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[The German Republic and the Nazis. Vortrag.]

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by a discussion: the idée fixe of the Nazis prevents any sane discussion. Finally, they refuse to give credence to any abstract Truths, but only to physical might or power. There is no possibility of coming to terms with them or convincing them; the only possible manner to gain any ground against them, is to be neither weak nor fearsome oneself, - but strong and fearless / even though civilized.

The greatest fault of the Weimar Republic was that it failed to make this clear to the Nazis. The Republic hoped to come to terms with the Nazis by means of discussion, as though the Nazis were people at all ~~XXX~~ capable of taking part in a discussion. The social-democratic, socialistic, and Catholic German statesmen / now in exile / have plenty of time to meditate over this tragic mistake they made. / All we can do at the moment / is to hope the democracies ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ will not repeat the error / which was fatal to the German Republic. // In place of "the democracies" one might better say: "the world". For all the nations of the entire world, aside from the Third Reich and its two allies, Italy and Japan, are against aggressive Imperialism, against Fascism in all its forms. They are for Democracy and Freedom.

Germany and the world. Germany and the Democracies. - Will these opposites ever be reconciled; will they ever be able to work together? This is a question of tremendous importance. Yet it does not seem all too difficult for me / to answer it.

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Let us adhere to our statement and repeat it: there are two separate Germanies. The Germany of Weimar - and the Ger. of Rotterdam. The ONE is represented by our best minds - such as Goethe or Kant; ^{or Nietzsche} ~~such as Thomas Mann or Einstein.~~ The Weimar Republic attempted to ^{turn} ~~give~~ this Germany ^{into a State} a Government. But it did this with inadequate means and under impossible premisses. Some future German Republic will have to repeat this great and most necessary experiment. There will never be such differences

of opinion or divergence of interests between this Germany and the "world" / ?
as can not be settled through friendly ~~conferences~~ (consultation, ~~councils~~). —

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But ~~because~~ that "other" Germany, today represented by the Nazis, which is hostile /
inimical to Europe and to progressive civilisation, the world will never so
much as find a medium of communication. You cannot debate about right and
wrong with people who say: "Everything is right that is useful to us." But
this is the basic principle of the Nazis.

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Whoever approaches them with conciliatory propositions / does nothing /
but make himself ridiculous in their eyes. For there is only one argument that
impresses them: naked, brute force. The Nazis always ridiculed the German
republic. They still ridicule it / because it was not sufficiently energetic and
determined in its measures / against them. No Nazi will ever be amenable to
arguments of reason or of right. For Hitler has taught his Nazis / that there is
but ONE reason and ONE right: the glory of the "blond race" - and for Hitler
that somehow is synonymous with the glory of / ^{Nazi} Germany. Inasmuch as German
Nationalists are brought up according to this principle and believe in it, it is
impossible for them ever to become good citizens of the ~~other~~ other, freer,
more sensible countries. The Nazi-German minorities / everywhere on earth, are
the sworn enemies of the free countries / whose hospitality they abuse. Every-
where they misuse the tolerance of the Democracies, so as to agitate in favour
of German Imperialism and the "racial principle". Not only Germany's smaller —
neighbours can tell a sad tale on this subject - countries like Cheko-Slovakia
Switzerland, Holland, the Scandinavian countries, Belgium, Luxemburg, - but also
the larger European states, such as France and England, and, above all, the
United States of America.

Everyone knows about the dangerous activities of the Nazis in
New York, Chicago and the other larger American cities. Money comes lavishly
from Berlin for use in their organisations, and it is no secret at all, for

what purpose this money comes. (how they use this money?). The deadly enemies of all democracy can never be loyal citizens of a Democratic state. (nation)

Within the last few weeks an important New York Evening paper published terrific and detailed accounts of the activities of the Nazis in the U. S. A. The headings of this notable series of articles, which I recommend you all to read, were quotations from statements made by prominent German Nazis. The first quotation was: "Primarily we are not citizens of states, but racial comrades." This was said by Joseph Hünnerfauth, a leading Nazi philosopher. The second was: "In admiration and deep faith, our racial comrades in foreign states look up to the Reich and its 'Führer'." (Peoples League for Germanism abroad. -) These statements are typical and need no comment.

....We/who are European Germans, german friends of Peace and Freedom, have paid dearly for our mistakes. Our greatest and most tragic error was either that we did not take the Nazis seriously enough, or that we believed we could argue with them. We have but one hope left: that "the world" - that is: that democratic countries will not repeat our mistakes;.

Just take a look at German emigrants; surely many of you have the opportunity of meeting German exiles here or there. True, you will find the most varied types, characters, and even points of view among them. There are pious Catholics among them and pious Protestants; Socialists and Conservatives; zionistic Jews and anti-zionistic Jews; intellectuals, aristocrats, and working-men. They all have but one point of faith in common and that is that they love peace and freedom, and that they are not of the opinion that a "German" is a god, nor a non-German very nearly a beast.

Nazi propaganda does its utmost to convince the world outside Germany that all enemies of the Hitler regime, especially all emigrants, are bolshevistic Jews. That is untrue. I could name you hundreds, even thousands

of sworn enemies of the Hitler regime - either in exile or within the Reich - who are neither Jews nor Bolsheviks.

Permit me to speak to you about one especial example ~~at somewhat~~
~~greater length,~~ an example that is surely no more important or interesting
than any number of others, but that I happen to know about most ^{accurately}
at first hand: let me give you the example of my own family.

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Yes, the German Reich ~~will~~ once more become a good, industrious, reliable member of the Family of Nations. All decent Germans wish and hope for this. ~~And there still exist millions of decent Germans, please believe me when I assert this.~~ The reconciliation of Germany with the entire world will be possible only when these Germans who are today persecuted by Hitler, - the German friends of peace, freedom, and justice - will once more be able to live in their own country, without fear and without shame.

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