

## **Verbundkatalog Kalliope**

### **What price fascism?**

**Mann, Erika**

---

#### **Nutzungsbedingungen**

Bei zahlreichen Dokumenten auf monacensia-digital.de sind die Urheberrechte bereits abgelaufen. Sie sind gemeinfrei und dürfen ohne weitere Rücksprache mit der Monacensia weiterverwendet werden.

Bei den Dokumenten, bei denen noch Urheberrechte bestehen, müssen für eine Weiterverwendung stets die Rechteinhaber\*innen angefragt werden sowie eine Publikationsgenehmigung der Monacensia eingeholt werden. Das Zitatrecht bleibt hiervon unberührt.

Zur Erteilung einer Publikationserlaubnis wenden Sie sich bitte an:

Monacensia im Hildebrandhaus  
Literaturarchiv  
Adresse: Maria-Theresia-Straße 23, 81675 München  
E-Mail: monacensia.literaturarchiv@muenchen.de

#### **Terms of use**

The copyrights for numerous documents on monacensia-digital.de have already expired. They are in the public domain and may be reused without further consultation with Monacensia. In the case of documents for which copyrights still exist, the copyright holders must always be contacted for further use and publication permission must be obtained from the Monacensia. The right to quote under copyright law remains unaffected by this. To obtain permission for publication, please contact:

Monacensia im Hildebrandhaus:  
Literaturarchiv  
Address: Maria-Theresia-Straße 23, 81675 München  
E-Mail: monacensia.literaturarchiv@muenchen.de

What Price Fascism ?

Erika Mann

it was in Southampton, England,  
Ladies and gentlemen, - on September 12th that I embarked on the  
"S.S.-Washington" for New York and I <sup>need</sup> ~~must~~ not tell you how happy I  
was, - after an exciting and endangered flight through the whole of  
Europe, - <sup>and</sup> from Switzerland through France and Holland to Sweden, - from  
where I fetched my parents, there, again via Holland to England, ~~to~~ <sup>to</sup> finally feel American soil  
under my feet. It was good to be in safety and it was more than good to  
go "home" to America where I had been living for three years and ~~where~~  
where I belong <sup>so</sup> ~~to~~, - far more than to the country of my birth, in its pre-  
sent condition. I was happy, spending the night with about a hundred and fif-  
ty American Ladies in the big Palm-court of the boat, - all of us sleeping  
on cots that were extremely hard and with our lifebelts as pillows under  
our heads. I was happy, - for ~~when the American flag was waving from the mast~~  
of our crowded boat the American flag was waving, - that symbol of free-  
dom and peace. - Was I really just plainly and simply happy? Or were there  
other feelings involved, <sup>as well</sup> - feelings, concerning the European situation  
and my own attitude towards it? No doubt: I was not only happy, - and I was  
<sup>even</sup> not only concerned about the European tragedy, - I <sup>was</sup> ~~was~~ <sup>and actually</sup> suffering from a  
bad conscience, while I was sailing away ~~when~~ into security, when Western  
civilisation was fighting for its very life. And although I knew that there  
was not very much I could have done over there I still minded <sup>my departure,</sup> ~~very much~~ <sup>very much</sup>.  
Never had I been particularly fond of England. The British character, -  
slow, highbrow and a little fishy, <sup>as it sometimes seemed to me</sup> had always been strange and foreign to  
me, - <sup>remote</sup> ~~remote~~ and difficult to understand. ~~And~~ particularly ~~these~~

passed six and a half years / while the ruling men in England apparently<sup>n</sup> did 'nt want to realize what was going on about them had alienated me ~~in aspect, HH deal~~ and there was no reason, why I should feel all too ~~much~~ <sup>for</sup> frantically ~~involved in the fate of~~ of that HH island. And as for France: I certainly loved France; but had 'nt France, too, made the most deplorable mistakes, - had 'nt she, as did England, betrayed and sacrificed Czechoslovakia, - had 'nt she, as did England, performed the disgusting farce of the so called Non-intervention in Spain ~~for~~ the sake of a fascist victory down there and was 'nt there some historical justice in both of ~~them~~ <sup>even</sup> ~~these countries~~, France as well as England, being attacked and conquered by the very aggressor they had favoured ~~unhelped~~ <sup>Paris</sup> for such a long time? There existed people in ~~France~~ <sup>London</sup> and ~~England~~, - and they were neither unintelligent, nor immoral, <sup>although they would use other arguments in discussing their point of view</sup> who felt somehow that way. Those people would say:

