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The first German war plant to be destroyed by order of General Eisenhower went up today with ~~xxx~~ 60 bangs, ~~today~~. A branch of I.G. Farben, the Fabrik Kaufbeuren was built in 1939 for the sole purpose of producing ammunition and explosives ~~xxxxx~~ for the Wermacht and Luftwaffe. In 1944, it's top year, the plant produced 3000 tons of finished powder. Since then ~~xxx~~ ^{ESTIMATED} its monthly quota amounted to less than 3% of the entire German explosive output. On Oct. 23rd 1945, ~~the~~ Fabrik Kaufbeuren was selected for immediate destruction. ~~xxxxxxx~~ As Lt. General Lucian K. Truscott, commanding General of the 3rd U.S. Army, pulled the lever that set off the first explosion ^{AT 10.35} this morning, the initial step towards the annihilation of Germany's war potential was taken. 3 miles outside of the city.

Smoke and flames belched from the dense woods ~~where~~ ^{5 miles outside of the city} 223 ~~buildings~~ ingeniously camouflaged buildings have survived the war unbombed. Even the smokestacks were built to telescope and disappear upon the approach of hostile aircraft. As it went however, Fabrik Kaufbeuren like many of its I.G. Farben sister branches has never been visited by the allied bomber forces.

This immunity is regarded as a miracle by the townspeople, who credit a local ~~xxxxxxx~~ semi-saint by the name of Crenscenzia with ^{ON THEIR BEHALF} supernatural interference. The more realistic part of the population ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ keep secretly buying black market I.G. Farben stocks. The office established for this purpose functions ^{ED} also as an employment agency for the Fabrik, which, it was hoped, would soon resume

operations. Today's blasts put an end to such hopes. The enterprising underground Company is about to be blasted as well.

~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ disposal personnel in the Eastern Military district, ^{and} 20
search lights for night work ~~XX~~

to clear the premises of explosive material. By Nov. 6th 1150 tons of high explosive had been removed and 1580 tons destroyed. ~~Then~~ Then the placing of the charges commenced. The plan was to destroy the usefulness of the factory while causing as little damage as possible to sewers, water lines, and buildings suitable for housing purposes. Out of the 223 buildings that were Fabrik Kaufbeuren only 59 blew up today.

Despite all such humane consideration, the townspeople ~~resent~~
~~glum faces~~. Dr. Georg Volkhardt, Mayor, says: "While some of us ~~understand~~
understand that this had to be done, the majority will not see any need
for the further destruction of values. The Americans, they maintain, have
promised to help in the reconstruction of Germany. Instead, they go on
~~ruining~~ ^{BEEN} destroying. Surely this factory could have utilized ~~itself~~
for some peaceful production". ~~American~~ Specialized American
personnel here point out that ^{Fabrik} Kaufbeuren was nothing but a powder plant.
Whatever serviceable machinery it contained was salvaged. Also, prior to
~~1939~~ 1939 this textile, beer and cheese town

live/quite adequately without the Fabrik. Nor will its destruction cause many locals to be unemployed. Of the 1200 employees of the war plant, 800 were slave labourers.

Kaufbeuren is only one on a long list. Tomorrow, the citizens of ^{NOR ON GOLSTADT} Ebenhausen will also hear some loud bangs and will see another German powder factory go up in flames. Third on the menu is Aschau, whose 227 ^{ARE} buildings--partly at least--~~are~~ slated for liquidation. Another 7 ^{PLANTS} ~~will~~ ^{IN THE U.S. ZONE WILL} follow in rapid succession. Apart from its practical significance, today's show was meant to impress upon the German people our determination to render ~~it~~ impossible another German war.

The demolition job was a success. Technicians agreed that the destruction achieved was greater than anticipated. The ~~symbolic~~ symbolic end of the show was less satisfactory. Apart from a few P.W's, who obviously had had their fill of war, the people of Kaufbeuren failed to appreciate the moral impact of today's execution. While insisting that all they really ^{wanted} ~~want~~ ^{WAS} is a peaceful existence, they wore long faces ~~today~~ ^{DETINATION} as each bang marked the end of a plant which operated purely in the service of war. And their comments were frankly reproachful. ~~inxxxxxx~~ In the words of their Mayor: "More confidence should be placed in trustworthy Germans".

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