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Education, the Crux of the Matter.

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For six and a half years things seemed to go the ~~second~~ second way. Up to the moment when the Munich peace broke out England and France seemed to be willing to ~~sacrifice~~ ^{the sacrificing} ~~one~~ ^{one} of their rights, one of their ^{principles} ~~principles~~, one of their friends after the other. Then the great change ^{to pass} came. Why did it come, - why was it bound to come, - unless western civilisation was prepared to committ suicide? Did it come because of English imperialism, - because of the financial interests of the ruling classes in England and France? Did it come because Mr. Chamberlain was disappointed ⁱⁿ ~~that~~ ^{or because Mr. Daladier was crazy about Danzig?} Mr. Hitler broke his word? Most certainly not. The catastrophe which was imminent in socalled N.S. from the very beginning broke out for ~~many~~ reasons much deeper and much more convincing. Europe as a whole, - the ~~peoples~~ ^{their people} of Europe, - not ~~many~~ ^{or nazibolshevik} stock-holding governments, - refused to become nazified. They preferred the terrible and revolting adventure of ^{this} a war, which is, - or ought to be, - below the standard of modern humanity, to the other alternative with which they were ^{confronted} ~~prevented~~: to the ^{rule} ~~domination~~ of the jungle. For they knew that life would'nt be worth living any longer as soon as ~~it~~ ^{it} would ~~be~~ ^{be} controlled by one great machinery of terror whose masters and engeneers would not even pretend that ^{such} trifles as justice freedom and truth were ^{meant} ~~meaning~~ anything to them, - but who instead proclaimed the ^{creed} ~~creed~~ of force as the only ~~one~~ ^{one} acceptable to them. This war had to break out because ~~civilized~~ ^{civilized} humanity, - educated through the centuries and arrived at a certain ~~general~~ ^{general} generally accepeted standard could'nt ~~possibly~~ ^{possibly} watch the destruction of their ~~moral~~ ^{moral} and spiritual achievements which we are accustomed to call civilisation. It was their very education that ^{finally} ~~stood~~ in the way of their accepting ^{the} ~~the~~ Naz ification of Europe. Finally, - we are

-3- *In addition to the education they had enjoyed up to 1933,*

using this word deliberately. ^{since} it took the peoples of Europe 6,5 Years of the most direct, the most painful education to ^{new machine} ~~size~~ ^{and long hard} the ~~situation~~ to its full extent. And while we, - who had seen the jungle ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ growing in Germany and who knew its ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ character as well as its aims, - while we had never had any doubt as for the catastrophical essence of both character and aims, - Europe as a whole had to learn a slow and torturing lesson before it finally saw through the ^{Schicksal} ~~wild~~ darkness of the jungle.

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For there are two ways in which a human being or a people can be educated. They can learn from the experiences of others, - from teachers, books and the great achievements of the passed. And they can learn from their own experiences. The latter way is the more painful one, - and yet the first ~~way~~ does'nt seem to work without the second. It is the sum of all of these things, - of the books you have read, the words you have heard, the background you come from ² and the experiences you have had that builds up your education. And I daresay that your background does'nt play the least important part, - ~~that is to say~~ ^{if you are} if a person who came from a fine background, ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ well brought up, - whose fathers and forefathers have been ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ on a high level, morally and ^{spiritually} ~~culturally~~ spoken, ^{and} ~~if such a person runs~~ away from home and prefers to living among tramps and gangsters for a while, - ^{you} ~~he~~ still might have a ^{fair} ~~good~~ chance to find ^{your} ~~his~~ way back to the traditions ^{you} ~~he~~ came from, - even though the education given ^{you} ~~him~~ by ^{your} ~~his~~ new milieu seems to render ^{your} ~~his~~ return impossible.

The same, of course goes for a people, - for a whole nation.

The German people,- there can be not doubt about that,- has got

a fairly good background, - the people of the poets and thinkers, -

have not an altogether bad past to look back upon; now they have
run away from home and ^{are} ⁱⁿ allow themselves to be educated by gangsters.

Before ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ going into the details of this kind of education,- I should like to say,- that I ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ am far from considering the Germans to be lost for good in their jungle

Two things,- as far as I can see,- will save them: their tradition,-

and the painful lesson ~~which is being~~^{that they should} to be taught ~~them~~^{and} by life itself and ~~which~~^{and} that will reveal evrything their Führer has ~~told~~^{taught} them as one single but enormous lie.

Only if Nazis would have been allowed to quietly pocket Europe,-

~~only if there would'nt have been any limitations any longer HATH~~

geographical and historical, - and if the Nazi-education

would have dominated the world at large, - only then would ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~

civilisation, - and not only the German one, have seemed to be doomed.

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