" Since we ~~HHHH~~ realized that war was not timely any longer, - but was below the standard of modern humanity, - we declined to wage war against Mr. Hitler for six and a half years. We went as far as to sacrifice most of our friends and principles, - just in order to maintain peace. Now, - friends and principles being gone, - there is no sense any longer in this bloodiest of all adventures. Let Mr. Hitler take over Europe, - let <sup>us</sup> ~~let~~ become small and unimportant little states <sup>like</sup> ~~HHHHHHHHHH~~ Denmark or Portugal, but let's live peacefully and without shedding the blood of Millions of innocent human beings. <sup>4</sup> Thus spoke some of our french and british friends. Others who are <sup>exactly</sup> not our friends, - but whose voices are being listened to all over the world, uttered similar opinions. Mr. Bernard Shaw, the <sup>aged</sup> ~~king~~ of whit, <sup>repeatedly</sup> ~~HHHH~~ advised the british governement to "stop the war and arrange for tabling of our respectiv grievances, - the sooner the better." It is true: Mr. Shaw, <sup>to amuse himself and</sup> accustomed to shock the average Englishman by <sup>consistently</sup> saying the contrary of what is felt by the man on the street. ~~proceeding~~

proved by his very remarks that ~~WAAAAAHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHH~~ the general feeling in Great Britain is against stopping, yielding and arranging,- and that the English people want to restore a durable peace and a peace in honor which will not involve the danger of new threats every six months. Still there is something in Mr. Shaw's utterances that strikes the ~~AAAAH~~ average mind as being reasonable and even acceptable. The average mind might be inclined to ask, with Mr. Shaw: ~~WAH~~ what is power,- how abstract and utterly unimportant is the problem of political, ~~HUUUUUUUUUUU~~ even of economic hegemony, <sup>for us, who are facing</sup> ~~HUUUUUUUUUUU~~ the disaster ~~HAHAH~~ of mechanized war? "Our cities and the German cities would be changed into rubbish heaps,- if the war was to go on,-" continues Mr. Shaw,- and , so concludes the average mind,- what good will it do, if we, by then, should have <sup>*conquered*</sup> ~~won the war,~~- since ~~HHHHH~~ nothing will be left of civilisation?

Before answering Mr. Shaw and the "average mind" that might be inclined to listen to him,- let me tell you a few little things about myself. I am an ardent pacifist by nature and education. When I was still a very young actrice in Munich, Germany, I was already active in the pacifist movement; it was a pacifist message I delivered at some convention there, for the time that first got me into serious troubles with the Nazis,- who invaded our hall, destroyed our furniture, shouted at us, calling us cowardish traitors in general and me, in particular, a flat footed peace-hyena. This happened two years before Hitler came into power. Since then I have had opportunity plenty of ~~chance~~ to watch the rise of fascism within my own country outside of it, and ~~nothing~~ ; being an artist who was primarily interested in

-3a-  
-1-

for a "have-not-nation" isn't it? But it goes without saying that the real price they paid did not consist of and had <sup>even</sup> hardly anything to do with this frighteningly high amount which of course ruined Germany economically. What else happened? What effect did Nazism have both physically and morally on the German people?

Men vill die

сест

National Socialism, - as you know, - denies the rights of the individual sacrificed to which must be ~~subordinated~~ ~~the~~ the rights of the state. Freedom, justice and

truth,- these ground-pillars of civilisation,- are being denied by Mr. Hitler and his staff. And this is by no means a statement of hours,- it is the very essence of Nazi-philosophy and the Nazis themselves ~~are proudly admitting this.~~ The state,- so they declare,- had to become allpowerful in Germany,-and will have to become allpowerful in any country 'liberated' by us. ~~Therefore the rights of the individual must be sacrificed to the rights of the state, which will decide upon all and everything.~~ Beginning with ~~your~~ education ~~when you are a child,~~ continuing with the choice of ~~your~~ profession, ~~when you are grown up,~~ ~~the song you sing,~~ ~~the way you spend your money,~~ the words you say, the thoughts you think, the wars you fight,- it will be the state and the state ~~only~~ <sup>alone</sup> that is dominating,- your freedom ~~as well as your responsibility is being taken away from you, for the sake of the community to which you belong.~~ <sup>and which is represented by the state.</sup> The German people, not feeling that their "freedom" had made them very happy in recent years, were glad to hear that ~~they would be freed of their responsibility and they liked the idea of that "community" which was to become strong and powerful by individual sacrifices.~~ They did not think of the decisive fact that a nation is nothing but the summ of the individuals of which it consists and that,- as soon as the rights of the individuals would have gone, ~~right and justice~~ <sup>right and justice</sup> would have gone altogether. It was Mr. Goering who, -in the very beginning of the Nazi-Regime <sup>spoke</sup> ~~as follows:~~

