

# Mapping The 'New Order'

Columbia's Renner in  
'Collier's' Provides Comfort  
For Hitler

By LEON EDEL

Prof. George T. Renner, a Columbia University geographer, draws the map for his conception of a post-war world in the current issue of *Collier's*. He contends that the politicians messed up Versailles and it is time the geographers stepped in and showed them some real territorial carving.

Create large states, says Renner, instead of a lot of little ones. Put buffer states between them. Forget about the little states, since the big ones in any event become the bosses and need living room. Give Holland to Britain so as to put a buffer between her and Germany. Give Germany a chunk of Poland and then put a Czech-Polish state between Germany and Russia. Give Japan the Siberian coast and all the Pacific islands west of the international date line. Give Italy, Nice, Tunisia and Corsica. Mussolini hasn't asked for Yugoslavia, but give him the Dalmatian coast.

Then, Dr. Renner says, you won't have any more wars because any one of the nine states into which he wants to divide Europe "would be tough enough to discourage aggression." (Though why the big, new German state shouldn't want to grow bigger at the expense of other big states is not made clear.)

In the process, the geographer adds, shift the population around. Renner says Germany is entitled to all the German-speaking areas in Europe plus Hungary. This is just a little more conservative than what Hitler asked for in *Mein Kampf*, in which he said he wanted to "guarantee the German Nation the soil and territory to which it is entitled on this earth."

## Accepts Hitler 'Science'

Prof. Renner doesn't have to tell us he has been studying Gen. Haushofer's Nazi-prized "science" of *geopolitics*, which attempts to clothe Hitler's ideas about *lebensraum* in scientific dress, parallel to the Nazi racial "science." It is written large over his maps. He says all he is doing is applying Haushofer's theories to meet "democratic specifications." What he proves, with terri-

ble conclusiveness, is that if you accept a Hitler lie you are led inexorably to all his lying conclusions.

For Prof. Renner sets out to draw a victory map for the United Nations and hands the victory over—with a few choice territorial bonuses including large African colonies—to the Axis. And this is because he sees this war only as a war for land instead of what it really is: a war between ideologies, a war between freedom and slavery.

He says he is taking into account "historical claims and priorities"—a well-known Hitler phrase. He talks of "synthetic" nations: another Hitlerian concept. Actually this is the most un-American conception of the map of Europe one could find. It is of the essence of Americanism that 48 states operate in one union. Dr. Renner would never think of suggesting that the south be given to the Negroes or Wisconsin to the Germans, yet he does exactly that sort of thing to Europe. He refuses to believe that 40-odd European states can achieve unity.

## In Fascist Terms

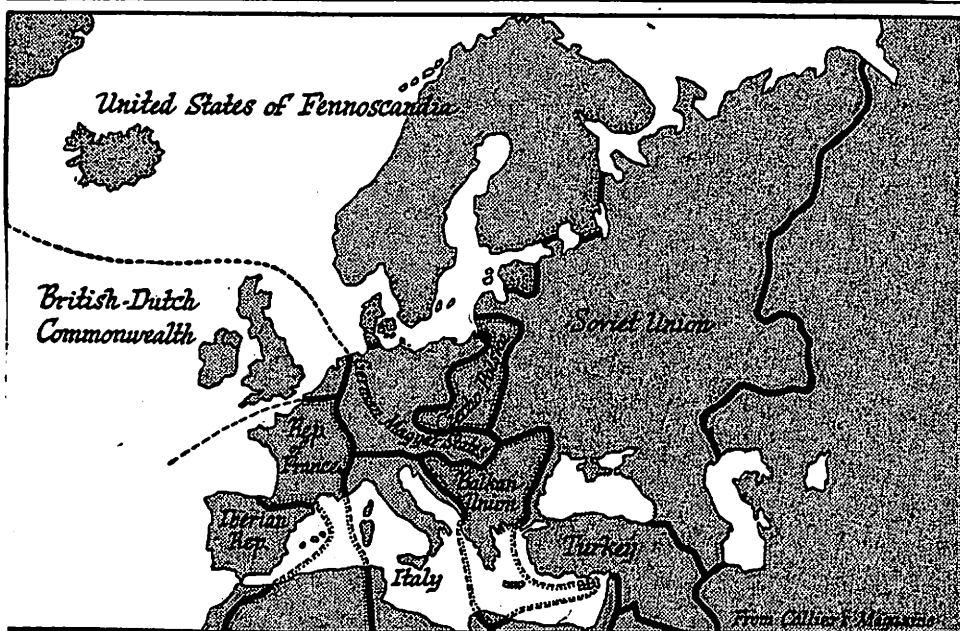
This is because he is thinking, whether he knows it or not, in Fascist terms of "strong nations," and power politics, and not at all in terms of economic co-ordination. He overlooks completely the possibility that instead of cutting up Europe further and moving populations about as Hitler has done, some relatively direct methods remain for making the peace—and mapping it afterwards. These include:

- ¶ Collective security.
- ¶ International policing.
- ¶ Distribution of raw materials.
- ¶ And all the other ideas of a people's victory and a people's peace implicit in the Atlantic charter.

Buried in Dr. Renner's article, which must have delighted Hitler and Mussolini no end, we find these words:

"Certainly neither the U. S. nor the Dominions intends to go on indefinitely intervening periodically to save the British Empire."

These words have a familiar ring. They might have been written by ex-Col. Charles A. Lindbergh, ex-America First, ex-American Eagle whose aviation experting is being blasted every day of the week by war realities.



This is what Columbia's Dr. Renner would like to do to Europe when peace comes. The map might have been drawn by one of Hitler's theoreticians.

Map by PM artist after the map published in Collier's