

## m Worry Clinic

# One Language Suggested For Europe



Militarists, diplomats and economists have been at all previous peace tables, and they've done nothing but set up conditions for another war 25 years later! Let's send a few men like Editor Toner to inject a little practical psychology into this peace conference in the hope of making it last more than one generation.

**CASE F-285: BILL TONER**, aged about 38, is the popular editor of the Herald at Anderson, Ind.

Recently he wrote a very challenging editorial in which he suggested a single language in Europe as a psychological method for welding the races there into a more homogenous group.

Psychologists will heartily endorse Mr. Toner's discerning recommendation, for it is a single language in the United States that is largely responsible for the social unity existing between the diverse racial backgrounds of Americans.

Here we have every racial group in Europe represented in large numbers. But we don't see New York State pitted in warfare against Pennsylvania, or Minnesota against California. Why?

Largely because we feel alike. And this impression is created by our ease in understanding each other.

**A UNIFORM LANGUAGE** permits us to read the same books and magazines hot off the presses. We attend the same movies and religious meetings.

If we are 1,000 miles from our home state, we can still read a newspaper that has the AP, UP or INS news stories that are being printed that same hour in our hometown newspaper.

Nobody mutters behind our back in mysterious languages which makes us grow suspicious that we are being laughed at, ridiculed or plotted against.

"Divide and rule" is the typical motto of dictatorships, which soon launch wars. Different languages certainly promote this division.

"Unify and be a Republic", is the formula of a lasting democracy, that thus promotes peace.

FOR HUNDREDS OF years our militarists, diplomats and economists have vainly tried to protect nations from war, but every new generation gets embroiled.

Maybe it would be a wholesome change to include some practical psychologists like Editor Toner, and some clergymen at the peace tables.

Surely they could do no more harm than the militarists, diplomats and economists, for the latter have sent us into wars as fast as we have been able to get fully re-armed after the previous blood letting.

The economic angles have failed, so why not get down to fundamentals and take steps to insure a REAL peace that will last more than 25 years?

When people feel different from each other, prejudices and fears soon sprout up. In Europe, every few hundred miles you cross a national boundary where languages differ, so you grow suspicious.

In America you can cross from one state to another and scarcely know it, yet you may be among Germans at one town, English at another, Scandinavians at a third, Greeks or Italians at a fourth, etc. But they talk, act and dress alike, so you don't think about different racial backgrounds. You are impressed with likeness, instead of difference.

SINCE THE ENGLISH language is so widely used, and the two leading democracies employ it, suppose Germany were taught within the next generation to speak English. Then Britain and Germany would be linguistically closely knit. Their economic backgrounds are already similar.

Closer cooperation and greater admiration would doubtless follow. With the powerful German nation speaking our language, we would have the backbone of Europe enjoying a sense of social unity with us. We would all be more inclined to cooperate. Similarities would far outweigh our differences.

Without resort to force, Czechoslovakia became to a large degree an English speaking nation within 20 years after World War I. Germany could do the same within another generation.