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When I left Europe, a few months ago, I was deeply depressed. I had the terribly discouraging impression, that the two great Democracies - France and England - had lost, for the time being, every kind of self-confidence and strenght, and there was n o b o d y on the Continent, prepared at all to stop the awful March of Fascism.

It was only during the last few weeks, when I travelled again through this country, from Coast to Coast, that I cheered up, and became a little more optimistic. I realized, onee more, that the honest faith in Democracy, the real devotion to its highest values - Freedom and Justice - are so much stronger here than in any European country. I talked and listened to many people, in many different parts of the U.S. - :men and women, belonging to various politicak and social groups. Not all of them were quite of the same opinion, as far as International or Domestic politics are concerned. And, still, there are a few essential feelings and moral instincts, ~~a~~ some traditions and some convictions, nobody would deny nor discuss in this country.

- Certain events concern the entire civilized world, even if they happen abroad. Mankind is a Unity, and ~~the~~ our civilisation is based on a few very simple principles and ideas. - ~~most of them~~ ^{belonging to} ~~being the~~ Spiritual Heritage of Christianity. If o n e nation, or one govern=ment, neglects or threatens ~~in~~ the most important, the most sacred of those principles and ideas, the dignity and safety of Mankind is endangered, altogether.

Dignity and Safety of Mankind are matters which concern - or should concern - everybody. E~~v~~erybody should react against the aggressor who attacks and threatens these supreme values. - The strong and spontanous reaction of the American People against certain German atrocities was most encouraging and most consoling - not only to u s - the anti-Nazi-Germans, within the Reich or in Exile. I can assure

you, the firm attitude of the U.S. meant a great deal, as well, to the more progressive and truly liberal elements in the other European countries.

I just mentioned the "German Opposition, within the Reich or in Exile." I may add that this Opposition is growing and is becoming more and more active - : we have our informations which certainly are authentic. - Hitler does not represent the Nation.

There are two Germanys. One of them is threatening the World; the other one has to remain silent^{re} - for the time being...

Such a statement might sound surprising, almost paradoxical to many of you. I guess, you would like to ask me this simple question: Well, then - if your so-called "other Germany" should be really so strong - how is it possible that the Nazis remain in power? Could they keep their position, could they go on - against the majority of the people?

I may answer you, that it seems to be utterly difficult, almost impossible, to make any kind of successful opposition, against a modern "Totalitarian State". The organisation of Modern Dictatorship is so much stronger, than any wishes or fears of the people. Who would dare to say an open word against the ruling Clique, since it might have, as its follows, Concentration Camp, or Death?

All right, then - you say - , n o w it may be too late to make opposition. But, if it is true, that most of the Germans are intelligent, civilized and liberally minded - : how could they p e r m i t Hitler to establish himself, as their Leader, their Dictator? They w a n t e d him, after all, They elected him, they greeted him as their Messias...

And I couldn't deny it. Really, there w e r e Germans who believed in Hitler, who loved him with burning love. The tremendous and ^{clown} ~~futless~~ pro Nazi propaganda impressed and confused ~~the minds of many among~~

those of my compatriots who were politically un-educated, without political instinct, and embittered by the sufferings of the long economical depression. - The Weimar Republic made mistake after mistake. It never had a sound self-confidence, and it was not really liked by the people. What happened in Germany, in 1918, was not a revolution, but a dreary consequence of the military Defeat. There wasn't anything, what I would call "revolutionary enthusiasm". The Germans were not prepared to enjoy and to love their new liberties - given to them as a result of the lost war.

The Germans - as a Nation, as a Political Community - are suffering from a I n f e r i o r i t y C o m p l e x - if you may allow me to use the scientific term, invented by Siegmund Freud. The extreme Nationalism of the Germans, their boundless national ambition is nothing but an o v e r - c o m p e n s a t i o n - of the Inferiority Complex which tortures them. - Don't believe we are dreamers - they would say! Don't think we are Sisseys! We are going to have the most terrific army on earth, and much more planes than all the other nations combined! We are, altogether, the most terrific people ever known! - The Hegemony in Europe? Tah That's nothing!! We are ready to rule the world - :believe it or not! Heil Hitler! Vorwärts marsch!...

It sounds almost made. The over-compensation of the German inferiority complex has all the symptoms of a hysterical Crisis. Unfortunately, it is quite likely to become the Crisis of our entire civilisation - if nobody is going to stop and to cure this most dangerous patient...

The Germans - highly gifted and most productive, on so many various fields - are without any instinct, without t a l e n t when it comes to politics. The sensational political successes they which they have, for the time being, don't prove the contrary - by any means.

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These achievements - however impressive they ~~might~~ may look, at this moment - are a little t o o sensational, and there is too much noise about them. During the Wordl War, too, Germany became greater and greater; the Generals cried: "Victory, Victory!" - and the total disastour came as a bitter surprise. - Permat me to pronounce certain doubts I have, concerning the s o l i d i t y of the recent German triumphs. There are giants who look terrific, but are really much weaker and less dangerous, than they pretented to be. - ~~Blackmail seems to be~~ an utterly convenient tactic to get many nice things one is eager to get. There are certain limits, however - and ~~one day~~ the great Bluff, ~~the Blackmail-trick doesn't do it, for ever~~ - Will the Great, Greater and Greatest Germany last for many years? Wait and see...

