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1. Cartoon 1919 - Manchester Guardian - 1940.
'how odd'.
2. And now this morning - the statesmen of the Western
+ China world - once more gathering around a table - once
more there should be a figure behind them - but, I
suspect, three figures rather than one - a child, the
class of 1965 - a youth, the classes of 1945-1950 -
they will still be alive when the fruits of this conf-
-gond or evil, will be ripe - and above them all, a
figure, sad & alone, on whose head is a crown of
thorns and in whose hands are the maces of all
the nails of hate and blood of 2000 years - Clemenceau
3. You may rightly ask: Why talk about it to us?
Prefer to live from day to day - the present is sure,
the future is uncertain - may as well gather our
few rosebuds while we may - what could we do,
even if we wanted to - our years are being molded
and made by others - by men trained in the high &
vicious art of diplomacy & power politics & national
pride - let's go back to our [homes and our campus
life] and hope against hope that things will turn
out all right - we are the little people of the world.
4. Well, I'm not so sure - humanly speaking, our only hope
lies within us - in our deep awareness of the world
revolution through which we are passing - our willingness
to study its causes & effects - our high resolve, to exert
our influence, however small & weak, in the direction
of a new & better world - true, some problems, economic,
enormously complex - others, however, are amazingly simple -
far more a matter of the will than of the intellect -