

From Vantage Points in America Pro-Germanism Shoots in the Back with Poisoned Bullets Our Boys “Over There”

German language papers, the teaching of German in public schools, the singing in any school of German songs, should be vigorously suppressed.

The very thought of Germany and of Germany's past and future must be made so odious and hateful to all decent human beings that the word German will for generations to come carry the meaning of all that is vile and inhuman wherever heard.

The world's civilization and the strength of our moral forces demand that all that is German in name or thought or deed must be regarded from the cradle to the grave as we now think of lustful, brutish beasts, of murderers, of treacherous scoundrels, of all the vilest criminals who have sunk to the lowest depth of human rottenness.

Not to think of Germany in this way would be to prove our own moral flabbiness and our own readiness to count as a bosom friend the unrepentant outrager of womanhood and the murderer of helpless infants.

The criminal, who standing by the side of the cradle murders in cold blood the helpless infant whom God had sent to bless the earth, is not more to be despised than Germany.

The lecherous scoundrel who betrays and outrages the innocent is not more deeply sunk in sin than Germany.

The murderer who, in order to enrich himself, kills the sleeping family and burns the dwelling has as his equals in found depravity and devil-guided work millions and millions of Germans.

Germany the accursed is possessed of the devil and by the devil, and for its own financial aggrandizement murders, outrages, burns, starves, blisters unto death with its hellfire and smothers with hell-devised deadly gases millions of the very flower of our civilization.

Your boy and your neighbor's boy must stand between the women of this land and these brutish beasts - all because Germany for half a century has been training its armies and teaching its people to take whatever they wanted wherever and whenever they had the power, regardless of morality or of right and wrong.

Therefore Germany must be made odious to all the world, and no honest-hearted, pure-minded man or woman should during the life of this generation ever deal with a pro-German, ever buy or sell a German-made product, ever associate with a pro-German.

Ostracism in business and in private life should be the penalty of pro-Germanism, and he who fails to pursue this policy will show that he regards business or social ties more highly than morality and honor, and that he has no hatred of murder or lust or all the other vile crimes which have brought to the world the greatest sorrow and anguish ever known.

Let the nation therefore move with energy and unswerving determination to crush the reptile propaganda which has wormed its way into our nation and which now seeks to sink its poisoned venom into the breast that has warmed it into life.

“Locate, eliminate and exterminate” all that is pro-German in language, in thought or in deed, wherever found and under whatever guise.

We fight the most desperate, hell-devised power which humanity has ever faced, and if we show mercy it will be counted as weakness, and if we should punish not the guilty without any sentimental, neurotic ideas of morality such as those of degenerate women who write scented notes to murderers and bedeck the cells of rapists, we would cease to have any individual or national morality.

War, accursed war, war of murder, is being made against us, and we must fight to live.

We must fight Germany and pro-Germanism in whatever form they appear and utterly destroy their power for evil now in evidence throughout our country. Our beloved boys from "over there" call us to heroic work here to stand behind them and destroy those who are stabbing them in the back from vantage points in America.

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