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EDITORIAL

Nazi Peace Offensive . . .

Rumors of rifts between Hitler and his generals are in the air again. Even if they were true their significance would be very different from that which the enemy hopes we will attach to them.

A real split between the Nazis and the regular army leaders would of course be somewhat encouraging. It would offer us an opportunity to bring the war to a speedier end by greater exertion toward a complete military victory. But to point out this possibility is not the purpose of these rumors, nor would it be the purpose behind an actual rift within the Reich.

Doubtless as the turning tide rises ever more threateningly against the Reich, the military caste will seek to dissociate itself from Hitler. It will do this in the hope of negotiating peace that will leave at least the foundations of German military intact. In any war which develops as this one has—that is, in which the initial offensives fail to bring a decision—Germany must prepare another strategy—a strategy of peace. If this is successful the Germans may win the war even though they have lost its decisive battles in the field.

A more thorough understanding of this German concept of war and peace might have prevented the mistakes that permitted German leaders first of all to "organize sympathy" after the last war, to maintain an officers' training school in the form of a seemingly harmless small army, to further improve its officers by sending them abroad to train other armies, and to gain actual experience in modern warfare as they did in Spain.

It is a maxim of German military thinking that war is the exercise of politics by other means. War thus becomes merely an extension of a militarist concept of peace. Likewise it is a fact that peace is looked upon by military and by many political and intellectual leaders in Germany, as an extension of war.

This thinking has developed partly as a result of the geographical position of Germany, which has led that nation to adopt a strategy in which the military offensive has first place. Such thinking, however, has been brutalized and given mystic appeal by the materialism of much German philosophy.

An awareness of the relation of war and peace in the German system of thought will do much to warn other peoples against traps that may be laid for them in German peace offensives. These traps, it should be understood, are not very different whether set in a Nazi "peace" ambush or in one that uses as a decoy the overthrow of Hitler in favor of the Generals.

The object of such moves is to catch the free world in the snare of a "cheap peace." No one knows better than a German militarist that there is no such thing. The rest of us should know it, too, by now.

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By DOROTHY GARBUTT, Hostess

Mrs. Dickens has received a cable from Vic Bannister, the Merchant Navy boy who was here waiting for a freighter this autumn to go back to the Old Country. The cable said that he and Yorkie and Lofty had arrived safely. Bert Pownall went by a later ship as he was detained in the hospital after the others had left. I wonder if our little 'Y' kitten, Pearl Harbor, survived the voyage?

There is to be an American dance on Thursday when a Quartermaster's Company holds forth in the day room. Junior hostesses are invited and transportation will be at the door of the 'Y' as usual. This promises to be a good dance, girls, so give them your support.

Recently the Queen Mary Chapter of the I.O.D.E. sent a shipment of cigarettes to the boys overseas. Evidently the distributing of

them is left to the Y.M.C.A. and the following card which Mrs. Brass received will be of interest. It is from Can. R. 70086 Berry, 408 Squadron R.C.A.F., Overseas. He says (it is written on a regulation postcard supplied with the cigarettes and designed to encourage expressions of appreciation from the boys): "We are very grateful for the cigarettes distributed to us through our Canadian Y.M.C.A. who do an awful lot for us boys. We are very glad to know that we are not forgotten over here." Mrs. Brass also received a most interesting letter from her son, Martin Van Couteur, which I am going to quote more fully tomorrow.

Well, the big parcel of Christmas decorations arrived today and so come on Christmas and let joy be undefined. Best it should be. I hear that LAC. Seaborn made quite a hit at the Grenadiers the other night when he played for a smoker at a moment's notice. Good sport, and good playing, Henry!

A. W. Lipsin, who has been away from the city for the past two years and who during that time had a leg amputated at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota, is now in Vancouver where he is making gradual recovery. At present he is able to get around with the use of crutches and, after he has obtained an artificial limb, he expects to return to Prince Rupert.

James Gilmore will arrive in the city tomorrow morning from Vancouver to join the engineering staff of radio station CFPR which is being taken over by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation. Dick Halhead, program man and announcer, will be here on Friday, it is expected.

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