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NATIONAL SPIRIT IS UNIFIER OF PEOPLE
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Writer Uses India as Example of Lack of United Nation; Multiplicity of Warring Castes

Nationalism is a unifier of people and an instrument of progress and not a breeder of disintegration according to George B. Lockwood, who uses the example of India as a text in an editorial in the current issue of the National Republic on nationalism.

"Mathatma Grandhi, the East India apostle of non-resistance, inveighs against nationalism as one of the tap-roots of war, and deprecates the dominance of what he calls materialistic ideals in the western nations, especially the United States," Mr. Lockwood says.

Has No National Spirit
 "India has scarcely reached the stage where its best-known philosopher can consistently point to the rest of the world the dangers of nationalism. India has no spirit of nationalism, and lies beneath the heel of a great foreign military and naval power, for all its 300,000,000 people, chiefly because it lacks the spirit which would make separate nationalities possible. India lacks that spirit because of a multiplicity of warring castes, classes and sections within India which make a spirit of unity impossible. There are some 6,000 castes in India which stand in the way of a national homogeneity. The caste spirit is carried to so extreme a point that for an Indian belonging to one class to eat from the same dishes used by an Indian of another caste is considered profanation. No other nation imposed this system on India; it is homegrown.

Is Unifying Factor
 "We are continually told of the division and hostility caused by nationalism. But nationalism is also a unifying factor. It raises a standard to which men rally in disregard of lesser loyalties. It maintains peace among elements that would

otherwise be constantly at war. India is still sufficiently lacking in the instinct for peace and brotherhood to make Indian nationalism impossible. If British power were to be removed from India millions of Indians would immediately be at each others throats. While so much remains at home to illustrate the calamities which befall a people through lack of national spirit and through the indisposition to unite and struggle against aggression from the outside, it would seem that Mahatma Gandhi has a mansized prophet's job at home.

Judge by Average
 "Moreover, the rest of the world is unable to discover in India's lack of diffused material wealth elements which contribute to great intellectual achievement. The value of a country's intellectual life is not to be judged from the advanced metaphysics of a few heavy thinkers, but in the equipment of the average man to think his way through his problems. It is evident that it will be some time before India reaches the point where the average man will have opportunity to think of anything much but where his next meal may be coming from. India has a surplus of philosophers and a shortage of men capable of assuming leadership in industrial development and in the creation of that sort of patriotism which seeks to lift the economic level of the masses to the point where the common man can even begin to think."

MANY FAMILIES STICK TO FARMS
Despite Exodus to Cities, There Are Some Who Continue on Land For Years

The exodus from country to city may get publicity, but sometimes, observes Wallace's Farmer: "The farm families stay on the farm. Basing its statement on letters it has received, the farm journal declared that it has discovered in the middle west 'plenty of farms where the fourth and fifth generations are working the same land on which their pioneer ancestors had settled.'

"We are still ignorant of the exact number of farm families that stay put," the editor explained, "but thanks to letters of over 40 readers, we know there are quite a lot of

them. We have heard of a number of farm families who have been on one farm for from 75 to 100 years who expect descendants to double the record.

"The feeling of a locality growing richer because of the generations that have lived there, more joyful because of the generations that will make it their home in the future, comes out clearly in many of the letters."

A Missouri farm woman, wife of a pioneer's grandson, wrote: "We have furniture belonging to each generation. Our radio is on a desk that has been in the family for over 100 years. In the house as well as over the farm we find clues to the personalities of members of each generation."

CONCENTRATE TRAINS, NORTHWESTERN PLAN
All Freight to Be Combined in One Big Yard; To Lessen Smoke Nuisance

The smoke nuisance in Chicago will be cut down a notch by concentration of freight trains of the Chicago & Northwestern Railway company at one big switching yard, 13 miles from the down-town district. The improvement will cost \$16,000,000 and take seven years to complete.

Establishment of a spacious switching yard distant from the center of the city is in accordance with the trend of the times in transportation, it was pointed out by G. W. Hand, assistant to the president, Fred W. Sargent. All traffic between the central switching point and the city and connecting lines is to be handled by switch engines. It is significant that this company has recently been experimenting with a huge oil engine for yard work, thus possibly eliminating the smoke nuisance.

Already \$3,000,000 has been spent on the improvement, with a result that various grade crossings have been eliminated and 30 tracks will be ready for trains about March 1.

The yard has been planned to contain about 250 miles of tracks, covering a length of five miles and an area of about 1250 acres. Three inner sets of yards for inbound and eastbound moving freight are to be established and likewise three sets for west-bound traffic. They are to be capable of handling 6,000 cars eastward and 6,000 westward every 24 hours.

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