

nations. Their scientific and educational books are direct steals from Europe and the U. S. Take away the false mask of civilization and in Japan you will find a hideous, barbaric race, a race that lives on the misfortune of the illiterate masses.

Japan is our real menace and should be smashed so as never to rise above the level of a fourth-rate power.

Oakland (Calif.) Regional Hospital —T/Sgt. JEROLD M. GORBY

Like Us, but a Menace

FOR the very reason that the cultural and economic ties and origins of the United States are European, Germany was and is a greater menace than Japan. Germany is a country we thought we knew. Emigrants from Germany helped build our country. We know German music, literature, art and science. We always thought of Germans as people like ourselves. There lies the danger and menace.

We now know that German cartels in this country and economic penetration of South America all tended toward the world domination sought by German monopolists. We now know that we "can't do business with Hitler," that Nazi barbarism is unforgeable.

The direct German menace is now averted by Allied armies, but our values are still in jeopardy. Nazi lies are spoken aloud and printed. We have our Negro question and anti-Semitism. Our President is the target for libelous remarks. We cannot trifle with the blasphemies with which they have polluted the world.

But Japanese institutions were dissimilar to ours and left us indifferent. The Japanese had no cartels in this country. Americans found little value in Japanese opinions and dogma. They were always foreign and suspect to us.

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"Nice, Agreeable" Germans

WE must destroy Japan, both as a military power and as an economic contender for prosperity. It is an open-and-shut case. But we are all mixed up about Germany. We realize that we must beat her but we also want to see her become "a nice, agreeable member of the family

Germany or Japan?

of nations." Japan, destroyed, will no longer be dangerous but the German danger will still be with us.

Even front-line soldiers and officers admire German efficiency and "the world's finest soldiers." What they admire is what they are fighting to destroy, militarism. How can we achieve an enduring peace if we are unable to decide how to treat Germany? Some say kiss and make up, others say erase her from the map. We cannot afford confusion. It is Germany's avowed intention to conquer the world when we have sunk back into lethargy.

France

—Cpl. PHIL STEARNS

Six and a Half Dozen

WOULD you prefer to be bitten fatally by a cobra or crushed to death by a python? Which represents the greater danger to your home—the arsonist who sets fire to the west wing, or the pyromaniac who sets a torch to the east wing?

China

—Cpl. HARVEY J. FOX

The Japanese Locusts

GERMANY has had a desire for world conquest for hundreds of years. However, Japan, evading world affairs and problems but capitalizing on the trials of others, has done Germany one better.

These people have lived like locusts for thousands of years and have built up a gigantic war machine on the profits that civilized people of the world have reaped in order to live in a better world. The Japs are capable of using almost any-

pseudo science and cross-eyed logic to justify truth and falsify values. Racial supremacy justified the enslavement of people by the Germans; the dogma of nationalism undermined and destroyed independent thinking.

Germany's crime is great. Knowing the full implication of her acts she chose war and barbarism as an escape from the problems of peace.

England

—S/Sgt. S. J. ZISKIND

Fascist Ideas

COMpletely foreign ideas are rarely dangerous, for to be foreign an idea must have no roots in our experience. Japanese values are foreign to us and have attracted few Americans. The Japanese have not tried to export their ideas other than those necessary for economic exploitation of conquered lands. Most Americans hate the Japanese as the villain in a melodrama, not understanding his motivation.

On the other hand German fascist ideas have root and flower in sections of America—the snicker at the smoking-room stories of the Jews; "white supremacy" which can be translated as "herrenvolk"; the disgust at the tediousness of democratic procedure and the wish for authoritarian government; the attraction which German militarism has for American nationalists; the Nazi treatment of labor unions, which is that espoused by some of our industrialists; all these are the genitives of fascism, and all are at home.

Germany

—Pfc. PERRY WOLFF

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