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“... with ration cards!”

News columns over the weekend reviewed Adolph Hitler's first ten years as chancellor and president of the Third German Reich. Those same news columns almost daily tell of a growing shortage of food in Germany. "Hitler and his German armies," a leading story in one of Chicago's largest newspapers points out, "is facing an enemy more terrible than the almost nightly drone of the RAF, more terrible even than the fighting spirit of the Russian soldier. That enemy is starvation."

And therein lies a fault which, we think, has been with us too long. The American people, possibly, are too prone to under-estimate the total strength of their enemies, too unwilling to view the picture in the long-run outlook. Ninety percent of us would have said, in January a year ago, that Japan could not last six months in a war with the United States; many would have said not six weeks. And most of us, since 1938, have been reading reports that Germany is on the verge of starvation, will not last through another summer. Possibly not.

But the German leaders have something to say about that, too. In 1937, Hermann Goering told the world, "The world still grudges us our place in the sun. We must help ourselves. We want to share in the world's material sources, and we shall get them... we are told to buy raw materials with gold. We would be ready to do so if all our gold had not been stolen from us... First Germany is overpowered, then robbed and bled for reparations. Then come the chosen people and plunder Germany with the inflation. And then we are told: 'What do you want with colonies? Pay with your gold.' Give us back our gold and our land and we will pay you with it..."

Von Ribbentrop echoed this doctrine, "Germany's Lebensraum is too small, without the supplement of colonies, to guarantee an undisturbed, assured, and permanent food supply. The thought of being permanently dependent on the accident of a good or bad harvest is intolerable."

And Adolph took up the chorus, "It is not longer possible for some countries to flow milk and honey while others have to struggle for a bare existence." These were the answers Germany gave in defying a world criticizing her for a desire to expand, a desire to acquire more land, and with it a desire for more food.

All this suggests a country without many resources. They felt it themselves, e. g., Fritz Sternberg, German economic analyst points out that "Germany in 1939 was allowing her soldiers 500 grams of rations as compared with 1,050 in 1913 for a similar period of time (3days)." After some 5,000 words to this effect, Sternberg closes by saying, "If Germany is left to her own resources, famine will overtake her sooner than in the last war, a fact which explains Germany's entrance into the war. Today, as in 1914, Germany is facing the peril of being defeated by hunger despite her possible military successes on the battlefields."

Today, however in 1943, and going into her fifty-third month of total war, Germany is seemingly as well off as she was in 1939. True, conditions in 1939 hardly pointed to a successful campaign of world-conquering, but with France, the only nation in the world outside the United States totally self-sufficient in food supplies, now completely taken over, Germany's food situation should definitely be on the up-swing. The French people will raise crops—to feed themselves—and whether Hitler then takes that food and "divides" it or not, it seems logical to believe that the German armies will not be facing starvation. In addition, the last harvest in the Reich was one of the best in years and the minimal but not unhealthy diet established in 1939 has been maintained.

It is said that General von Fritsch made the remark that "while a war might well be ended with bread cards, no modern war can possibly start with them." Whether or not that is true, whether or not Germany's armies are facing starvation today, she DID start a war with ration cards!

The American people might do well to take at least some of the news predicting a German collapse because of food shortages "cum grano salis."

—G. W. A.

Awards . . .

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ner of the fellowship will be selected by a committee to be named by Chancellor C. S. Boucher.

The remaining awards, to be known as the "Nathan J. Gold District Chemurgic Awards," will be presented to the amateur gardeners in each of the six regency districts of the university, who do the most progressive work in the cultivation of new crops with chemurgic value. First prize award in each district will be \$25. Second will be \$15, third \$10.

District awards will be made in the fall. Gardeners must file their applications for awards with their county agents before Nov. 1, 1943. Judges of district competition will be a committee of one county extension agent named by the director of agricultural extension of the University of Nebraska, and two other men named by the former. The state grand prize of \$100 will be awarded by a committee chosen by the chancellor.

Coincident with the announcement of the chemurgic awards, Mr. Gold said, "Chemurgic Research is the key that will open the door to an ever-expanding and permanent economic improvement in Nebraska.

"It will, I believe, ensure greater income for agriculture, and be the means of enlarging industry and employment in the state.

