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Klaus Mann

Santa Monica Calif.
340 Mesa Road,

August 19, 1939

Dear Miss Gould,

It was nice to hear from you again. As you may notice, I too, in the meantime, didn't remain on the same spot but moved slightly around. I am having a rather good time in California, seeing lots of old - and new - friends, and trying to my best to be busy. I am working, in collaboration with my sister, on a short book dealing with a very delicate and highly significant topic: "Are the Germans Nazis...?"

Are they? Or are they not? This is the question. I am afraid they may have a very dramatic occasion, in the near future maybe, to prove up to what degree they really ARE Nazis. If they follow their Führer into the deadly adventure of a new war, they are Nazis, and are doomed. If, on the other hand, they will start revolution a few days before, or even some weeks after declaration of war, they could make it clear, that way, that there is still a rest of reason, and human feeling in their confused minds...we, we'll see...Things look pretty exciting, once

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more - although most of the intelligent observers keep

expecting another "appeasement". I am NOT so sure about that, but

I renounced, for quite a while, making any kind of prophe-
cies. The whole matter looks to me like a dirty mess...

I too was very shocked and moved by the tragedy that
happened in Chicago. Of course, dreadful events of this
kind are making your touching story more, and more timely.

I still feel some magazine should be interested in your
work. There is a fine and intelligent girl in New York,
by the name of Ruth Norden, active as one of the editors
of "Living Age" (420 Madison Avenue.) Perhaps she could
be somehow useful to you; at least, she might be able to
give you some good advise. Write to her, and mention that
I recommended you to to so!

Good luck to you, and best regards!

Cordially yours,

K. Mann

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