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The Big Bargain

St. Louis Post-Dispatch (Headline) With the view expressed in this editorial, it is not in agreement. We do not think questions concerning the Hague Convention have such realistic value as the one which Hitler is facing.

Mr. Roosevelt today committed an act of war. He also became America's first dictator.

Secretary of State, Mr. Hull, entered into an agreement with the German Ambassador that amounts to a military and naval alliance with Great Britain.

Today Congress is informed of this agreement. Not the word "informed." Although the President referred to his under-cover deal as "nothing in important with the Louisiana Purchase, he is not asking Congress to ratify this deal.

SAV MOVIE WAS NOT LEGALLY MADE The President has passed down an edict that compares with the edicts of Hitler.

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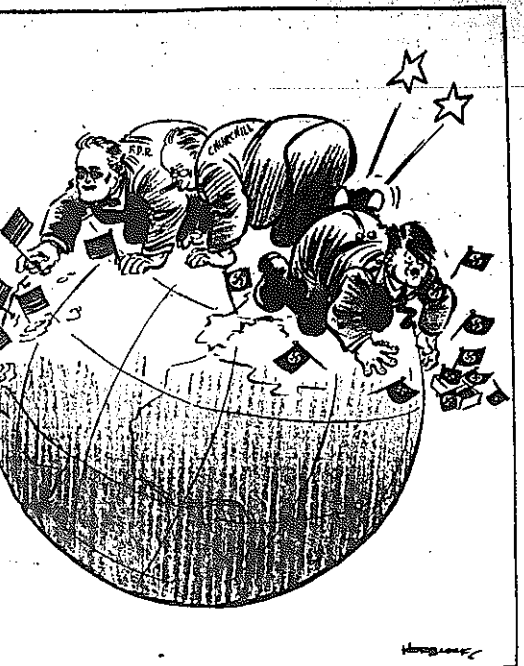
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On These?

By William L. White NEW YORK—Just what and where is the American armaments industry? It is at present being defined at and stopped around. Well, except for a few relatively small firms like Remington, it doesn't exist in peace time.

What about the other 75 per cent? In this hazardous 35 per cent is our peacetime aviation industry, which must return to make bombers and fighters.

A Tragedy Able Mack Hobson Begins His Career Badly

Tragic is the case of Mack Hobson of Dunn. And the judge who sentenced him to four months in jail must have had a tussle in making up his mind as to exactly what ought to be done with him.

The boy has hung up a brilliant record at the University of North Carolina and had every prospect of a brilliant career before him.

However, it is possible to hope that he will have learned his lesson, which is the main thing. And his punishment is actually far greater than the length of the prison term indicates.

In Checkmate Japan's Plans Come to Grief On British-U. S. Agreement

One of the most important results of the Roosevelt deal with Britain is that it frees our hands for a strong policy toward Japan.

Our interest in the Far East is much less to protect our possessions and financial interests there than to see that we are respected in the world.

Japan is actually at our economic mercy. In 1938, for example, the percentage of essential war materials which she got from us was:

Table listing percentages of essential war materials from the U.S. to Japan: Copper (90.9%), Scrap iron (80.9%), Ferro-alloys (82.7%), Aircraft and parts (85.7%), Petroleum and products (85.6%), Automobiles and parts (85.4%), Lead (49.5%).

country to insure that the ground for the rapid building of her empire, after England's fall, could safely be prepared by grabbing Indo-China and afterwards the Dutch East Indies and Singapore.

Minority Rule House Truckles to Pressure With Election in Mind

It is sometimes said that the House is more immediately responsive to the will of the people than the Senate.

There is something else which indicates that it is minority pressure groups which are responsible for this—the fact that so many of the letters and telegrams have identical wording.

It is exactly the sort of thing which has made so many nations abandon the democratic system in disgust.

One-Job Man Post Office and Party Under New Management for a Spell

The name of Frank C. Walker, New York City lawyer and theater-owner, has been sent by the President to the Senate for confirmation as Postmaster General.

But in any case, for the moment at least, the country must enjoy the unusual circumstance of a Post Office Department being run by a man who is not at the same time his party's political overeer.

With the suggestion that war vets be pressed into high guard duty, let any potential invader be warned. Hell hath no fury like a band of water dropped from an upstairs window of a convention hotel.

Though scarcely more than a youth, Mr. Oki certainly more than a niftenth year of the New York Giants. He is commonly believed to be the first white child born on the Polo Grounds.

Letters to the Editor: Raps County WPA Deal

Dear Sir: It is noted that Merckleburg County, by an act of the County Commissioners, goes into partnership again with WPA.

WPA would terminate a somewhat similar partnership with Merckleburg County. It found out that the County Health Department had been using WPA labor for months and months, unlawfully, in digging pits and rearing privies over the county, reporting them as empty, almost in its entirety, for which no taxation under the law existed.

Apparently no code of ethics exists between the contracting parties. Ordinarily it is customary for one party to be reluctant to enter into a second contract with another which has defaulted, but not so with these tax-spending agencies.

An Open Letter to Robert Reynolds Senator Robert R. Reynolds, Committee On Military Affairs, Washington, D. C.

I am convinced that you are due the people of North Carolina the right to see that the deal is as just as frank now as we were when we walked the college campus together.

People are all stirred up and you can get but few to give any reason. They are afraid of Hitler and Hitlerism. They have not stopped to think or inform themselves, just what it is about Hitler and Hitlerism.

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factly as the wild fire lion from the forest world, have done. Since you are on the Military Committee I feel that you could well make this plain explanation.

Judge Howard Praised For Weighing Evidence Dear Sir: I am asking for just space north today the passing of an eminent and distinguished public servant, David Franklin Houston.

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When the Congress should pass a conscription bill conscripting all men from eighteen to sixty-four, the all-time record would be conscripted army just like Germany, with the exception that Germany is a few years in advance of Germany today materialized from a total conscription.

With all due respect to all officers, let them beware that all officers should be very careful to weigh the evidence and study it and realize the predicament they get themselves into when they are connected with law enforcement for 30 years in my young days under the charge of Judge Ferguson, and his charge was to all officers to be careful to make sure out of criminals, not to make criminals out of men. He was criticized by some officers but not by me.

When the officers take the authority to abolish the honorable courts decisions, then there is no need to tax the County with Juris and Judges and use the Courthouse and jails for bootleggers department homes and try the criminals where they catch them. Judge Howard does not use partially or prejudice with any criminal.

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What Be Pure Hell For Them

As American business will remain completely untouched by war. Due to the general increase in activity which war brings, almost every industry and business in the land would be an increased volume.

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When It Began

J. D. H. Mason Telegraph "When the practice of women drinking at bars is stopped it may bring about a reversion of public feeling which may result in a return of prohibition," declares a New York judge who hasn't heard that it was during prohibition that women learned to drink at bars.

Visitin' Around

Now That Is News (Finger Men, Concord Tribune) Thelma Mauldin spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Miles Mauldin.

"Mom, if we're put in the world just to help other people, what are the other people here for?"