\* "My measures will not be ailing with juridical scruples; it is not justive that I have to administer, - <sup>I have</sup> but only to destroy and eradicate.

Well,- there are hundereds of Nazi-utterances of this kind and even more Nazi-actions <sup>which</sup> ~~show that the loss of freedom and justice is essential and not accidental,~~ <sup>with National Socialism</sup> that ~~it is intended~~ and not

merely tolerated by the Nazi-men-in-power. The same, of course, goes for truth. And although it may sound unbelievable that anybody should not be lying occasionally, - but be against truth, in principle, - the fact still remains, that the totalitarian state cannot stand truth which endangers its absolute power and is therefore fighting it, as an enemy.

It was an American who,

As early as in 1936 published a short "political dictionary" in which the fundamental differences between all concepts as they are ~~understood~~ understood dictatorships on one hand on the other ~~within the~~ in the rest of the world, are being discussed.

\* "Morality" says Dorothy Thompson, in the language of all dictatorships, means, not devotion to an abstract standard of conduct, but blind obedience to the dictates of the state. And truth is not conformity with the facts, or fidelity to an accepted standard of abstract principle, but it is quite frankly whatever may serve as an instrument of national policy, there being no higher agency than the state and no higher good than that of the nation." End Quote.

merely tolerated by the Nazi-men-in-power. The same, of course, goes for "truth". Although it seems almost unbelievable that any human being should, - <sup>be ing</sup> not lie occasionally, - but be against truth in principle, <sup>act</sup> ~~it~~ still remains ~~true~~, that the totalitarian state cannot stand truth which endangers its absolute power ~~himself~~ and is therefore fighting it as an enemy.

Nazi-Teachers in Germany ~~have been~~ <sup>have been</sup> ordered ~~to~~ to teach their pupils the untruth. Students at Nazi-Universities have got to understand that "objective science" doesn't exist any longer and that everything must be seen in the light of the Nazi-"Weltanschauung". The ~~fact~~ <sup>truth</sup>, however, is, that the Nazi-Weltanschauung doesn't exist either. For years and years,

ever since Mr. Hitler first raised his voice in our hometown Munich, there seemed to be one thing <sup>definite</sup> ~~essential~~ with National-Socialism: <sup>N.S.</sup> ~~it~~ was to destroy Communism. Of course there were many things <sup>the "Führer"</sup> ~~he~~ promissed and even more things he <sup>seemed to promise</sup> ~~promised~~, - ~~but when he was changing his mind~~ all of them being <sup>subject to</sup> ~~changed~~ with the changing situation. When he was talking

to an auditorium of paysants he would ~~tell us~~ <sup>and</sup> that Germany was to become  
a paysants-country, - that the paysants, <sup>above all,</sup> before anybody else, had to be  
a middle-class crowd, ~~\*\*\*\*\*~~,  
made rich and happy; speaking to ~~\*\*\*\*\*~~, - the next day, - ~~\*\*\*\*\*~~

~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ Mr. Hitler would offer a definite and highly promising solution for the middle-classes which were really Germany's pride and flower; all of the big concerns and trusts had to disappear, ~~and~~ in order to make the little shop-owners flourish; ~~and~~ <sup>he</sup> was constantly promising ~~and~~ <sup>at</sup> ~~he~~ <sup>was</sup> willing to alter ~~his~~ <sup>at</sup> his attitude in any moment.

