

AMERICAN NEWSPAPER COMMENT (II)HITLER'S CANNON FODDER

The Indianapolis Star states today : "Hitler is certainly getting near to the end of cannon fodder when he installs a Dutch quisling by the name of Mussert as 'Leader of the Netherlands people'.

"Herr Mussert is to make it plain to the Hollanders that they are not to be treated as a conquered people but as partners in the war. It comes a little late in the day. There was no intimation that they were to be anything but German vassals if Hitler won. Now they are offered the sop of partnership in defeat.

Herr Mussert may be invested with the power to force 250,000 young Dutchmen to go through the motions of joining the German army. Even Hitler must have enough sense to know what they would do to him when opportunity presents in a battle".

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THE GOVERNOR OF FRANCE

The Kansas City Times says : "Field Marshal Karl Rudolf von Rundstedt, the German military governor of all France, is reported to have set up his headquarters in Montpellier. We do not envy the Field Marshal. The inhabitants of this part of France are chiefly small farmers with the toughness of a people who for generations have been attached to the soil, not as slaves but as freemen. They are liberals in politics. The Nazi overlord will not be socially popular in Montpellier. He may not even be entirely safe. If we were Field Marshal von Rundstedt we would apply for active service elsewhere."

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BEVERIDGE REPORT COMMENT

Here is some additional American comment on the Beveridge report :

The magazine, "Nation", in its current issue states: "If the Beveridge plan is not revolutionary in itself, it may be considered perhaps to mark the completion of the revolution in the social approach to the problems of poverty. It denotes the final overthrow of the poor law system; it repudiates the whole conception of pauperism and denies the hoary belief that poverty is both a divine dispensation and a punishable crime; it accepts the principle that society must make itself responsible for the abolition of want and insists that this end is within the means of modern industrial economy. The introduction of allowances for all children after the first, whether the parent or parents are employed or unemployed, rich or poor, is perhaps the biggest step forward.....

"This bold rejection of economic defeatism in a country facing postwar problems even more desperate than those that confront America will inspire all those who look forward to the achievement of a more just and more fruitful social system."

Howard P. Whidden Jr., writing in the foreign policy bulletin, says the Beveridge report will go far toward guaranteeing a life of decency and security for all British people. "It will answer the demand of the armed forces for safeguards against mass unemployment after the war, and the demand of the people of Britain that something tangible should come out of wartime aspirations for a better society. In a very real sense, the widespread approval of this measure reflects the degree to which the British, after more than three years of war, have accepted the necessity for sweeping social and economic reforms."

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