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Dear Mr.Weybright,

I feel I should give you some more details,concerning the article we discussed yesterday in your office.Its title may be "The U.S.and the Two Germanys" - or something of this kind.

I want to start with a description of my personal impressions in this country.I may give a story about the various lectures tours through the States I have made; a story about my several stays in ~~minor~~ minor American places,at small Universities,with various Clubs,organizations etc.,which would have somewhat humorous touches,without being malicious,of course.

I may quote the ~~but~~ inevitable conventional question: "How do you like America?" - using it as an opportunity to explain what I really do like about this country: the natural kindness of its people;its greatness - there is room!there is space! - ,the fortunate absence of European hysteria;the firm faith in certain basical notions and values,such as Freedom ect.,and some other things.

There are other people who would try to be more original, and would ask:^{me} "But now tell us what you don't over here..." - This question,of course,I would answer only

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after having

hesitated for a while, and after having emphasized that a refugee shouldn't be too critical, too delicate - ect. The curious person, however, insists, and finally I mention a few matters which happen to be strange or even disturbing to a foreigner, in this country.

The second part of the article is supposed to be the longer one, and must be more serious than the first one. -

The title of one of my lectures is "The Two Germanys".

I try to make it clear to my audiences that Hitler doesn't really represent the German nation; that there ~~has~~ is another Germany, which always existed and which still exists. In a condensed form, I could make a few remarks about that "Other Germany": about its greatness and its mistakes; its "unpolitical mind", its dangerous conception of "Kultur"; finally, about the cruel school it ~~went~~ ^{goes} through, and about its moral and political development, as a consequence of those hard lessons. -

The most important part of the article is the following one: the description of the ~~ways~~ different ways in which my audiences react and answer.

I intend to quote, above all, two typical conversations with personalities who listened to my story on the "Two Germanys". After the lecture, a woman comes to see me, and she is inclined to excuse Germany altogether. "Only

*without being really
fair to herself!*

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the Treaty of Versailles is guilty for the unfortunate development in Europe...ect." - "The Germans are fine people; but they were badly treated by the Frenchs...": and so on. - I have to contradict.

And I have to contradict, once more, when another person shows up who thinks that there isn't any "Other Germany": "We have heard the same talk during the World War... Then it was the Kaiser; now it is Hitler... The Germans ARE like that - they ARE Huns...": and so on.

This would bring me to the political point of the article: to ~~warn~~ warn the Americans not to become "anti-German", once more, as a consequence of their being anti-Nazi.

"It isn't Germany - its is Fascism you should hate...

No sense to call the Germans Huns, once more... The Germans didn't invent Fascism - although being especially fit for Fascism, by many dreary elements in their character... Fascism - in spite of its being hyper-national in theory - , international as a phenomenon, and, therefore, an international danger."

I would emphasize how much we - the "cultured Germans" (not just the exiles) - appreciate the strong, spontaneous anti-Nazi reaction of the American people. - The end may be the expression of my keen hope that the U.S. and the "Other Germany", the Germany of the Future, may understand each other...

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This is the idea of the article, in a very rough form. Please, would you let me know, as soon as convenient, whether or not The Survey Graphic would be interested. Perhaps, you could make certain suggestions, concerning details which you would like to see included or to be avoided. (By the way, the article wouldn't be written in this pretty poor and somewhat awkward style - which, most unfortunately, happens to be my own one - ; but I would collaborate with some really English-speaking friend...)

Very sincerely yours,

Klaus Mann.

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