There was but one thing he adheared to: Anticommunism. Well, - we know what happened to this one and only concept <sup>that made</sup> ~~by which~~ "National-Socialism"

*in the eyes of*  
a "Weltanschauung" ~~for~~ many. It has gone, - it died and perished, -  
as soon as Mr. Hitler did 'nt <sup>consider</sup> ~~think~~ it to be useful any longer.  
And even those who, up to then, may have believed, that the Nazi-Philosophy <sup>- evil or not -</sup> ~~was~~ some kind of philosophy, - <sup>after all</sup> ~~evil, or not,~~ - will have realized: <sup>by now</sup>  
National-Socialism is nothing but the boundless and ruthless will for <sup>after having</sup> subjugated the German nation, power of a comparatively small group of men who want to subjugate Europe and the world. <sup>took</sup> For the sake of their own power, and for nothing else, these men <sup>could</sup> ~~take~~ it upon themselves to threaten and to destroy civilization. They <sup>however</sup> ~~would~~ not be satisfied by merely ruling the world in an economic or political <sup>Wherever they rule,</sup> ~~sens.~~ <sup>ban</sup> They must ~~HHHHH~~ freedom, justice and truth ~~HHHHH~~ or else they could 'nt go on ruling very long.  
Lack of imagination is one of the ~~HHHHH~~ <sup>greatest</sup> human weaknesses.  
None of us is able to imagine, - to really picture, anything <sup>himself</sup> he has not experienced. And nobody who has 'nt lived under a dictatorship will ever succeed <sup>in</sup> ~~to~~ realize <sup>ing</sup> what life is like there, - nor can he know, ~~HHHHH~~ <sup>how dangerously</sup> ~~infectious~~ the "totalitarian" ~~HHHHH~~ <sup>poison</sup> ~~HH~~ really is.  
Fortunately we are in the position to offer facts, - rather than impressions, emotions and opinions. <sup>Facts,</sup> ~~HHH~~ if anything, should enable us to picture a situation that is not ours; only if we learn how the German people <sup>are</sup> ~~actually lived~~ <sup>ing</sup> under Hitler, - if we learn this by means of definite facts, - we can answer <sup>that important</sup> ~~HHH~~ question "What price Fascism?" <sup>Under Hitler what price</sup>  
Freedom, justice and truth have ~~disappeared~~ from German soil, - that much we have seen. But although most of us are certainly considering this price, paid by the German people, for fascism, <sup>a high one</sup> ~~painfully high,~~ - we might still ~~HHHH~~ say: there are other values in life, but freedom, justice and truth. There is, - for instance, - honor. How about the German honor that had gone into pieces after the world war and that the "Führer" promised

<sup>and</sup>  
~~Heinrich~~ <sup>does'nt</sup> ~~does~~ civilisation ~~exclusevely~~ consist of these spiritual and  
moral goods. How about the new standard of life Mr. Hitler gave to  
his people? Did National-Socialism succeed in ~~HHHMMH~~ <sup>create</sup> better  
living-conditions?

There was one great and undeniable advantage furnished by the new  
Regime: Unemployment disappeared; millions of Germans enjoyed at last



~~They did come to naught~~

Alban

They were doomed to failure; ~~when he was a "in his mind,"~~  
~~later on~~ this was experienced not only by Hitler's teachers,  
but by his colleagues within Germany and outside of that country.  
The German people, however, ~~understand~~ did not seem to care. Unemployment had gone, - that was something  
to be happy about. What else? What group in Germany, what class or  
profession was actually profiting by National Socialism?  
The big industrialists? Well, - any business connected with the rearmament  
and with the self-sufficiency of the nation, - that is to say with the  
new autarky-industries, flourished. ~~not only did~~ But the state ~~control~~ <sup>take</sup> ~~personally took~~,  
enormous taxes and ~~dictated~~ dictated what had to be produced,  
how quickly, how much and ~~by whom~~ by whom, - it also interfered  
set every price, controlled ~~all and everything~~ all and everything;  
with every calculation; and the big industrialists, - whom we are mention-  
ing first, because they were still in a comparatively agreeable situa-  
tion, very soon realized that some kind of spoiled and dishonest states-  
socialism was going on and that their power had been broken; ~~besides~~ <sup>together with all private initiative</sup>  
besides: raw materials became more and more scarce and ~~manufacturers~~  
manufacturers, although there was lots of work to do, often  
had to ~~stop productions~~ stop productions for weeks, until new material was granted  
by the state.  
Then them, ~~where too~~ <sup>simple</sup> ~~the state~~ <sup>For</sup> was in complete control.  
Nobody could ~~buy~~ <sup>granted special</sup> raw-materials, - unless the state ~~told him to do~~  
<sup>permission</sup> ~~do~~. And since the state wanted to produce as quickly and as much as  
possibly the small and middle-class undertakings which were not con-  
sidered to be sufficiently equipped for ~~mass-production~~ <sup>hurried</sup> mass-production were  
not only neglected, but actually ruined by this very state. ~~Neither~~ <sup>Neither</sup> did  
they get any state's orders, - nor could they obtain any raw-materials.  
Should they, however, <sup>have</sup> still continue to <sup>e</sup> go on existing, - the state would

