

SOVIET UNION

SOURCE 1: *The following text is excerpted from a list of more than 1,000 names.*

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ABRAMOV, Arkadii Mikhailovich - 681 (party subjects)
AVERBAKH, Leopold Leonidovich - 266 (literary criticism)
AVILOV, Nikolai Pavlovich (Glebov-Avilov, N.) (trade union movement)
AVINOVITSKII, Iakov Lazarevich - 266 (military-chemical)
AGIENKO, Aleksandr Fedorovich - 683 (anti-religious)
...
AZARKH, Raisa Moiseevna - 73 (fiction)
AITAKOV, Nadyrbai - 957 (party subjects)
AIKHENVAL'D, Aleksandr Iul'evich - 241 (economics)
ALAZAN, Vagram Martynovich - 266 (artistic subjects)
ALEKSANDROVICH, Andrei Ivanovich - 372 (poetry)
ALKSNIS, Iakov Ivanovich (Alksnis-Astrov) - 171 (military)

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SOURCE 2: PAINTINGS IN THE STYLE OF SOCIALIST REALISM



Boris Eremeevich Vladimirski, *Roses for Stalin* (1949), oil on canvas



Boris Eremeevich Vladimirski, *Miner and Female Worker* (1929), oil on cardboard

Source 3: Excerpt of a letter written by Gulag prisoners and addressed to the Communist Party, regarding conditions in the labor camps.

We are prisoners who are returning from the Solovetsky concentration camp because of poor health. We went there full of energy and good health, and now we are returning as invalids, broken and crippled emotionally and physically. We are asking you to draw your attention to the arbitrary use of power and the violence that reign at the Solovetsky concentration camp in Kemi and in all sections of the concentration camp. It is difficult for a human being even to imagine such terror, tyranny, violence, and lawlessness. When we went there, we could not conceive of such a horror, and now we, crippled ourselves, together with several thousands who are still there, appeal to the ruling center of the Soviet state to curb the terror that reigns there. As though it weren't enough that the Unified State Political Directorate [OGPU] without oversight and due process sends workers and peasants there who are by and large innocent (we are not talking about criminals who deserve to be punished), the former tsarist penal servitude system in comparison to Solovky had 99% more humanity, fairness, and legality....

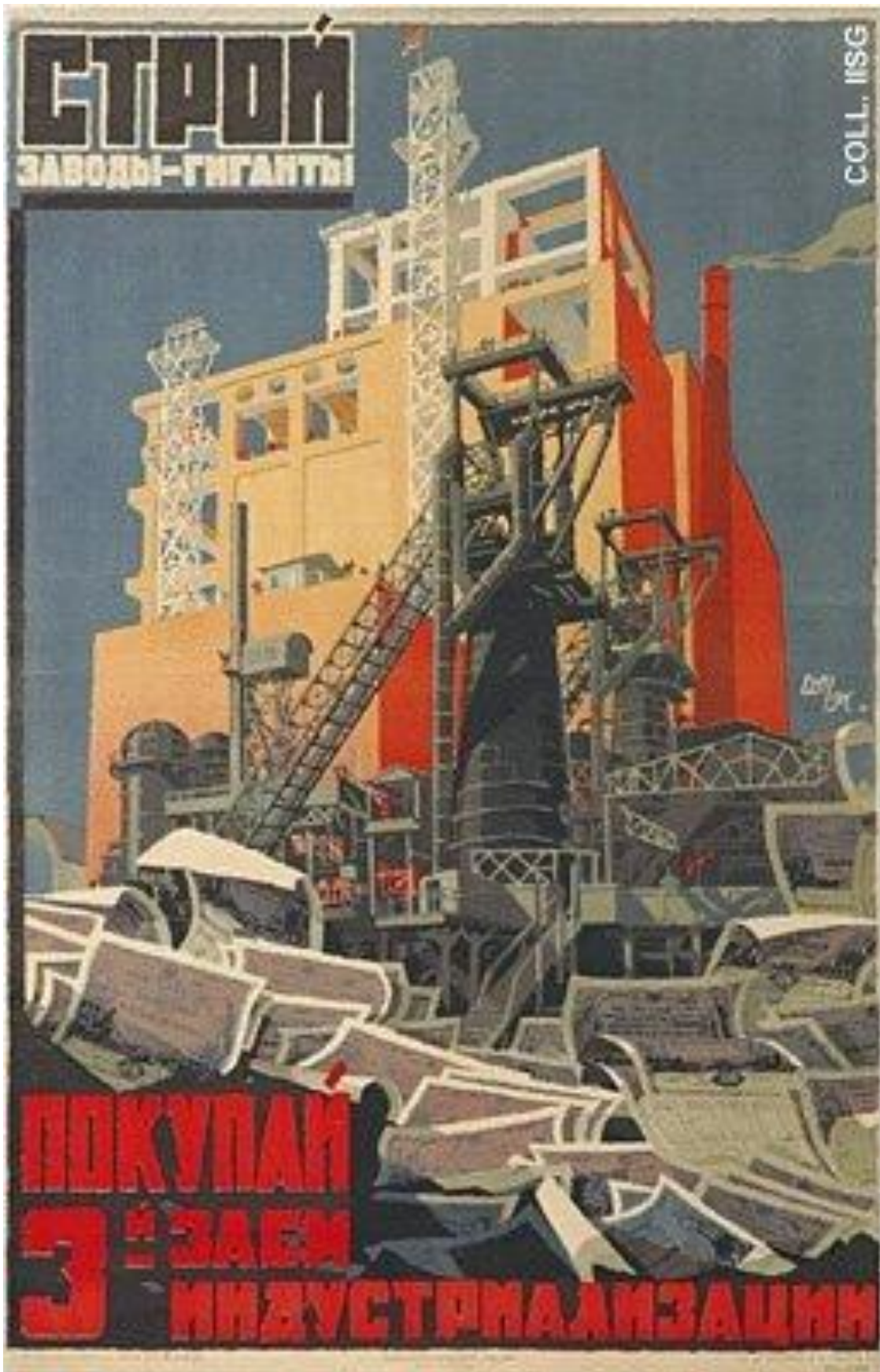
People die like flies, i.e., they die a slow and painful death; we repeat that all this torment and suffering is placed only on the shoulders of the proletariat without money, i.e. on workers who, we repeat, were unfortunate to find themselves in the period of hunger and destruction accompanying the events of the October Revolution, and who committed crimes only to save themselves and their families from death by starvation; they have already borne the punishment for these crimes, and the vast majority of them subsequently chose the path of honest labor....

