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EDITORIALS

Mass Sluggishness

All of the real progress of mankind in the march toward civilization is the contribution of individuals—the inventors, philosophers, scientists, martyrs and pioneers.

Singly, man is capable of supreme development in mind and spirit. Collectively we are about as stupid as a herd of kine. Collectively our intelligent quotient is very low. We find it difficult to distinguish between essentials and non-essentials. Ceaselessly we are the pawns of charlatans, quacks and pedagogues.

As we view the Europe of today still limping from the effects of the last world war, and contemplate the growing bitterness and hate, and as we read about the immediate and inevitable of another general conflict, we have driven into our consciousness the conviction that the mass can be fired and swayed at will, and that at any time clever self-seekers wish, they can shape them to the ends of their own ambitions.

God grant that we in America will remain as interested spectators of the next explosion in Europe. Yet we, who were drawn into the last war, any different than the other peoples of the world? Will a cleverly worded slogan or two, will a falsely conceived idea of the ultimate effects, should this or that group emerge victorious in the conflict, stir us up into a white heat of patriotic fervor and make us participants in a conflict that essentially is none of our concern?

Usually, the thought, High the probability. History tells us the cards are dealt from the bottom of the deck and collectively we are grossly stupid.

What Is the Difference?

Many of us have asked that question as we watch the fascist and communist and the communists quarrel at their game of log-rollers.

Not so long ago I heard a man explain in beautiful words the ideas and aims of both the fascist and the communist. He went on at great length and no doubt believed that these two groups believe they represent in the unfolding of man's destiny on this sphere.

I have read articles dealing with these two opposed conceptions. To me, while recognizing the line of thought in each camp, the entire structures of both are pure sophistry.

We should refuse to look upon the labyrinth of so-called reasoning which the communists and fascists employ in justifying the existence of their soul and body destroying juggernauts. It is enough to confute our attention to the realities, the practical results of these two anti-democratic systems.

First of all they create dictatorships. It is conceivable that an occasional benevolent dictator could exist, trustworthy, generous, fair, sagacious and constructive. The chances are ten thousand or more to one against such a man ever achieving the position of a dictator. The chances are a million to one that he would be succeeded by a subsidiary good type. As a gambler we better shun the very idea of one man absolute rule.

Next, both fascist and communist systems are operated by a relatively small group of strutting, lick-spittle stooges of the real dictators. These men are untrained in the special functioning assigned to them.

They are chosen because they believe in the system or helped to put the dictator in power. The man who likes baseball, or has sold a lot of baseball tickets is probably an atrociously poor outfielder.

Because dictators demand armies and inflexible discipline, they regiment the people. They set up a lot of rules that promptly crush out the so-called bourgeoisie or middle class which is the bulwark of democratic societies wherein ability, courage and initiative are the vital ingredients of general welfare.

The dictator whether he be fascist or communist, takes away the soul of the common man. He bends him to his will by sheer force of iron fist and threat of death. He creates a world wherein man can breathe a bit, eat a bit, enjoy a great deal, exercise no freedom of action either in pleasure or vocation and wherein they may die if the dictator bid give the nod.

Fascism and communism are essentially alike. Frankly understood, they must be abhorrent to all Americans. When we once learn to appreciate our liberties and our privileges as Americans, and when

IN THE WAKE OF FLOOD



This scene was enacted many times in refugee centers established by the Red Cross during the Ohio-Mississippi Valley flood. Inevitably floods bring the danger of disease as drinking sources become contaminated and large groups of people are thrown together. The medical health service of the Red Cross serves thousands of people a year, and is maintained by membership funds contributed to the organization at the time of its annual Roll Call from Armistice Day to Thanksgiving.

Red Cross Observes Nursing Anniversary

1937 Marks 25th Year Of Public Health Nursing In Rural Areas

"Prior to inauguration of the Red Cross Town and Country nursing service in 1912, no national effort was made to bring nursing skill to the rural sickbed," James L. Fleiser, vice chairman in charge of domestic operations for the American Red Cross, said today in commenting on the silver anniversary of Red Cross public health nursing.

In a plea for an increased membership during the coming Red Cross annual Roll Call held from November 11th to the 25th, Mr. Fleiser pointed out that Red Cross nursing rounds out 25 years of continuous service this year. "It is essential activities such as this which the American people support through membership," he said.

In 1910 Lillian Wald, the first head resident of the Henry Street Settlement in New York City, proposed that the American Red Cross pioneer in the field of rural nursing. Public health nurses were active in urban districts but no similar provision had been made to guard the health of the rural dweller. Miss Wald felt that the Red Cross was best qualified for the undertaking through its long experience in converting humanitarian ideals into practical accomplishment.

