down to the millions of disappointed, illiterate, homeless people. These live from hand to mouth, mentally even more than physically. They take their catch-words from small talk and gossip. They are not reached by the outpour of so-called public opinion, in so far as it is organized in the mass production of political literature. The modern masses are assayed by something which reaches deeper down in the subconscious mind than reasonable discussion.

Free speech is imperilled today from underneath more than from outside. The educated classes are living on thin

see. And they don't know it. Others, however, do know it and take advantage of our ignorance. What I am going to say now will go against the reader's grain. He may feel so sure of his liberty that he likes to face the worst. He may not see that we simply try to understand the real danger by stating it in extreme terms. This method may save the usefulness of political thinking, political thinking is useless when it comes after the event.

The American Election of 1940 will be fought between Roosevelt on one side and Hitler and Mussolini on the other. The Republicans in this country will be go-betweens, nothing more. If they win, they will win because Hitler and Mussolini want them to. If they lose, they will lose because the American people won't let Hitler win the Sixteen point plan his Crusade against the West.

What are my proofs? In the gigantic inferiority complex of the Germans as embodied by Hitler, no small items like colonies or the Ukraine need be considered first. The loss of the World War is the one and only fact which has to be analyzed to understand all the German reactions today. The defeat, not the conditions of the peace that followed the defeat, created Hitler. The defeat, not the conditions of the peace drives Hitler crazy. His one position is: "Germany has not lost the war." England and France, on this basis of Hitlerism, were doomed to play the role of the under-

ling in the years from 1933 to 1940. The unwillingness of Americans to see anything in perspective prevents them from understanding that we are in the midst of a submarine war against the United States today.

Here are some facts. The whispering campaign against Governor Lohmann of New York, the antisemitic posters in Portland, Oregon, the Madison Square Garden demonstration, are all links in a chain. It is less known that magazines of million-wide circulation like the Mass Journal, repeatedly print letters to the editor in which it is stated that Russia and the world at large are governed by Jews. In a German Roman Catholic newspaper in Oregon, an article appeared a few weeks ago, saying that the Jews had made a pogrom of two and a half million people during the Russian Revolution. This kind of nonsense, which frees all Gentiles from responsibility for their own plight, has its origin, of course, in Germany.

Hitler has convinced Mussolini that to fight La Guardia and the antifascist Italians in New York, it is necessary to split them by driving the wedge of antisemitism between their ranks. Whatever happens in Lybia or Tunisia or Palestine, Mussolini will gain in America if he can infect Italians here with anti-semitism. Thus, he will weaken the anti-fascists.

The attacks against Mr. Ecken, and President Roosevelt himself have not been too successful. They are now superseded by attacks against Mrs. Roosevelt in both German and Italian

papers. The 300,000 dollars which she allegedly has earned, are mentioned; her use of these sums for social reform is omitted. Coupled with these personal attacks are several series of articles on lynching, unemployment, share-droppers, destitution, graft.

This is, by no means, the last phase. In order to disable America during the hectic months before us, many more issues will be brought into play. Hitler's instinctive drive forces him into a relentless mental subterfuge war against the democratic ideal. He is sentimental like a child in his hatred of the very word democracy. And his imagination aims to recreate the victory of Wilson over William II, as a victory of Hitler over Roosevelt. If he can defeat Roosevelt or another New Deal candidate in 1940, the abdication of the Hohenzollern will be avenged in an event as dramatic as the Reichstag fire. I am sure that during the next twelve or eighteen months, Hitler will formulate something like the Fourteen Points of October 1918, as his conditions for mental peace with the U.S.

Since F. D. Roosevelt so long neglected Theodore Roosevelt's maxim: "Speak softly and carry a big stick," but instead spoke loudly without any stick in his hand, he irritated the hysteria of the new Hohenzollern. Three years ago, it probably would have been possible to stop this dreadnought of world aggression. It is impossible now. Here I am in complete agreement with Dr. Carl Jung, in his excellent and important description of Hitler as compared with Mussolini and Stalin. Jung has pointed out that neither Mohammed nor Hitler can be stopped.

The only thing men can do is to deflect their violent course in the direction that is least pernicious.

