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GERMANY GETS A FORETASTE

[The picture shows RAF damage of Mannheim bridge]

A picture which speaks volumes

Inset: "Good shot! That is what the RAF has done with its bombs."

This aerial picture of an Autobahn bridge over the Rhine near Mannheim was photographed by the RAF after the bridge had been cut in two by British bombs. Some interesting deductions can be drawn from the picture.

First: The RAF does not aim too badly.

Second: The RAF does not only visit Germany by night, but also by day, either to bomb, or to take reconnaissance pictures.

Third: The RAF knows that the transport system is one of Germany's weak points – thanks to the strain imposed upon it by the British sea blockade. By bombing such objectives as the one shown here, the RAF is slowly but surely increasing this strain until it becomes unbearable.

Fourth: To destroy a bridge such as this, one does not need a very large bomb. The new British bomb, however, which is frequently called the "District bomb" because one single bomb can destroy a vast area, has an explosive force five times greater than anything used up to now.

Fifth: Up to now the RAF has mainly used bombers which have been comparatively small – no bigger than the average German machine. The new gigantic planes, such as the British "Short Stirling" and the American "Liberator", are only now being mass-produced. Their bomb load and range of flight are far in excess of any machines formerly used by England. They are capable of carrying the war against Germany ever further to the East.

In short, what Germany has experienced up to now was only a foretaste. Nevertheless Feldmarschall Milch has already been forced to admit: "This war differs from all those that have gone before, since the home territory is also very strongly affected". Germany, which for the last 125 years, has not known what it means to have war in her own territory, must and will yet learn – just as Warsaw, Rotterdam and Belgrade learnt – what the total war preached by Hitler for 20 years really looks like.

Eight thousand British Airmen annually from USA

The Empire Air Training Scheme provides for the training in Canada of 30,000 airmen annually from all parts of the Empire, as well as the training of thousands of others in Australia, New Zealand and South Africa. This method has already proved so satisfactory that a similar plan is now being arranged for the United States.

Eight thousand British airmen will now be trained annually in thirteen American training centres. About one half of these are being specially trained in the use of the new heavy American bombers. The first large draft has already arrived.

ROOSEVELT:

The Historical Proclamation

To the American People, of May 27th, 1941

Whereas a succession of events makes plain that the objectives of the Axis belligerents in such war are not confined to those avowed at its commencement, but include overthrow throughout the world of existing democratic order, and a worldwide domination of peoples and economics through the destruction of all resistance on land and sea and in the air, and...

Whereas indifference on the part of the USA to the increasing menace would be perilous, and common prudence requires that for the security of this nation and of this hemisphere we should pass from peace time authorisations of military strength to such a basis as will enable us to cope instantly and decisively with any attempt at hostile encirclement of this hemisphere, or the establishment of any base for aggression against it, as well as to repel the threat of predatory incursion by foreign agents into our territory and society.

Now therefore I, Franklin D Roosevelt, President of the United States of America, do proclaim: that an unlimited national emergency confronts this country, which requires that its military, naval, air and civilian defences be put on the basis of readiness to repel any and all acts or threats of aggression directed toward any part of the Western Hemisphere.

I call upon loyal state and local leaders and officials to cooperate with the civilian defence agencies of the US to assure our internal security against foreign directed subversion and to put every community in order for maximum production effort and minimum of waste and unnecessary frictions.

I call upon all loyal citizens to place the nation's needs first in mind and in action to the end that we may mobilise and have ready for instant defensive use all the physical powers, all of the moral strength and all of the material resources of this nation.

(“The Plenipotentiary Powers of the President” – see page four)

A YEAR AGO

The Italian journalist, Ansaldo, writing in the *Völkischen Beobachter* on 3rd June, 1940, said: “Italy must achieve her own rights and freedom in the Mediterranean. Italy must achieve this by her own resources and her own victories”.

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HESS AND RIBBENTROP

The Battle Round the Führer

Why did Hess fly to England? The complete answer may not yet be given; but we can already offer a survey of what has come to light since Hess became a prisoner of war.

The first fact that can safely be stated is that for years there was opposition between Rudolf Hess and Ribbentrop. For Hess, an old fighter steeped in the doctrines of Haushofer, Ribbentrop, one of those who jumped on the bandwagon in March 1933 and until then had always voted for the National Party, was an object of suspicion.

But there was more than a personal conflict between the two. Hess is a dyed-in-the-wool National Socialist and co-author of *Mein Kampf* – Ribbentrop on the other hand belongs to those circles that always regarded the Party as a springboard to personal success.

Another established fact: Hess was always a leading champion of the policy sketched in *Mein Kampf*: the policy of avoiding war with England and instead seeking expansion towards the East;

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whilst Ribbentrop – largely because of his failure as an Ambassador in England – is full of resentment against England and quick to follow the line of action that promised to satisfy his desire for revenge.