If you complain or write anything ("Heaven forbid"), they will frame you for an attempted escape or for something else, and they will shoot you like a dog. They line us up naked and barefoot at 22 degrees below zero and keep us outside for up to an hour....

To this we subscribe: G. Zheleznov, Vinogradov, F. Belinskii.

Dec. 14, 1926

Source 4



Help build the gigantic factories, 1929



Cultivate vegetables!, ca. 1930

Source 6



“International Working Women’s Day is the day of judging of socialist competition,” 1930

FASCIST ITALY

Source 7: An excerpt from Benito Mussolini's "What is Fascism" (1932), which served as an entry for the Italian Encyclopedia on the definition of fascism.

Fascism, the more it considers and observes the future and the development of humanity quite apart from political considerations of the moment, believes neither in the possibility nor the utility of perpetual peace. It thus repudiates the doctrine of Pacifism -- born of a renunciation of the struggle and an act of cowardice in the face of sacrifice. War alone brings up to its highest tension all human energy and puts the stamp of nobility upon the peoples who have courage to meet it. All other trials are substitutes, which never really put men into the position where they have to make the great decision -- the alternative of life or death....

...The Fascist accepts life and loves it, knowing nothing of and despising suicide: he rather conceives of life as duty and struggle and conquest, but above all for others -- those who are at hand and those who are far distant, contemporaries, and those who will come after...

...Fascism [is] the complete opposite of...Marxian Socialism above all Fascism denies that class-war can be the preponderant force in the transformation of society....

After Socialism, Fascism combats the whole complex system of democratic ideology, and repudiates it it denies that numbers alone can govern by means of a periodical consultation, and it affirms the immutable, beneficial, and fruitful inequality of mankind

...given that the nineteenth century was the century of Socialism, of Liberalism, and of Democracy, it does not necessarily follow that the twentieth century must also be a century of Socialism, Liberalism and Democracy: political doctrines pass, but humanity remains, and it may rather be expected that this will be a century of authority...a century of Fascism. For if the nineteenth century was a century of individualism it may be expected