Two years later the first Red Cross rural nurse set forth upon her rounds in a county in Massachusetts. Jacob Schiff, member of the Red Cross Board of Incorporators, and Mrs. Whitelaw Reid each contributed funds to start the project. Special courses of training for nurses resulted in young women who thoroughly knew the mechanics of this new job.

By 1918 there were 100 rural nursing services conducted by Red Cross chapters; and 18 months later the number of services had rocketed to 2,000, as the signing of the Armistice released a flood of war nurses for peace-time duty.

"Reorganization and consolidation eventually cut the number of public health nurses serving under the Red Cross flag," Mr. Fleiser stated. "But a group their efficiency increased."

Mr. Fleiser called attention to a study of Red Cross public health nursing accomplishments since the service was begun. "Statistics show that in all nearly 3,000 services were established by the Red Cross," he said. "During the past 16 years 6,800 public health nurses were assigned to chapters, and a total of 18,000,000 visits were made to or in behalf of patients."

"Each year during the past 11, more than 440,000 rural school children have been found to have physical defects. Each year 189,000 of these children were helped through treatment."

At the present time there are 655 Red Cross public health nurses engaged in health work in rural communities, and last year more than 1,000,000 visits were made on behalf of the sick.

"It has been our purpose from the first," Mr. Fleiser emphasized, "to demonstrate that rural nursing was needed and could be organized. In many instances we have turned established community nursing services over to local health authorities. This was done, we turned our effort toward opening up additional virgin territory."

Other Red Cross services supported by Roll Call memberships are life-saving first aid, disaster relief and the work of organized Red Cross volunteers.

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

The regular meeting of the City Commission of the City of Farmington was held November 2, 1937. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Warner at 8:20 p. m. Commissioners present: Hutton, Gildemeister, Oldenburg and Hamlin.

The minutes of the meeting of October 12 were read and approved. The following bills were paid by the city clerk.

Farmington State Bank, bonds due 10/15/37.	No. 1, 2, 3 & 4.....\$ 4,000.00
Farmington State Bank, interest due on bonds due 10/15/37	.....800.00
William Maus, salary	.....125.00
Harvey Blough, salary	.....100.00
Horace Durham, salary	.....100.00
William Spaller, labor	.....119.00
Glenn Green, labor	.....119.00
David Cairns, labor	.....119.00
George C. Gildemeister, salary	.....60.00
Detroit Edison Company, lights, city buildings	.....10.71
Miller & Gregor, to apply on sewer contract	.....1,500.00
Michigan Bell Telephone Co., telephone service	.....13.00
Edward Thayer, 15 days police service	.....50.00
Norman Harrows, salary	.....20.00
Charles Walling, salary	.....20.00
James L. Hogle, salary	.....35.00
Harry W. Moore, salary	.....40.00
Arthur Lamb, Treas., delinquent school taxes for September	.....143.87
Manning & Locklin, sand and gravel	.....13.72
Michigan Fire & Marine Ins. Co., building and lots, 3501 Liberty	.....38.80
The Forman Brass Works Co., water dept. supplies	.....78.20
Crane Co., 25 lbs. lead wool	.....3.98
John Cox, 8 hours labor with truck	.....12.00
Farmington Hardware, merchandise	.....12.43
Polson General Hospital	.....38.84
Motion made by Hamlin and supported by Hutton that the bills be approved. Roll Call: Hutton, Gildemeister, Oldenburg and Hamlin.	
Mayor Warner adjourned. Carried.	
Howard Warner, Mayor	
Harry Moore, Clerk	

USE OF TELEPHONE IN INDIA IS INCREASING

The use of long distance telephone circuits is being encouraged in India, and as a result, the regulation of the Post and Telegraph Department under which subscribers are required to make an advance deposit to cover the charges for toll calls, has been suspended for one year. Extensive improvement and development of the telephone service is now under way. A total of eighteen additional central offices in the Bombay district will be constructed during the fiscal year 1937-38, and an automatic exchange will also be constructed at Basavin, Burma. The increased use of the long distance circuit is already taxing the capacity of existing facilities and undoubtedly will necessitate the construction of additional lines. Indicative of the success of the campaign for additional use is the fact that during the first week of 1937 the total long distance calls handled by the central offices in India numbered 35,000, as compared with 12,000 calls during the same period of 1935.

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of the farm crops department at Michigan State College, proof of the superiority was found. Satisfaction was given that the red clover and alfalfa seeds were obtained from other northern grown seeds except those from Oregon, according to H. C. Rather, head of the farm crops department.

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