simply close them down and force their owners as employees into the heavy industry. Hundreds of thousands of independent existences have been ruined that way. And this goes for shop-owners, and <sup>members of the various trades</sup> ~~(Handwerker)~~ as well as for small businessmen of all branches. 40% of all <sup>for instance</sup> ~~food-shops~~ <sup>Dairies</sup> ~~(Lebensmittel-Läden)~~ in Mannheim have been closed down by the government, - 600 <sup>each</sup> ~~shops~~ in Hamburg had to close their doors, - in Munich the state has abolished 1500 ~~(Lebensmittel-Läden)~~ <sup>food-shops</sup>.

And while undertakings such as tailors, shoemakers already  
104 000 independant (handworks betriebe) had been destroyed, between  
April 1936 and April 1938 the state is threatening 400 000 more  
with extermination, so that their owners might join the proletarian army of  
millions of underpaid rearmement-workers.

And how about the paysants? What did they get out of "National-Socialism".

It will be sufficient for me to quote just one sentence out of a highly official Nazi-paper, in order to show you the situation of the German peasants. The N.S.-Landpost (organ of the allpowerful Reichsnährstand-organisation, that controls the whole German *(Landwirtschaft)* *agrarischen*

writes: [in July, 1939]

(Erbhofgesetz)

Already since 1933 German agriculture, through law governing hereditary states, <sup>(Erbhofgesetz)</sup>

through the Central organisation for the distribution of agricultural products (Reichsnährstand) and through the market-regulation (Marktordnung) has been adjusted to the severe conditions incident to a state of war. Year after year German agriculture has received the same, of even smaller total proceeds, while being forced to increase results in production and thus brought a sacrifice annually of 4 or 5 Billion Marks, - a condition that for various reasons, has affected the small farmer more than the large agricultural undertakings. The Führer himself characterized this sacrifice that, has totally bereft many farmers and particularly men-farmers who are, - due to the farm-hands-flight from the soil already on the verge of a physical and mental break down, - as 'phantastic'."

Now, - This is, what the Nazi-paper (which is really more than a paper, being the official mouth-piece of the government-organisation for ~~Wirtschaftliche~~ <sup>agricultural</sup> - this is, what the allpowerful "Reichsnährstand" has to say about <sup>its</sup> ~~his~~ own achievements. Aside from the purely economic ~~the~~ side of the issue, - it is the physical one, - the disquieting state of health <sup>in which</sup> German paysantry ~~is said to~~ <sup>that must be considered</sup> find itself today.

~~"Am Rande des körperlichen und seelischen Zusammenbruches"~~  
"On the verge of a physical and <sup>mental</sup> nervous break down", -  
An since when?  
~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Since 1933, - the Nazis are saying it themselves. ~~THHHH~~

There are other things they are saying themselves, - although <sup>those things</sup> ~~they~~ do not exactly speak in their favour. They just have got to admit them, - since they are all too obvious to be denied.

Not only the paysans, - and particularly womenpaysants' are "on the verge of a physical and nervous breakdown". It is the German people as a whole <sup>who have</sup> ~~who have~~ <sup>economically,</sup> been ruined, physically and as ~~much as~~ <sup>for</sup> their nervous <sup>system</sup>, ~~the concerned.~~ ~~the~~ Again we are deliberately keeping away from our own impressions and opinions. ~~We are~~ <sup>are we</sup> deliberately quoting Nazi-voices, - and nothing but Nazi-voices.

