

Still Fighting for the Kaiser

When Herr Hitler states that his people are crowded and must have more "living space," we in Canada (which has less than three and a half persons to the square mile) wonder just what there is in his argument. Official figures show that Germany has 361 persons to the square mile. The United Kingdom has 491; Italy has 344; The Netherlands 577; Belgium 698.

As to how Germany uses its "living space," we find, according to the 1938 statistical year book, that the total area, including Austria but excluding the Sudetenland, is 137 million acres. Of this, 82 million are cultivated; 7 million are in roads, parks, etc. Houses and courtyards take up 2 million, while 6 million acres are marsh and waste land. This makes up 97 of the total 137 million acres. The balance of 40 million acres is **uncultivated forest**.

240,000 acres of this unused land belongs to the ex-Kaiser, the largest private landholder in Germany. Sixteen former noblemen own from 60 thousand to 75 thousand acres each, a total of nearly 1½ million acres. More than two-thirds of this is uncultivated land.

The taxation system of Germany is based on the yield or income value of land, not on its rental or market value. These 40 million acres of idle Germany therefore bear only a very small proportion of the extremely high tax burden borne by the population in general. Therefore, Germans are locked out of this vast empire within their empire.

Fighting for "living space," while the ex-Kaiser holds 240,000 acres and sixteen other men have nearly 100,000 acres each (mostly uncultivated) and while other owners control thirty-eight million acres (entirely uncultivated), seems senseless.

The German people should be fighting for their own land!

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