As Hitler's advisor on foreign affairs he staked his reputation on three things: Firstly, in order to secure the Eastern frontiers he favoured the policy of Russo-German cooperation; secondly, he assumed that a quick victory over France and England would make America's intervention ineffective; thirdly, he guaranteed that once France and England had been defeated, America could be compelled to compromise with German domination of the world.

Despite these fundamental differences, Hess supported the Regime as long as it was successful.

Even the failure of the Luftwaffe last September, and the postponement of the invasion which it necessitated, meant for him nothing more than hitches in a strategic plan which would finally prove successful. But since last January the old anxieties have begun to grow again.

The collapse of Germany's only ally, Italy, and the Lease-and-Lend Bill were a severe blow to Hess. They meant that a quick victory was impossible and that the Third Reich had to rely more and more on Communist help against the Anglo-Saxon powers.

Hess received increasingly clear proof that the policy of cooperation with Russia would lead to consequences of incalculable importance inside Germany, and that no Russian support, bought at whatever price, could in the end bring final victory to Germany.

More than that, Hess had seen the detailed reports prepared by the Party on the internal conditions in Germany.

Although nothing may be said here about the true contents of these reports, nevertheless this one thing may be mentioned: When Hess urged his Führer, as violently as uselessly, to consider the danger of his present policy and warned him against his present advisors, he did not speak for himself alone.

A YEAR AGO

Bremen radio, 3rd June 1940: "It is confirmed in German military circles that the British battleship Nelson was lost on May 11th". (The Nelson is one of the battleships which a year later took part in the rounding up of the Bismarck. And the Ark Royal, which has so often been declared destroyed, was also present).

Völkischer Beobachter, May 28th 1940: "German forces will find the Channel only a brook".

THE ERSATZ ALLY

German propaganda likes to play off Japan as a counterweight to America. What is Japan's fighting strength worth in the game of the great powers?

Four years ago Japanese militarism began its campaign of pillage in China, and in spite of the greatest sacrifices and efforts victory is further off than ever. In North China, Chinese units are operating successfully in the rear of the enemy troops and are breaking Japanese lines of communication in the Shanshi, Heph and Shantung districts. In Central China, Chinese troops are continuing their advance to the North along the Che-Kiangshi railway. In the area East of Canton the Chinese occupied on May 20th the town of Bolo and compelled the chief concentration of Japanese forces to retreat to Sheklung, which lies 50 km further to the West.

In his last great speech President Roosevelt spoke of the magnificent defence of China and its increasing strength. It will soon be shown what the yellow Ersatz Ally is worth.

“THE HOLY WAR” – CALLED OFF

Crete is in German hands but Iraq is in English hands. While German transport planes were active over Crete, the revolt of Rashid Ali provoked by Germany was collapsing. British troops have entered Bagdad, Rashid Ali has flown to Iran, and Germany is still far away from the previous goal of its Eastern campaign; the oil of Mosul.

German propaganda promised great things from the Arab world. These great things have not transpired. Equally great were the promises it gave the Arabs. The few Arabs who believed these promises have been disappointed. The traitors have been betrayed.

Just as in the last war the Kaiser tried to provoke Islam to a “Holy War” so now the German government is trying the same thing again. And since Germany has obviously learnt nothing in the meanwhile, the result will be the same.

Goebbels has told you that the whole Arab world is in revolt against Great Britain. Here are a few headlines from the Völkischer Beobachter:

- May 4th: Arab offensive against England grows!
- May 7th: Volunteers from Syria and Transjordan stream into Iraq.
- May 13th: England oppresses millions of Mahomedans.
- May 15th: Revolt grows in Palestine.
- May 17th: Hedramaut also rises against England.
- May 17th: Afghanistan stands by Iraq.

And now for the facts!

Firstly, Rashid Ali’s adventure in Iraq was an isolated coup. He was supported by only a handful of Iraqis and not a single leading man of other Arab states. The leaders of the other Arab countries clearly expressed their mistrust of Rashid Ali’s adventure, and leading Mahomedans in many other countries adopted the same attitude.

Secondly, Rashid Ali’s attempt miscarried and he fled. He too has learnt that the Third Reich makes many promises but doesn’t often keep them. The rest of the Arab world confirmed this fact with interest – and with satisfaction.

Germany has suffered a reverse. She will try again – she must try again – to thrust her way through the oil wells which she so urgently needs. But the first and best opportunity has been lost.

TWO PROPHECIES

Zeesen radio on May 28th 1941: “The struggle continues, and just as Prien gives a shining example to U-boat commanders, so will the men of the Bismarck show the way to the German Navy”.

