

When this war is over, let us hope that those who sit around the power table will be imbued with something besides pure hatred, unless hatred is minimized, the demands of the victorious Allies will not do as much as they can to create a basis for delay of the next World War.

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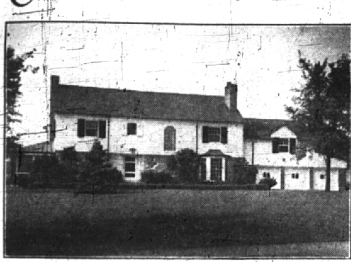
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Hitler's Ideas False, Yet Our Own Not Entirely Correct, Niebuhr Declares

By JOHN H. HARWOOD

The world must build an international community of nations to vindicate itself from destruction, Dr. Reinhold Niebuhr, famed theologian, warned in his address at the Lecture Forum series last Wednesday night.

Speaking on the subject "False Answers for Unsolved Problems," Dr. Niebuhr's scholarly eloquence made a deep impression on the largest crowd of the season.

He offered no panacea, but he torpedoed a number of ideas which have been fervently held by liberal thinkers the past 200 years and more. Fascism and Communism are false answers, he declared, but neither are our own liberal ideas entirely correct. For example, we have been in the wrong track in our conception of man's nature. Neither is it entirely correct. Born out of rebellion to tyranny, the notion has evolved that the individual exists for the good of the state. Neither is it entirely correct.

The liberal assumption grew out of mistaken ideas regarding the nature of man and the relation of reason to force.

"Hitler's new world view concluded that the world is not as good as it pretended to be, and he set one group against another," Dr. Niebuhr declared. The Nazis believe that force justifies itself and that a just world can be built on a basis of force.

On the other hand, nations with a liberal background have believed that "everything can be settled around a conference table." The liberals of past centuries concluded that man is essentially good, and that life could be governed entirely by a meeting of men's minds.

Not realistic. That conception is not realistic, Dr. Niebuhr said, added, "In the world today, cynics are lighting sentences."

Society consists of force and reason, he pointed out, "Communism is a new non-profit corporation."

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Birmingham Man Shares in Estate

NEW YORK, N. Y.—Francis Cyrus Bagby, of 1151 Dorchester road, Birmingham, was left one-third the residuary estate of his uncle, Albert Morris Bagby, of the Hotel Waldorf-Astoria, Manhattan, and in addition is the beneficiary of a \$35,774 trust fund created by the decedent during his lifetime, according to a transfer tax appraisal of Albert Bagby's estate filed last week.

The testator died on February 28, last, leaving a gross estate of \$123,281 and a net of \$115,405. Transfers totalling \$117,131, consisting of four trusts created by Mr. Bagby, were the chief assets.

Mr. Bagby, a former resident of Rushville, Ill., left one-third of his residuary estate to a niece, Katherine McAllister Bagby, of Rushville and one-ninth to Gertrude Bagby, of Rushville. Katherine Bagby is the beneficiary of two of the trust funds. She is also a friend, Maxmillian Eugene Eisenlohr, Delaunay, of 155 East 50th Street, Manhattan, was bequeathed a one-ninth share and a trust of \$28,109.

CAR IS RAMMED
L. R. Burroughs, 1111 Yosemite, driving west on Maple to Sunday evening, was rammed from behind by a car driven by Mrs. Carl Naumann, 183 Poppleton. Damages were not extensive.

Bits of Birmingham

If you want to repair your furnace or do other work in midwinter, plan to do it at the same time as the Ice Carnival. This will practically guarantee a good thaw, following the old rule since the time of the early Romans. "He who shies chaw will certainly get caught in rain."

A big truck derrick was in town this week, hauling steel girders into place for the new grocery market on North Woodward avenue.

Birmingham has another local improvement project. The Bloomfield Manor Improvement Association, a new non-profit corporation.

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dogs. More time should result in more licenses, and that extra revenue ought to pay for the extra services. Last dogs, found dogs, dead dogs, and offending dogs.

O. H. Culberg, 619 Rivenook, has been appointed merchandising manager in charge of advertising and sales promotion for Eureka Vacuum Cleaner Co., Detroit. Prior to 1940, he was with Frigid, air for eight years.

Little Clarence Dorey, 8 years old, 531 Martin, certainly has the wanderlust. Last week he was gone all day and all night. He thinks nothing of spending the night in a warm hallway somewhere. Maybe he will turn out to be a second Admiral Byrd. And our kids are afraid of a dark room!

The new increased railroad fares—up 10 per cent—are to go into effect next week. Although nothing definite is known, the jump will probably affect the popular commuter tickets purchased locally.

The new daylight saving time will soon be with us, and inasmuch as we are at the extreme outer edge of Eastern time, no doubt some adjustments will be made in this longitude so that turning the clocks ahead actually does not mean a larger consumption of electricity during the winter months. For example, it would be wasteful if a large portion of the population which now arises at 7:45 a. m. or 8 a. m. in winter, light even in winter, has to arise an hour earlier and use lights. And is there any sense in getting up school children and sending them off to classes in the dark?

In fact, some schools are planning to schedule all classes a little later during the winter to thwart the impractical side of year-round daylight saving time.

This Wanderer can't understand why farmers are said to object to daylight saving time. Farmers punch no time clocks; they can get up when they please.

Let this be a lesson to every fund solicitor: Monday, a business man off the main street phoned this Wanderer and said he had a check for the Red Cross—where could he leave it? He had not taken care of it—especially when the value was noted—\$100.

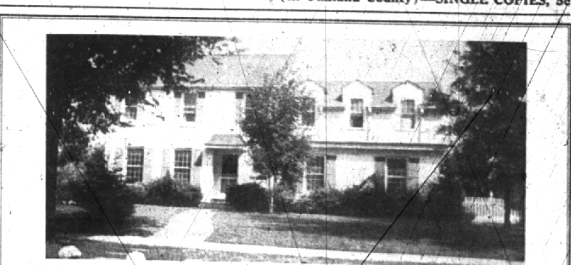
Residents of Frank street and that section who are bothered by noisy motorcycles will be interested to know that police gave a ticket to Edward C. Kern, Van Dyke, Mich., for having no muffler on his machine.

Mrs. George McDougall of Walnut Lake has been awarded another prize in the anthology of poetry published by the Crown Publishing Company.

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Bills approved totalling \$8,155.19.

Resolution adopted joining neighboring municipalities in requesting the Governor to include in legislative program, provision for legislation authorizing cities and villages to enter into contracts for and to furnish fire protection beyond their respective limits.

D. G. Babbitt & Company employed as refunding agents in connection with refunding \$140,000 Series "A" bonds.

Ordinances adopted establishing for cleaning up Rouge Park, and providing for blackout regulations.

Reports from city manager: (a) Recommendations from public works committee listing projects to be submitted to Federal Works Agency.

(b) Re parking lot on Hamilton avenue. Manager authorized to proceed with grading and maintenance of lots 48, 50, 59 and 61 A. P. No. 21.

(c) Reporting on plans for eliminating smoke nuisance in business area.

(d) Recommendation (approved) for cleaning up Rouge Park.

(e) Sewage disposal charges in special cases.

(f) Dedication of land by Industrial Land Company. Acceptance of deed authorized as completing requirements of agreement dated July 10, 1928, between Frank P. Rogers, State Highway Commissioner and Village of Birmingham.

(g) Status of proposed West Maple widening.

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