The course that the unmitigated submarine warfare of Hitlerism carries all over the United States might be a blessing in disguise if it were realized, not by the upper four hundred or the pack of lovely wolves called intellectuals, but by Americans at large. At this moment the defense is wholly above ground, and Hitler's attack nearly wholly submarine, - by hand bills, whispering campaigns, key men in unobtrusive but important positions. I remember a German Vice-Consul boasting, - well, - that an American citizen in Cleveland, fully American, was a member of the German Nazi party. The vanity of Americans about being 'in the know', is exploited marvellously. The radio, with its continental birthday greetings night after night, extended to every German-American who is open to flattery, is another subtle means of insinuation.

The parallel to submarine warfare is striking as the parallel between the mental war of our time and the military war of 1914-1918. The obvious conclusion is that the answer should be similar, too. England and France already are more or less the tools of Hitler. The madness of armament is crushing the future of every European girl and boy. Every drop of intelligence, there, is turned into military channels.

A campaign by small groups of American youth, using whispers, handbills, but especially working together with their fellow Americans on our jobs of common housekeeping, flood control, rural re-settlement -- a conscious and conscientious attempt to mix

together the separated minorities of the country -- this must be America's first answer.

Let every College President face his responsibilities. This is not the time for sophisticated lectures on free speech or the teacher's oath. This is the time for sacrifices. Let every college president ask for volunteers among professors and students to go among the people and show the warfare that is going on. A farmer in the Vermont hills, father and grandfather of farmers, met me one morning when he was stacking hay, with one of his sons. The old man: "Seems that we must be having a kind of war here, too. Can't go on that way, long."

The lack of direction in American politics is obvious. The war needed in America is spiritual war against lack of fellowship and faith. The submarine warfare of the dictators is invincible, because it reaches the common man in America in ways more subtle than press or even radio. It flatters their sense of importance and initiation. It is a vague promise for the mass of the people. In relation to the economic problem of unemployment, Hitler could never become a menace, because of the mental, political and moral sides of unemployment, he is a menace now. Armchair societics of the merely clever type have prepared the present nonsense among students and teachers, women and workers. They feel the emptiness of the usual sophisms. And the enemy who can speak in the night to those souls who have been combed of their noble faith, will catch them in the net of an ignoble faith.

The dreadnoughts of our overcapitalized liberal institutions, colleges, churches, newspapers, must add a navy of human submarines to their fleet. They must add human groups going out into the country, like the R. I. C. in wartime, but fighting with new means, - mental tools turned suddenly into daggers and torpedoes against the gangsters.

For the underworld of gangsterism is the very place where the politics of our world are shaped today. Hitler's decoration of Colonel Lindbergh expressed this war symbolically. The murder of the Lindbergh baby was a typical product of German war, and post-war, destruction. This man Hauptmann named his own son 'Manfred' after Manfred von Richthofen, ace of the German air-fleet, - Manfred against the best American flier! The war near, the human destruction wrought by the catastrophe of our industrial revolution, appears here in a fantastic symbolism of Germany against the Allies, hovering over a moon orb. Nevertheless, Colonel Lindbergh in Germany was caught by the new Mohamed. He saw, not Hitler the gangster, but the prophet.

Hitler is bullying people into humiliation. Many people love to be bullied, and are waiting to lick the bull's foot! Hysteria is contagious, and terror is a real means of political victory. And yet! - Hitler's future Fourteen Points can be seen through so easily. The word of real fellowship will cancel out the whole ghost story of kidnapping the soul of America, - kidnapping its freedom, its future.

Hitler keeps up his whispering campaign among the smart, among the would-be gangsters, among ruined existences everywhere. They are the majority. But they will crumh down in the light of day, when courageous boys and girls visit this underworld personally. We must meet the people, the unemployed, and the underworld of fear in every one of us and in our fellows. And we must meet at games or the movies only, but on the greatest issue the world has seen.

Stop writing articles in the magazines. Meet people who do not read and who scarcely write. Have the courage to converse in fearlessness, in sorrow, in despair - as well as at games and silent reunions. America's slogan of the New Frontier is in danger of becoming a pious lie at this moment. I do not see any honest use of it in our educational system. Not every young American should pioneer there. Now it is: It is America against Hitler's decoration of Colonel Lindbergh, America against disintegration, America against despair: America for "mental health", for a moral equivalent for war, for a fellowship that goes deeper than the mind and conquers the loneliness, the fear, the whisperers and rumors of our common weakness. Then and then only shall we fight on the New Frontier.