~~I wouldn't have the patience to wait for thousand years - and, in spite of Hitlers Prophecy, I don't think it will be necessary~~
~~It won't be necessary to live thousand years~~

The Third Reich will last for Thousand Years - at least! - according to Mr. Hitler's generous Prophecy. Why not for two thousand years? It wouldn't make any difference... We are a little more modest, and don't overrate the force of our patience - ~~as~~ whereas the Führer, very obviously, is overrating the stability of his power. No - I wouldn't like to wait thousand years for Hitler's fall. ~~Unfortunately, I~~ ^{don't} have the right technic of r e a d i n g i n t h e S t a r s - very much in contrast to Hitler again, who learns everythin worthwhile to know by reading in the Stars - instead by reading good books. Even without this kind of super-natural knowledge, I dare to predict you: It won't last ^{for} Thousand Y^ears; even not twenty ~~years~~...

Hitler will fall, when the cirsumstances will force him, to prove his actual courage and his real strength. The most estonishing fact in the Führer's carreer is this: he was n e v e r obliged to fight. His autobiography has the pretencious title: "My Struggle." As a matter

of fact; he never really had to struggle seriously. He was always clever enough to be in brilliant terms with the people who have the actual power - and the money. He started his career as a paid agent of the Reichswehr - a highly significant fact, not known enough abroad. Later, he received important amounts of money from the Heavy Industry and the Great Prussian Land Estate Owners. - The Weimar Republic, weak and weary as it used to be, never persecuted him seriously. The time he had to spend in prison, after the unsuccessful Munich Putsch, in 1923, was fairly comfortable. He was allowed to write there his book "Mein Kampf" - the ruthless and impertinent attack against the very Republic in whose power he was. It is somewhat strange to imagine a German anti-Fascist, who would write in a Concentration Camp a long pamphlet against Nazism...

He had never to fight. When he started to attack the Treaty of Versailles, in there was not very much left of this famous paper - which certainly was not perfect, by any means; but which probably was still better, than any Dictate the Germans would have imposed upon their enemies, in a similar situation. However, after the era of Briand and Stresemann - when Hitler began to become a Public Figure - , the reconciliation between Republican Germany and France, Germany and the World, was well under way. - It was not very daring to insult the German Republic. It didn't mean a very impressive risk to offend the French or the British governments - who didn't take him seriously enough to answer him at all, in the beginning - and who took him too serious, later. Then, they were afraid to hurt his sensitive herat heart - and kept ~~and~~ polite silence, once more - whereas he kept shouting. He ~~was~~ always kept shouting - and never received the answer he deserved.

He never was a Revolutionary. He did not conquer his power. It would given to him by an old Prussian General, Herr von Hindenburg, who, most

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most unfortunately, happened to be the President of the German Rep.
This dubious patriarch was senil, and didn't realize, what was going
on. However, he had certain instincts, all of them very definitely oppo=
sed to any kind of Democratic ideal. Besides, he had friends and ad=
visers who abused his fame and strange popularity for their own
selfish aims. Those men wanted Hitler to get the Power, as they thought
he would rule w i t h t h e m , the Prussian reactionaries, and would,
above all, protect their big fortunes and land estates. ~~Paul~~ Hinden=
burg, influenced by those dangerous people - one of them being his
own son - called Hitler - n o t the German people did call him.
I emphasise this historical fact, because it takes a part of the
responsability from the German people as a whole. A certain clique -
the Prussian squires, fatal to our Nation, at so many occasions -
saved and called Hitler at a moment, when he was not at all on the
climax of his popularity. The last free elections, in September 1932,
had meant a very embarrassing failure to the Nazi Party. His reactionary
protectors felt: We have to help him to power n o w - or else it
might be too late, for ever. They acted fast and efficiently. Don't
they regret it, by now? When Hitler became allmighty, it turned out,
that he wasn't, by any means, the "M a n o f o r d e r", the protecotr
of conservative ideals or interests, the "bollwork against Bolshevism."
He is neither revolutionary, nor conservative. - Professor Borgese,
distinguished Italian Exile, living now in this town, says, in his
important book, "The March of Fascism", on Mussolini:
"He is neither a Nationalist nor a Socialist. He is an Anarchist, and
nothing."

This clever statement is true, as far our Führer is concerned, as well.
He will disappoint everybody who tries to make friends with him,
by making concessions to him, as he is absolutely and thouroughly
selfish. - The Prussian Conservatives had to pay dearly for the mis=

take; they have lost their power, their influence. - Mr. Chamberlain and his set - including his followers in Paris - could make the same dreary experience - if they don't change their attitude, before it will be too late.

The German Nation, however, has had its experience with its Leader - and six years is a pretty long time, I can assure you - especially, if one has to live under Dictatorship, or else in Exile.

Do you think just the Jews are suffering, in the Third Reich? - Their fate is the most intolerable one - which doesn't mean that the other Germans are happy... Hitler's infernal hatred against the Jewish race - the one really honest and consistent feeling, he has got - is highly significant, in many respects. As his arch-enemy he needed a group of people who are not in the position to defend themselves. ^{One plain fight} He wanted a helpless enemy, - ~~four great fighters,~~ Besides, he never meant the Jews exclusively, when he was preaching his antisemitic nonsense. ~~He what he really wanted,~~ What he really hated, was the intellect, the clear and critical thinking - ~~these~~ qualities and talents, represented for him by the Jewish race.

"Jew" and "Intellectual" means almost the same thing, to the Nazis.

- And what he hates, is not only the intellectual tradition of the Jews - it is their religious tradition, as well. He detests Christianity, too - only, he didn't dare yet to admit this feeling openly. He dispises every kind of faith, which is not faith in him, the Führer.

Not - not the Jews alone are suffering - although. An entire nation is humiliated, and every decent person feels it.

So many terrible things happened in G. - and are still happening there - that it means almost impossible to mention any special case. Still, the case of my own family may give me an example -