One has only to compare the number of contagious diseases reportable according to police regulations, - as they appear from the statistics of the "Third Reich" (without Austria) for the year 1938 (Statistisches Reichsjahrbuch) with those of 1933 (the first Hitler year) and the ruination of the health of the German people becomes selfevident. The Cases of <sup>Diphtheria</sup> Diphtheria rose from 77 340 (in 1933) to 149 424 (in 1938). We see that their number has been doubled. After diphtheria Scarlet fever is the most prevalent contagious disease. In 1933 there were 79 830 cases of scarlet fever. In 1938: 114 243. If we institute a research in order to complete this little sketch, for the figures as far as Infantile Paralysis is concerned, - we find, infantile paralysis, 1933: 1318 cases; 1938: 5757 cases. One sees: inadequate nutrition, miserable living conditions (with enormous military building activities) overexertion of young and old in the service of the party, the army the Hitler Youth organisations, - lack of physicians, lack of heigienic material, of bandages and disinfectants, - all this left its mark upon the health of the German people. Due to a lack of meat, supplemented by a lack of controlling personell (meet-inspectors) the cases of trichinosis have increased tenfold in Germany between 1933 and 1938. Food-poisonings are the order of the day and it is significant that they are not longer being published officially since 1936 in which year, as compared with 1933 they had already more than doubled.

All this is horrible and it is typical. We could go on for hours, - quoting Nazi-statistics, - proving the the German people as a whole are on the verge of a complete breakdown. They have'nt been that way in 1933 as proven by our parelell-statistics. It is a very high price Germany paid for fascism and any country which would succumb to this form of state which is really a form of life, - would have to pay about the same amount,

*and for anyone who used to love them and  
to be one of them,*

All this is horrible ~~and it is terrible~~ for the Germans, -

But you may ask, - if it is typical and it hardly looks that way, -

*Considering her state of health and nerves,*  
how do you explain the German victories. <sup>2</sup> How was it possible for ~~the~~  
Germany, to swallow one country after another and to defeat all  
hostile forces ~~with~~ the lightening speed ~~with~~ <sup>the</sup> they did?

Well, - there are many answers to this question, - one of them being that  
so far the German army (and I do not speak now of the well fed elite  
and shock-troops of the mechanized Blitz ) the German army <sup>as a whole</sup> has not yet  
met any hostile forces numerically comparable to their own. France did  
not fight. The Nazis <sup>made</sup> ~~took~~ two million french prisoners while we know  
of very few Frenchmen who have been killed during the tragic events that  
preceded the collapse of France. <sup>Had</sup> ~~The~~ <sup>scandinavian</sup> ~~the~~ ~~countries~~ ~~offered~~  
~~the~~ ~~resistance~~ ~~of~~ ~~their~~ ~~united~~ ~~armies~~, -  
~~Mr. Hitler~~ <sup>s troops</sup> would have had  
to fight. As it went, he was allowed to separate Denmark from Norway, Norway  
from Sweden, Sweden from Finland and was not even forced to fight the  
little countries separately, - as his Quisling had <sup>beautifully</sup> paved his way by  
treachery.

So far there has been but one <sup>country</sup> ~~country~~ who really fought, <sup>Hitler's</sup> ~~country~~  
~~England~~, - and so far Mr. Hitler hasn't been able to achieve any impor-  
tant victory against her. <sup>fighter</sup> Recently a second ~~country~~ has raised his soldierly  
head, - Yugoslavia, who ~~has~~ "found her soul". ~~And it remains to be seen~~  
how the Nazi-soldiers will stand up against the British-Greek-Turkish-yu-  
goslave forces in the Balkans. <sup>combined</sup>

as proven by the examples of Austria and Czechoslovakia. For although Germany lacks rawmaterials,- while other countries not necessarily do,- and although she is not a wholly rich country,- while other countries possibly are,- it is not primarily for these reasons that she <sup>is</sup> suffering today. May I, -in this connection, remind you of the well known fact that Mr. Hitler has spent 35 Billions of Dollars for Re-armament purposes an amount which would have purchased plenty of food and rawmaterials. No,- it is not because of any natural poverty that Germany is suffering today,- Germany is suffering because she allowed Nazism to get into power and to stay there up to now.

Yugoslavia found her soul. My friend this beautiful word coined by Winston Churchill ~~will never be forgotten,~~ will never be forgotten, with for ~~striking simplicity it gives the answer~~ striking simplicity it gives the answer s we are confronted with,- to the great question ~~why it even answers the question~~ why it even answers the question we have been asking ourselves today,- that all-important question "What Price Fascism"?

their

Fascism, my friends, makes a people lose ~~their~~ soul,- ~~the souls of a people constitutes the real~~ the souls of a people constitutes the real price paid by this people for fascism. Just as in ancient fairy-tales and miracle stories,- there was nothing more terrifying ~~than the~~ than the man who sold his soul to the devil

40% of 2006  
~~never~~ tolerated ~~by~~ brute force);- Germany, then, is suffering, because she allowed Nazism to get into power and to stay there up to now.

