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PASTOR TELLS TOPIC OF FIRST SERMON HERE

Rev. Harris

By G. R. A.

Adolf Hitler's current conquest of Austria has focused the attention of the most American of Americans. Reading a week ago of the mobilization of Hitler's troops at Mittenwald, the Austrian frontier town, was worth more to him than the manion occupied to him one who did little heaving on his own.

When an American who has not traveled in Europe thinks of a nation such as Austria, he may be excused if he mentally pictures it as larger than it is; for our imagination, when you mention another nation to him, particularly images of the United States, or Canada—countries that cover very large spaces on the earth's surface. But when he reads that Hitler's troops are on Austria's north, Mussolini's on the south, he may be excused if he says, "Well, they've still got quite a distance to go before gaining important cities in Austria." But such is not the case.

For the distance between the German and Austrian armies was not far, the distance between the German and the latter at the Brenner Pass, was only 34 miles. Less than the distance from Birmingham to Flint, or to Ann Arbor. And good roads make it easy to move armaments; and the fact that we can make the flight in a comparatively few moments.

It is interesting that you might be interested in some details of the geography of the area from Mittenwald to Innsbruck. In the Brenner Pass, I asked Mr. Averill yesterday to get me some data from the log of our trip on the road, and so here it is. Let's start at Landeck, Austria, almost midway between the Swiss border on the east, and the German border on the west, and so here it is. Let's start at Landeck, Austria, almost midway between the Swiss border on the east, and the German border on the west, and so here it is. Let's start at Landeck, Austria, almost midway between the Swiss border on the east, and the German border on the west, and so here it is.

11 a. m. arrived at Innsbruck; mileage 17,360. Lots of red-roofed houses, much like Innsbruck, in a great valley. Stopped to take movies and still pictures of the peak's main features. The Austrian Tyrol costume for Susan. Left Landeck on marvelous road, and so here it is. Let's start at Landeck, Austria, almost midway between the Swiss border on the east, and the German border on the west, and so here it is.

11:30 a. m. on our way to Colle Isarco. In the Brenner Pass, went through Schonberg. Arrived at Colle Isarco. Remained there until 4:45 p. m. Mileage at 17,401; we had driven some extra miles in and about Colle Isarco.

4:45 p. m. went through customs again, and in Austria now. Through Brenner Pass, following a motorcycle road, to see how they went! Had supper in Innsbruck in large open garden; 200 schillings. Left Innsbruck at 7:30 p. m. Mileage 17,431. Bought 35 Hugs (seven gallons) of petrol (gasoline) for 38 Austrian schillings. Two young women ran station, one looked like Amelia Earhart, the other who is a blonde hair, had studied English for three months in school; she washed.

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STATE PHYSICIAN A Public Statement From the Birmingham City Commission

BIRMINGHAM, OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN, THURSDAY, MARCH 17, 1938

TO THE TAXPAYERS OF BIRMINGHAM.

In performance of the official duties of our office as members of the City Commission, and in keeping with the policy of meeting the demands of our growing community in its relation to various public problems, we are presenting the following information for your consideration and discussion. The matter covered in this information relates to the need for building an adequate sewage disposal plant for Birmingham, plus needed extensions and enlargements of the trunk line sewer system.

I must weary you City Commission has been holding public meetings in the Municipal Building, where frank and open discussions of the problem have been carried on. Since one phase of the question, covering the issuance of \$140,000 in General Obligation Bonds for sewer extensions and enlargements, is to be voted on at the annual City Election, April 4th, 1938, your Commission feels it necessary at this time to present a summary of the data on this important public need.

Your Commission desires to impress upon you the simple fact that, of itself, it regrets the necessity for increasing the bonded debt of the community at any time; but there is no alternative. The State of Michigan for many years has insisted that we do something to eliminate the dumping of sewage from the present inadequate plant into the River Rouge; the State has not forced us to action because of the general depression of past years. No longer, however, can we as a city, avoid doing something to relieve the situation. The State of Michigan is now paying damages to residents along the River Rouge. The only way to prevent further damages is to eliminate the source of the trouble; and that is what the projects we herewith submit to you will accomplish.

While your Commission has, in the following Questions and Answers, tried to anticipate and answer every question on the subject, we trust that you will feel free to come to us for further discussion and information should you desire. We are sure of your complete cooperation in dealing efficiently and honestly with Birmingham's problems—which are your problems and our problems—and earnestly requesting that you read and study the information herewith presented, we are

Respectfully yours,
CITY COMMISSION OF BIRMINGHAM
John E. Murry, Mayor

Commissioners:
Frank S. Packard
Arthur J. Kane
Luther Heacock
Dated: March 7th, 1938

Q—What are the chief reasons for a Sewage Disposal Plant for this City?

A—To protect public health and to save taxpayers by correcting a condition existing at the present time caused by the dumping of sewage into open ditches, into low ground and into the River Rouge, and to protect our citizens against direct and indirect liability for damages arising from these conditions. The Birmingham City Commission has exerted pressure for many years to have this condition corrected and they have the power and the right to build an adequate plant to care for all our sewage.

Q—Why is it now?

A—Only damage suit against the City has been incurred and settled; others are possible; delay in the average home in increased costs. The present condition should not be permitted to continue.

Q—How will it be done now?

A—The City debt has been increased by \$164,380. The collection of delinquent taxes has increased by \$229,000.

Q—Is increasing the city debt advisable?

A—Yes, for an absolute public necessity, and this definitely prevents such a situation.

Q—How will it be financed?

A—Revenue bonds issued by the City Commission for \$180,000 (Continued on Page 2, Part 1)

Many Find Suitable Occupations Through House Employment Department

When new residents of Birmingham are called upon by Community House solicitors during the annual Roll Call, which opens the doors of the Community House to the new residents of the city, they will find a number of opportunities for finding a contribution to what end the money will be used, and what needs are being met by the Community House in Birmingham.

FREEED OF PRESS OF PUBLISHER

H. A. Fitzgerald Upholds Right of Public to Preserve This Liberty

Problems concerning the editing and publishing of the modern newspaper, together with emphasis on the public's need to understand and appreciate a free press, were outlined in an article by H. A. Fitzgerald, editor-publisher of the Pontiac Daily Press, addressed them. Mr. Fitzgerald, whose hobby is writing, is a member of the National Association of Publishers.

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