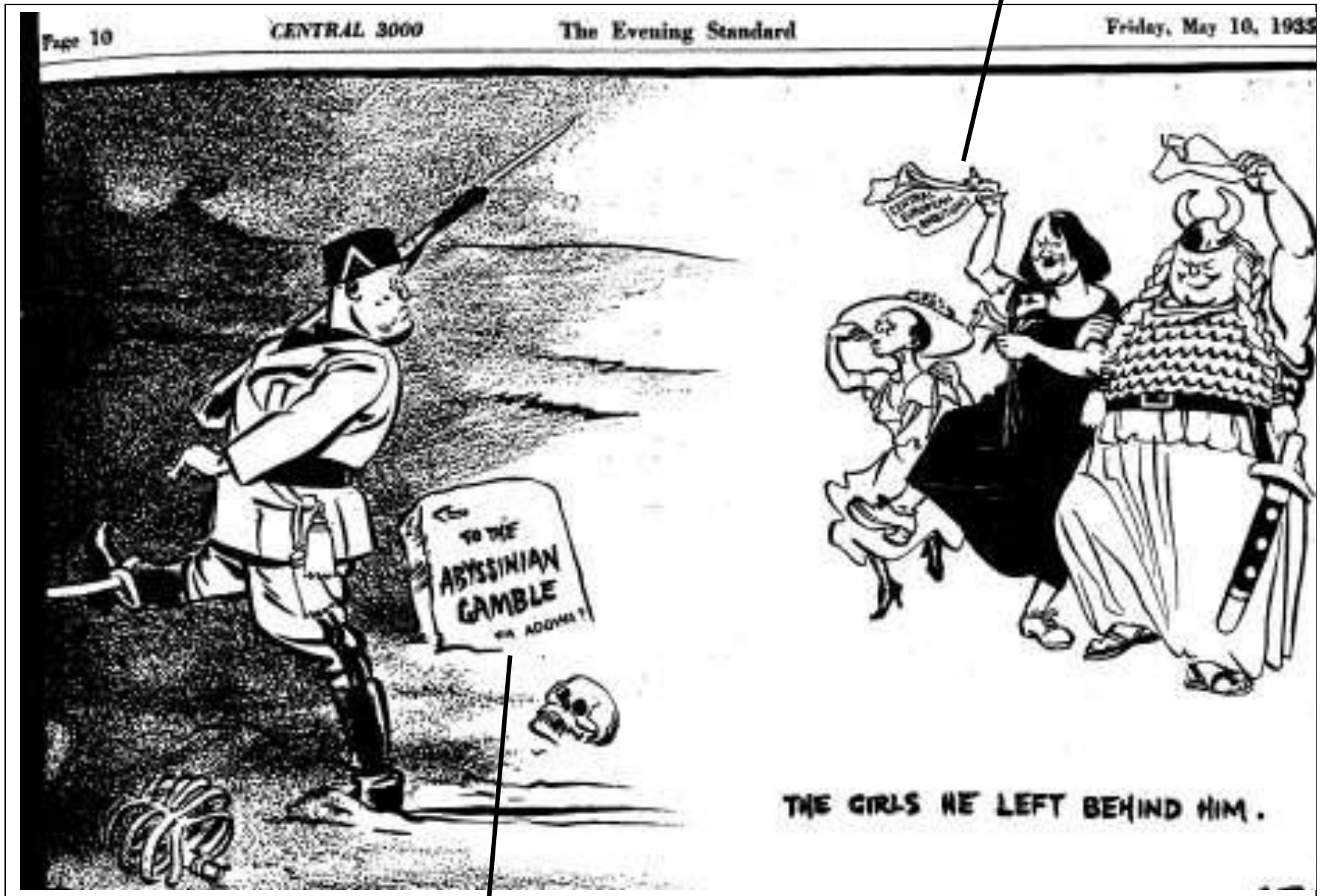
that this will be the century of collectivism and hence the century of the State....

The foundation of Fascism is the conception of the State, its character, its duty, and its aim. Fascism conceives of the State as an absolute, in comparison with which all individuals or groups are relative, only to be conceived of in their relation to the State....

...The Fascist State organizes the nation, but leaves a sufficient margin of liberty to the individual; the latter is deprived of all useless and possibly harmful freedom, but retains what is essential; the deciding power in this question cannot be the individual, but the State alone....

...For Fascism, the growth of empire, that is to say the expansion of the nation, is an essential manifestation of vitality, and its opposite a sign of decadence. Peoples which are rising, or rising again after a period of decadence, are always imperialist; and renunciation is a sign of decay and of death. Fascism is the doctrine best adapted to represent the tendencies and the aspirations of a people, like the people of Italy, who are rising again after many centuries of abasement and foreign servitude. But empire demands discipline, the coordination of all forces and a deeply felt sense of duty and sacrifice: this fact explains many aspects of the practical working of the regime, the character of many forces in the State, and the necessarily severe measures which must be taken against those who would oppose this spontaneous and inevitable movement of Italy in the twentieth century, and would oppose it by recalling the outworn ideology of the nineteenth century - repudiated wheresoever there has been the courage to undertake great experiments of social and political transformation; for never before has the nation stood more in need of authority, of direction and order. If every age has its own characteristic doctrine, there are a thousand signs which point to Fascism as the characteristic doctrine of our time. For if a doctrine must be a living thing, this is proved by the fact that Fascism has created a living faith; and that this faith is very powerful in the minds of men is demonstrated by those who have suffered and died for it.