"I sincerely hope that these awards will stimulate interest and cooperation in the fine work being done by the chemurgic department of our university."

Expressing the university's gratitude for the awards, Chancellor C. S. Boucher stated: "We are very grateful to Mr. Gold for this magnificent testimonial of deep interest in the University of Nebraska and in the economic welfare of the state. The Nathan J. Gold Awards in Chemurgy will stimulate, develop and reward significant research in two important phases of chemurgic investigation."

Music . . .

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voice. In addition, the candidate is expected to acquire breadth and maturity of musicianship and a comprehensive knowledge of literature in his major field, it was explained by Dr. Westbrook.

Offer Undergrad Courses.
A wide variety of undergraduate courses in music will be offered as usual in the summer session. These courses will be available to graduate students who find it necessary to make up deficiencies in their undergraduate training.

Teachers and graduate students may avail themselves of the opportunity and observation and discussion of teaching procedure and music materials in connection with the all state high school activities which will again be offered during the summer session.

Rifles . . .

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against all senior unit teams in this area, firing in four stages; the first stage to be fired during the week preceding February 7. The top one-third of the teams

qualifying are eligible to compete in the National Intercollegiate ROTC rifle team match.

To Be Regulation.

The match is regulation four position, 40 shot team match, the ten high scores to count and the ten high scores fired in each stage compiling the final aggregate.

The 15 cadets forming the rifle team are: Roger Anderson, Oscar Powell, Herbert Miller, James Hugh Stuart, Jack Kiewit, Norman Zabel, Gerald Clair, Woodrow Collins, Albert Walla, Fred McLafferty, Alex MacQueen, Don Albin, Charles Haptman, E. L. Dodson, Clifford Reed, M. G. Dodson, Warren Koenig, Ralph Bradley, Floyd Blanchard, Harvey Oatman, Forrest Binder, Gilbert Leseburg, Thomas McCarville, William B. Long, Bill Dowell.

"Industrial Inspection" and "Fundamentals of Automotive Mechanics" are new car courses for women at Kent State university.

Air Corps . . .

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latter classification will be called at the end of the current term.

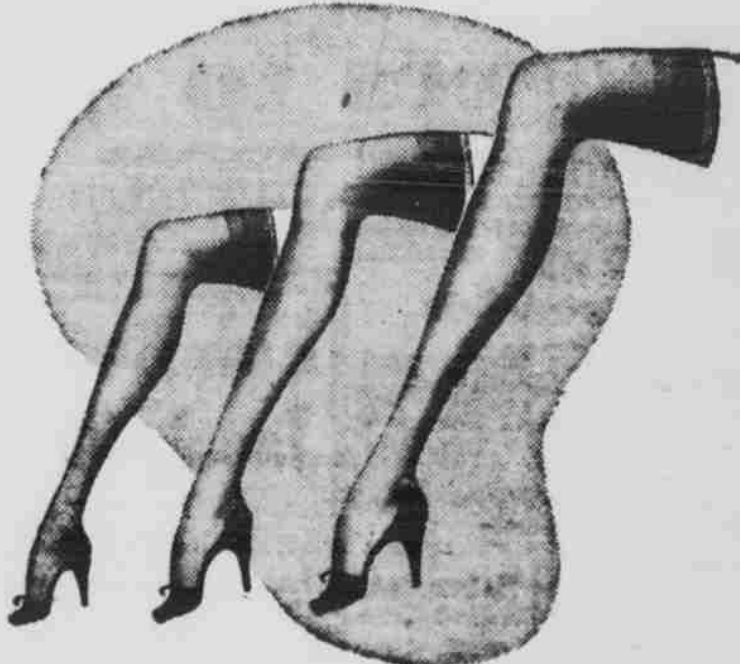
"It is planned that after a short period of basic training many of these men will be returned to one of the selected colleges or universities for several months of additional schooling in a curriculum prescribed by the War Department."

Since University of Nebraska students are just starting their second semester, it would seem that they are subject to immediate call under the program as announced.

University of Minnesota had three presidents during the four years of the class of 1942: Drs. Lotus D. Coffman, Guy Stanton Ford and Walter C. Coffey.

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