



Introducing Aggrids

GIVEN free choice of foods and equal access to all necessary articles of diet, some animals "show sense" in eating and thrive accordingly, while others fail to eat enough of the right things and grow up stunted and defective.

These results have been obtained in experiments with animals as diverse as chickens, rats and cattle, by Prof. W. Franklin Dove of the University of Maine, who sees in them implications of wider import, even for human society.

In his experiments with chickens and white rats, Prof. Dove offered the equivalent of the hearty, natural-food diet that built the mighty men of the Maine woods in pioneer days: whole-grain meal, milk, fish, eggs and ground bone. No vitamin extracts or concentrates were added; Prof. Dove considered the natural foods to contain plenty of these necessary health elements.

The important thing, however, was the free choice and equal access permitted to all animals in the experimental group. The ones that selected the right items in the best proportions greatly surpassed their companions in health and growth.

To individuals in a group thus show-

ing ability to take the right thing, whether food or other bio-social good, Prof. Dove applies a word of his own coining: aggrid. Aggridance is an important quality in natural leadership.

How to obtain the greatest social benefit from the wise choices made by aggridant types is the basic problem confronting organized humanity. Apologists for rugged individualism will claim theirs is the only true aggridant creed; collectivists both communist and fascist will hail their Supreme Aggrids who decisively settle everything for the good of everybody; democratic moderates will point out that the quality of aggridance is not strained and that its fullest development can be achieved only where free leadership attracts free followers, and where, moreover, the aggrid does not monopolize the means whereby others may profit by his example.

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PSYCHOLOGY

Hitler Propaganda Will Appear Pacifist in U. S.

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Dr. Lewin is one of the experts on propaganda requested by Science Service to comment on new methods that will probably be used in the present European War. (See also SNL, Sept. 9.) Dr. Lewin received many decorations for heroism in the German army during the World War, but was exiled from Germany under the Hitler regime. He has recently been conducting laboratory experiments on the effects of dictatorship, democracy, and other forms of leadership on the personality of children.

AS TO the state of mind of the people in Europe: compared with the start of the first World War, the greatest difference seems to me to be their disillusionment in regard to official war slogans.

I do not expect any immediate rebellion against war anywhere, but I doubt

whether the German people will be willing to fight longer than a year even in case of great initial successes of Hitler. They know very well from the last war this does not mean much.

As to the propaganda in this country: England and France may proceed rather cautiously, all propaganda will be of course under cover. I expect Hitler's propaganda to be very intensive and efficient. He will probably follow patterns similar to those he has used in Europe: namely, while taking one country he will try to strengthen with all means the isolationist tendencies in every other country.

To this end the pro-Hitler forces in this country will be directed to appear as ardent pacifist and honest isolationist.

The immediate objective is of course killing of a cash-and-carry legislation, in this way establishing a situation where, for instance, Japan could continue to buy war material in the United States but where England could not do so.

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