Central European Ambitions



To the Abyssinian Gamble via Adowa?

NAZI GERMANY

Source 9



"The Decent Jew," printed in *Der Stürmer*, July 1936

Source 10



"The Wandering Jew," part of a propaganda exhibit in 1937

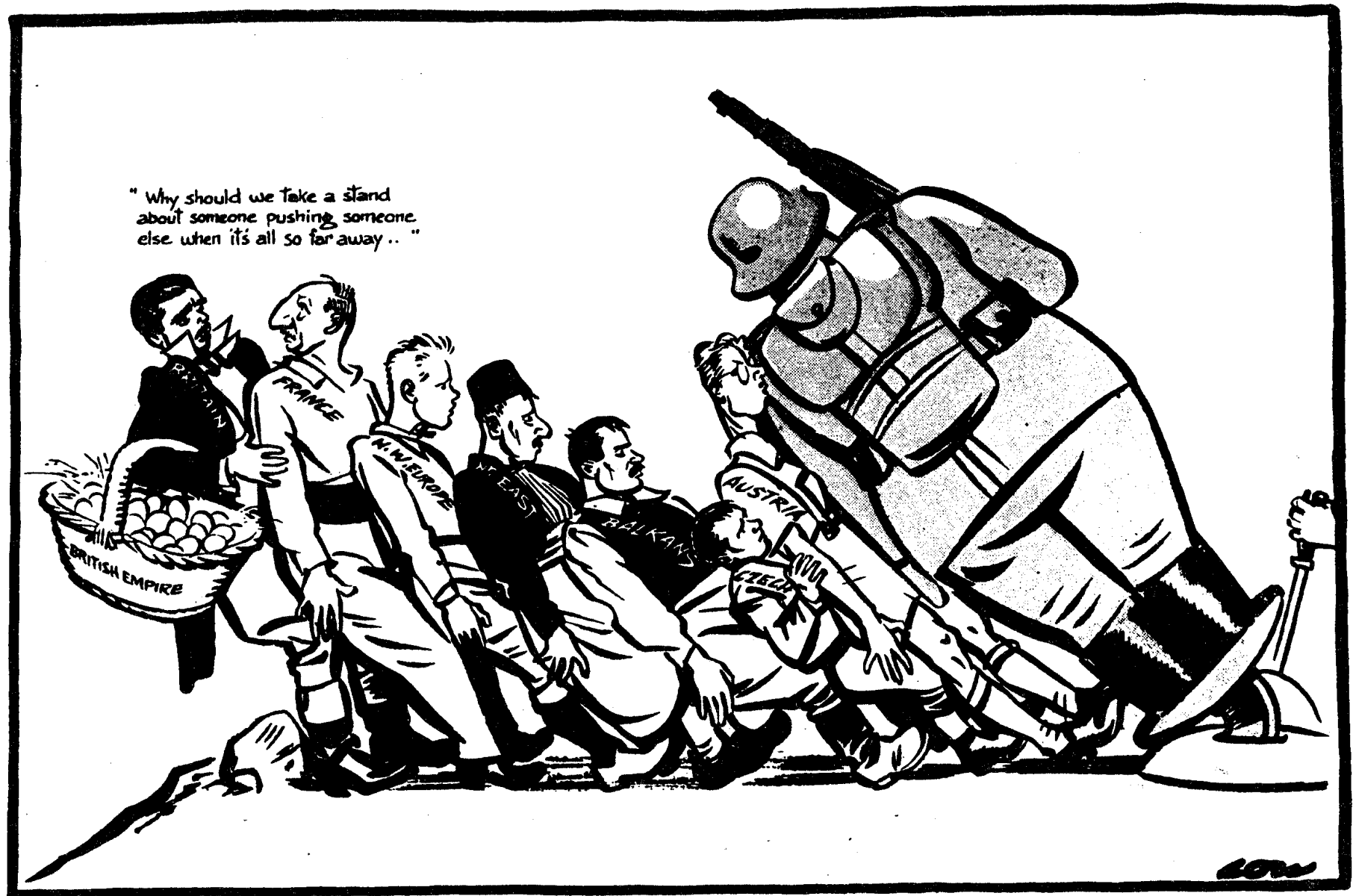


Fred O. Seibel in the *Richmond Times-Dispatch*, 1939. Used with permission

TOUGH CUSTOMER DRUNK WITH POWER



Source 13: British cartoon, 1938



INCREASING PRESSURE.