How long, still, is Nazism to stay <sup>in power</sup> ~~there~~, - how long still will it be allowed to keep the German people in Slavery while threatening civilisation with extermination?

It is a strange, a bewildering situation we are finding ourselves in: our country, - the country we love and whose passed achievements we admire, - the great land of Goethe and Beethoven, - has been struck by <sup>Nazism as by some</sup> ~~that~~ deadly disease, <sup>that is very "Nazi"</sup> ~~that is very "Nazi"~~. For many years, - while we <sup>kept on</sup> ~~didn't become tired~~ of raising our weak voices, trying to warn the world at large against the danger of this contagious disease, - for many years, Europe didn't seem to realize, what civilisation was up against. Now Europe has, - at last, - realized. And everything I told you, - ~~that~~ ~~concerning~~ ~~Germany paid to pay for~~ ~~concerning~~ ~~proving~~ the miserable economic, physical, and moral conditions <sup>my</sup> ~~this~~ Nazi-stricken country is suffering from, -

does not only prove, - it seems to me, - that Germany paid a price for "Nazism", - ~~that~~ ~~too high~~ ~~as~~ <sup>paid for anything</sup> ~~to be considered reasonable~~ <sup>and</sup> ~~It also proves, -~~ ~~this is the~~ ~~great~~ consolation ~~I~~ I am able to offer, that Nazi-Germany, - the aggressor, - the enemy of civilized mankind, - is entering this war, - which <sup>has</sup> ~~she~~ <sup>based</sup> ~~has~~ <sup>weakness</sup> ~~is~~ in a state of economic, physical, moral and nervous ~~weakness~~ which makes it more than unlikely that she will ever win any of its decisive battles.

We mustn't be afraid! Germany had been ruined by Mr. Hitler, - before this war started, - Mr. Hitler, as a matter of fact, did start this war <sup>out</sup> ~~because~~ he had ruined Germany and didn't see any other way but this catastrophe which, - as he hopes, will confuse all issues, ~~but~~ ~~make~~ ~~this~~

<sup>will be little we hide</sup>  
disappear his <sup>2</sup>guilt, his crimes, - his ~~HHHHHHHH~~ complete failure.  
Well may it be that, - in his despair and fury, he will committ <sup>many</sup>  
~~some~~ more crushing crimes against humanity, - before ultimately being  
crushed himself. It is painful to think, that this fight that is to cost  
millions of human lives, - possibly could have been avoided, - if only  
the world would have <sup>a</sup>earlier relized that the enemy of mankind had to  
be rendered harmless, if peace was to prevail. <sup>But</sup> It is comforting to  
think, ~~however~~, that mankind simply refused to believe that anything  
and anybody on earth could be as bad, as dangerous, as essentially  
evil, - as Nazism <sup>actually</sup> ~~HHH~~ proved to be. It is comforting to think,  
that humanity refused to accept that much evil. Three things, - it  
<sup>can be said with certainty</sup> First:  
seems to me, - ~~that is~~ <sup>2</sup>Nazism must disappear, - for the sake of Germany  
Europe, the world, and for the sake of civilisation. <sup>Second:</sup> ~~Nazism~~ <sup>ruined</sup> raised this  
~~HHHH~~ Nazism  
war, - ~~HH~~ is guilty. Third: Nazism, after having ruined the German  
people, for the time being, will not be able to ruine civilisation.  
For it is the German people on whom Nazism counts for its ~~HHHHHHHHHH~~  
orgy of destruction, - and a ruined people cannot (even if they wanted,  
which is <sup>more than unlikely</sup> ~~not altogether certain~~ <sup>1944</sup>) be ~~successful~~ in a war of any duration.  
This war will not end with the destruction of civilisation, - but with  
the death of its deadly enemy. After his death, - ~~so~~ we are firmly ~~HHHHH~~  
<sup>in Germany and elsewhere</sup> convinced, - will the air be purified, and the road on which so many  
will have sacrificed their lives, - will be clear and ~~HHHHHHH~~ <sup>penalty</sup> will lead  
into a better, - just, free and decent future.

.....

Junk

"Hhat Rise"

mmmm

~~Original~~

"complete"

~~and added~~

~~Emerson - 3 + 13~~

~~See: Chicken 17~~