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THE CONFLICTS OF THE MODERN WORLD.

A COMPETITIVE SOCIETY.

*He, who commands the past, controls the future,*

*He, who controls the future, conquers the past.*

*-KANE-*

In this composition I would like to discuss the conflicts of the modern world and the consequences of the competitive society. Being asked about this I usually start with a competitive society. Because this is the thing we face in every day life and always ask one question ourselves: ’Why have we created the world full of troubles and problems whereas we ourselves live in it?’ This sounds really paradoxical but it is true. For instance, the taxes in our country bring so many troubles to people who want to start their own business that they simply have to find ways not to pay them. Thousands of examples all over the world can be given here but the idea is that, understanding all this, we do not try even to improve anything.

On the other hand competitive life exists even at school where pupils are to participate in a so-called ‘racing game’ which is based on gaining better marks and results in everything. This idea is not new that is why different people at different times tried to solve this problem. The most famous is the of about social equality. The idea of social equality is really silly, to my mind, because there will always be one who will think that he is better than the others and just only due to this we will not ever get equality.

On the contrary, if there is no competitive society there is no development. It is of no use of aspiring to the best. Nothing but a competitive society made a man make a flight to space. Besides, there were a lot of other discoveries, which improved the life and social conditions, which happened only due to competitive society.

I believe, that there exists only one solution. It is nesessary to develop the competitive society limited with a strict law. Because we do not realize that this competitive society reflects Darwin’s theory about survival but on a higher level. Moreover, we do not realize that the last level of such development is a war.

From my point of view, the problem of a war is the most urgent problem nowadays due to the invention of new high technological weapons and weapons of mass destruction. It is extremely important to bear in mind that the only horrible thing, which will ever happen, is the third world war.

Wars are counterproductive and useless. A war has no explanation. But why do wars start? According to history wars can start because of the territory division, problems of religion, envy, misunderstanding between diplomats. However, there are many other reasons why a war starts. The main idea is that people do not usually understand the causes of war and do not understand its reasons because politicians usually decide weather the war should start or not. But let us pass over to the history of wars.

The main idea is that the first thousand male human beings were ever gathered together, they belonged to an army, and large-scale slaughter of people happened soon afterwards. Moreover, the first army carried such weapons as spears, knives, axes, perhaps bows and arrows and its strength did not lie in mere members but in discipline and organisation. In addition, drill is what transforms a mob of individual fighters into an army. Therefore, the basic forms of military drill are among the most unchanging elements of human civilisation. Though every man died his own death, what happened was quite impersonal during the battle of well-drilled armies. The result is that thousands of men would die in half an hour, in an area not bigger than a couple of two football fields. Consequently, a question immediately comes to mind: ‘How could men do this?’ The reason is that a formation of drilled men has a different psychology, which tends to overpower the personal identity and fears of the individuals. In conclusion, people will kill if they find themselves in a situation where their own survival is threatened and due to this anybody can be persuaded and manipulated in this way.

But the war has changed through the ages in some ways. First, the reasons of war somehow differ. Besides, the scale of wars has changed. In addition the technology has greatly changed and plenty of new weapons have appeared. But war has not changed in one thing. It is suffering it brings.

If you want my opinion then I am sure that I will never fight in a war if I do not understand the reasons and aims of this war. The only thing I will fight for is my family. Maybe, you are surprised because I haven’t said ‘motherland’ but I will not fight for my motherland if I find it’s politically wrong or not suitable for me.

Besides, what really irritates me is that a lot of important facts are neglected in our history books and, reading them, you get the impression that the Second World War for instance was nothing but a set of dates and battles. This makes the younger generation misunderstand the reality of war and understand it thoughtlessly.

Finally, let’s hope that there will never ever happen any war and there will be the time when people will understand all the uselessness of war.

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