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Mandate is Failure

Declaring that the present form of government in the mandated territory of Southwest Africa is a failure, South Africa suggests that the former German possession be made a province of the British Dominion.

A Commission appointed to inquire into the matter declared that there is no legal obstacle to such a course, and the Legislative Assembly at Windhoek, the Capital of Southwest Africa, has already requested incorporation in the Union.

Adoption of the suggestion probably would be beneficial in many ways. The comparatively few Germans in the territory have shown themselves to be persistent trouble-makers, organizing themselves under foreign guidance, and some difficulty has been found in suppressing the activities of the Africa Hitler Youth Movement. Inclusion of the colony in the South African Union would enable these problems to be dealt with more efficiently.

Moreover, Hitler himself has shown on various occasions lately that an accomplished fact is preferable to long discussion, and the decisive step of taking Southwest Africa into the British Dominion would be a firm answer to the growing rumors of Germany's intention to demand the return of this territory.

South Africa has proved the soundness of her loyalty to British ideals, as well as her capacity for wise and efficient government, and the granting of Windhoek's request for incorporation would be of advantage to all concerned.

Another War—Is It Coming?

The following story from Progress Today, tells of the hideous savagery being prepared for war should it come.

"Those of us who have a little inside knowledge of what it is likely to be like, through having studied the subject of poison gas experiments on animals, do not need to wonder. For surely there can be no doubt that poison gas attacks will form a large part of the offensive in any war of the future, unless, of course, it be outlawed, and so completely controlled in advance of a war that preparations for it cannot be carried on.

"Assuming, then, a poison gas warfare, there will be no question of men going to war. War will come to us. It will come to all of us, men, women and children; young, middle-aged and old; rich and poor; civilian and belligerent. It will devastate all who come within its path. Lewisite, in its liquid form (and, though called gas, it was used mainly in its liquid form towards the end of the last war) will, with even a few drops of it, burn out the whole inside of a rat in a few minutes. It will penetrate through the strongest armor plating, Chlorine leaves the victim struggling for life, his face blue and bloated with suffocation, and blood-speckled foam issuing from his mouth and nose. Green Cross gas literally fills the lungs with blood, so that the victim dies a gradual and painful death by drowning in his own blood."

If all the schools of the nation during the last two-thirds of a century had been faithfully taught the principles of humane education, justice, kindness, reverence for life, good will, the kinship of all men irrespective of color, race or creed—the principles of both Christianity and Judaism—there would have been no World War, no cruelly unjust Versailles Treaty with its aftermath of hatred, suspicion and fear, and no Europe today witnessing the scenes in Ethiopia and trembling on the brink of such another cataclysm as twenty year ago doomed millions to death, drove kings and princes from their thrones, shattered the chanceries of every warring nation and wrecked their exchequers.

Russia Eases From Left

If Russia really means it, the news that comes from there this week is of tremendous importance—and an indication of a resurgence of democracy in a world in which democracy seemed to be losing.

To the people of Russia a constitution is being presented for acceptance or rejection. The constitution calls for a new government consisting of a President, a Congress of two houses, elected (alas) judges, secret voting and enfranchisement of every citizen over 18 years of age, whatever his political or religious belief.

Is Moscow faking? Walter Duranty of the New York Times says no. He says further that the new move is not a reversion to a middle-class or liberal system.

Undoubtedly much of the viciousness of political communism will be retained, but Russia obviously is learning that, in the end, democracy, weak as it is now, is the right road to a reasonable social order.

Not long ago Moscow found the weakness of easy divorce and the shattering of home ties. The family is now actually being played up in the Soviet press.

Political communism was a rebound from the tyranny of czarism. Millions of Russians were unready for democracy. Brutal, godless dictatorship took hold. But the eternal verities could not be tyrannized out of even Russia.

A miracle is not in process in the Soviet Union. Moscow is still to be unceasingly watched. Virtue has not overwhelmed the Soviet dictatorship. It would appear that for their own sakes the people of Russia are starting to turn from fanaticism towards sanity.

It is well to take the announcement with plenty of salt. The fangs of communism may be covered. They are not drawn. The world will be more ready to believe in Russian democratic sincerity when Russia releases its political prisoners, brings them back from the frozen hell of Siberia, and gives them freedom of thought, word and action.

Imprisoned are many true Russians, some dating back to resistance to czarism, others guilty of liberal and democratic resistance to the tyranny of communism. Until these are released, the Russian gesture towards democracy will remain merely a gesture.

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