

## THE ISSUE

● Approximately one-third of the issue is devoted to the recent European crisis and Czechoslovakia's fate and future. Beginning with the cover, which shows two not entirely disinterested parties to the dismemberment of the Czech state, the material on the crisis accounts for most of the reading matter in the first twenty-five pages. There is the editorial, *Twenty Years* and the full-page map *Twentieth Anniversary of a Treaty*—both on the subject of what Germany has done since the World War. There is the review of the month, *History in the Making*. There is a section on notes and documents which officially launched the campaign on Czechoslovakia and which brought it to an end. There are two full-page maps by R. E. Falconer illustrating the resources, populations, minority questions, and territorial claims made upon the country. Finally, there is an interview with Eduard Benes, former President of Czechoslovakia, by Charles Hodges, member of CURRENT HISTORY's editorial advisory board.

● A question frequently posed: Why doesn't Uncle Sam do something about counteracting Fascist radio propaganda? Answer: He does. A Congressional committee was pleasantly surprised to learn this recently when considering a bill which would set up a radio station for that purpose. Representatives of our leading networks appeared before the committee and presented evidence showing that we have not allowed Europe to monopolize the South American air lanes. M. E. Tracy, editor of CURRENT HISTORY, explains and analyzes the scope and extent of American short-wave broadcasts to South America in *Radio and the Monroe Doctrine*.

● Does the fairly large representation of Leftist groups in the French Senate and Chamber of Deputies indicate that the French people are proportionately Leftist? André Maurois, who ought to know, says it does not. France, he is convinced, does not want Communism any more than it wants Fascism. He explains the large Communist vote in *The Paradox of French Communism*.

● Carleton Beals, who has been appearing more or less regularly in CURRENT HISTORY with articles on his specialty, South America, is one of the hardest workers among our contributors. Just before the magazine goes to press, his articles are shipped to him for last-minute revision and corrections. He is also his own severest critic. When *Black Shirts in Latin America*, his article in this issue, was sent to him shortly before the deadline, he read it through a few times, decided he did not like it and re-wrote it completely—returning it in time to keep within our editorial schedule.

● The editors tried frequently during the administration of Leon Blum to persuade the French Premier to write for CURRENT HISTORY. Invariably, they received this reply: "Maybe later. Too busy—much too busy—now." That vague promise has now been fulfilled (*France and Non-Intervention*).

● Does an intelligently-directed and farsighted labor policy work? Marc A. Rose, former editor of Business Week, heard about a large Mid-Western organization that seemed

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to be getting along with its employes with very little trouble; he had heard, moreover, that the employes were apparently happy in their work. Mr. Rose went out to Middletown and obtained the story at first hand. It is published in this issue under the title, *Harmony in Steel*.

● Mustapha Kemal Attaturk may be a sick man and Turkey may be a sick country, but there is nothing sick about the country's opportunism. No sooner did the first Nazi troops march into Sudetenland than Turkey managed to get on the right side of Germany with a deal to improve trade relations between the two countries. But if Turkey has learned Western opportunism, she has also learned other Western tricks which may make her a front-ranking power in the near future. William Gilman, a traveling journalist and a former United States Army chemist, describes the resurgence in *Turkey with Western Dressing*.

● Like to sue the United States? Go right ahead. You may get something and then again you may not. It all depends what the U. S. Court of Claims says. If you haven't heard of the Court, you needn't feel the slightest bit abashed, because many lawyers haven't heard of it either. Edith Stern, free-lance journalist whose articles have appeared in American magazines—particularly the *Reader's Digest*—tells the story in *The Unknown Court*.

● Charles W. B. Hurd, Washington correspondent, is a name CURRENT HISTORY readers are going to see in the magazine rather frequently. The editors have completed arrangements with Mr. Hurd, who is regarded highly here and abroad as a reporter and interpreter, for an article every other month or so on pertinent topics. The first article, *New Housing for America*, appears in this issue.