



Letters to the Editor

Internationalism's Past and Lack of Foresight

Your story "The Treaty of Versailles and the Rise of Nazism" (November 5 issue) describes one of the disasters of America's entry into World War I, but U.S. involvement created a host of other problems. The war devastated European agriculture and manufacturing, triggering a temporary boom in American exports of food and manufactured goods to Europe. America's leaders failed to grasp the fact that the export boom was temporary and would end as soon as Europe recovered from the war. Due to lack of foresight, American farmers and businesses went on a borrowing spree.

When President Coolidge sparked an economic boom by cutting federal spending, the temporary export boom to Europe, plus the insane easy-money policy of the Federal Reserve, during an economic expansion transformed a normal economic expansion into an economic boom on steroids. As a result people began to speculate on the stock market and could do so on margin (no money down), owing to New York's regulations. Who was governor of New York? Franklin Roosevelt.

As the export boom to Europe fizzled, the economic bubble began to burst, and the Federal Reserve did the insane: hiking interest rates so as to dynamite the economy. The Federal Reserve, created ostensibly to prevent recessions, in less than 20 years of existence engineered the worst depression in history. Then the charlatan Franklin Roosevelt steered America on a path to socialism by implementing the New Deal, which actually deepened the depression.

All of this perversion is a consequence of America entering WWI.

Gary Woodburn

Sent via e-mail

Governor Hails Hate-crimes Legislation

Indiana Governor Eric Holcomb is hot to trot to have the state legislature pass a hate-crimes bill because of what was written on a synagogue in Carmel, without knowing who did it or why.

I wonder if he remembers the Bean Blossom episode the day after Donald Trump was elected president. Someone painted "Heil Trump," a Nazi swastika, and a gay slur on the Episcopalian church in Bean Blossom, Indiana.

All of the news media came here to cover the event and make the citizens of Brown County look like suspects in doing this shameful deed. Thanks to the hard work of law enforcement, the culprit was found. It was a member of the church who played the piano and is apparently anti-Trump.

When asked why he did it, he said, "Because I wanted to start a national movement." Liberals start national movements built on lies, such as "hands up, don't shoot." By the way, the media was absent when the person was caught; he did not meet their preconceived, anti-right-wing beliefs.

The governor knows, and the state legislature knows, there are already laws that cover what they call hate crimes. New legislation is just a dippy doodle to show people they care.

Governor Daniels cared, and he balanced the state budget. Governor Pence cared, and he lowered the personal income tax.



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Governor Holcomb cares, and he is going to pass a hate-crimes bill? Give me a break! If someone shoots me and kills me, it doesn't matter if they love me or hate me, I am just as dead, and the crime should be harshly punished either way.

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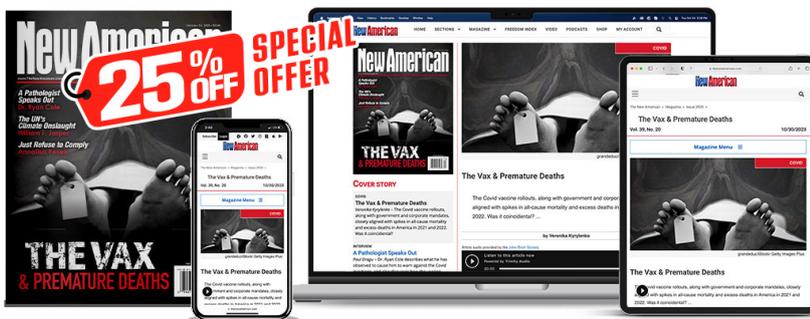
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