## BETWEEN THE LINES

(by Dean Gordon Hane sck for ANP)
THE REAL TROUBLE
When Italy went into Ethiopia a few years ago and slaughtered its defenseless inhabitants, it had the tacit unlerstanding with England and France that its course had their approval. Two years before Mussolini ordered his armies strike, he had the date marked on his calendar; and France and Britain knew it was marked. Ethiopia was a member of Britain's League of Nations and appealed for help, but no help was forthcoming; and sy the little empire was subjugated by Italy that tried out new methods of modern warfare upon a tribal people and gloated over its success. It is true that France and Britain talked about sanctions, but this was a hypocritical gesture to appease the international indignation that their treachery rightly incurred.

Haile Selassie made the grave mistake of taking seriously the pledges of the League of Nations and while he should have been occupied with the defenses of his country, he was drirking from golden goblets, wearing his white trousers and carrying the while his inevitable umbrella. Umbrella carrying Selassie was duped and so was umbrella carrying Chamberlain. We hope that our statesmen will not take to
their umbrellas for whenever the statesmen take to their umbrellas, their nations must take to the bushes for protection. It is true that the French did not have their umbrella statesmen, but these walked in the shadow of Chamberlain's. With outstretched hads Ethiopians cried unto God and Britain's League of Nations for help in her distress, but she found herself forsaken and her allies in federation with her enemies. This was the boldest stroke of international hypocrisy every witnessed before the bar of public opinion.

Today we read that Great Britain with her back
the wall is acclaimirg Ethiopia as her ally. The Ethiopia that was sacrificed a few years ago is not she will never fulfill are being vouchsafed unto Eth iopia in the hope that even the little help that Ethiopia may render in her prostrate conditidn, may re-
lieve some of Britain's pressure. When a so-called mighty nation like Britain seeks help from poor Ethiopia whom she betrayed before the startled gaze a wondering world, things must be serious indeed.
It all goes to show what England is at heart. A
from its great protestations about its contribu tions to western civilization; aside from its pretenses at international paternalism, the fact must be faced that Britain has done her share of the dirty work in this world. Germany is not the only international
danger this world must deal with. After the French bore the brunt of the fighting on the First World War's western front, England imposed upon Germany a shameful peace, and it is this that largely made Adolph Hitler possible. It is safe to say that Hitler
was "made in Britain" When Britain recognized Haile Selassie as the ruler of an empire that was sacrificed on the altar of international duplicity, we get an idea of the real trouble with the modern world.

For quite a hundred years Britain has ruled the waves and the miles and the modern world is largely
of her-making. The heart of Britain can best be seen of her making. The heart of Britain can best be seen
in her recent transactions with Ethiopia. To proclaim as ally one recently betrayed by her is the

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height of international hypdcrisy. In other words, Britain can use Ethiopia now and she so proceeds. Britain used France for many generations to bear the brunt of her fightihg, and now Frace is no more, she turns to puny Ethiopia whom she stobd by and saw despoiled. She stood idly by and saw a cripple struck $n$ by a giant and offered no succor.
It is this kind of spirit that has brought damnation to Europe. It is this kind of spirit that will ever make the nations mourn. It is this kind of spirit that will keep this world with Hitlers. So we are justified in saying that the real trouble with Europe today is that it has been largely ruled by a nation that will use those whom she has betrayed. Britain is not interested in the restoration of Selassie's kingdom but in the preservation of her own hegemony. The REAL TROUBLE.


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