Frankfurter Zeitung, 28th May 1941: “The Bismarck has clearly proved who will be the final victor in this war”.

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An officer of the Bismarck:

**“WE ARE NOT ARROGANT NAZIS
- but German seamen fighting for their Fatherland”**

These were the first words of an officer of the Bismarck after he had been saved by British seamen and brought on board a destroyer. There are millions of Germans who feel just like this officer. They do not care for the National Socialist Party, they are too well acquainted with the insolence and stupidity of its functionaries, and they have perhaps had a glimpse of the financial corruption of the Party; they know how the working class was deprived of its rights, and they know the Party doctrine with all its contradictions, its anti-religious dogmas of racial hatred, self-assertiveness and lust for conquest.

Nevertheless, they put up no resistance to the Party's propaganda and allow themselves to be persuaded that this war was forced on a peace-loving Germany by a bellicose Great Britain. They perhaps actually believe that Germany is fighting, not to conquer the world, but to defend its own existence and to free the globe from the tyranny of a decadent plutocracy.

Here are five questions. Every German who believes all the above can answer them himself.

1. “The Third Reich did not want the war!” – Then why did it spend ninety milliard marks in preparation for it? Hitler has often boasted of this enormous expenditure on arms – four times as big as Great Britain's during the same period. Germany entered the war with five times as many tanks as England and France put together. Which side looks as if it wanted the war?

2. “England plans to destroy Germany!” – Then why did she not do so when she had the chance? For years after the last war Germany was defenceless. A week ago the French Vice-Premier Darlan complained in an interview with a journalist that “England did all in its power to deprive France of the fruits of victory. She always tried to weaken our military strength and at the same time she supported all German demands.”

3. “The Third Reich has no thought of world conquest!” – Then why is the whole world preparing to defend itself against it? The United States, the richest and most peace-loving of all countries, is not arming itself against Germany for fun nor has Russia fortified its Western frontiers and built up a huge army in Europe because it wants to attack Germany. No! These two powers, just like Turkey, Switzerland, Sweden, the Latin American Republics and practically every other neutral country are on their guard against the Third Reich because they have irrefutable proof of its aggressive intentions against them.

4. “England is ruled by corrupt, exploiting plutocracy!” – Then why do the Dominions of the Empire fight so bravely on her side? The white population of South Africa which, so your propaganda tells you, is eager to cast off “England's yoke”, has a greater proportion of men on active service than any other country in the world; and these men are all volunteers. Canada, Australia, New Zealand and India are sending tens of thousands of airmen and planes, as well as armoured divisions and other troops, to fight for England.

Can it be imagined that the Third Reich would ever equip its subject peoples – Poles, Czechs, Norwegians, Belgians – with planes and tanks in the safe assurance that they would use these weapons for Germany and not against her? Hitler will never dare to do such a thing!

5. “The Third Reich wants nothing but peace!” – Then why is it training its small children for war? Every German boy learns that he will one day have to fight for Führer and Fatherland. “Tomorrow the whole world belongs to us,” he sings. And every German woman learns that she must bear sons to fill the ranks of the armies of 1960, 1970...

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Every serious-minded German who really considers these questions can come to only one conclusion: Germany is not fighting in self-defence or to free the world from British tyranny, but in order to conquer the world. The war must go on until the German war machine has either conquered the world or been conquered by the world.

[Photograph From the "New Order"]

This photograph is one of several which reached us via Russia and America. It shows Polish prisoners being compelled to dig their own graves before they are shot. The Polish government in London estimates, on the basis of reliable reports, that 70 thousand Poles were murdered without trial by the Germans.

LONDON RADIO

Transmissions in German:

Latest news daily at 2.00, 6.00, 6.30, 11.00, 14.00, 15.00, 18.00, 20.00, 22.00, 23.00 hours (German Summer time)

Wavelengths: 49 and 373 metres, also at various times 25, 31, 41, 261 and 285 metres.

One after the other

The Battle of the Atlantic goes on, with losses on both sides.

Germany has so far lost not only its three most famous U-boat commanders – Schepke, Kretschmer and Prien – but also its most famous Kondor pilot, Lieut. Buchholz, bearer of the Knights Cross.

His name was so often mentioned in the OKW reports that he was universally known, and was credited with the sinking of many tons. On May 19th his plane was shot down. Lieut. Buchholz and another member of the crew were killed, the other five were taken prisoner.

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*[Reproduction of two front covers of *Simplicissimus* of 1917 and 1941 respectively, showing almost exactly similar pictures]*

TWICE BETRAYED

The similarity between these two cartoons from *Simplicissimus*, one from the spring of 1917 and the other from the spring of 1941, is interesting, but not surprising. In 1917 the German people was being told the same fairytales as today. England is being starved out by German torpedoes – American help will come too late – America won't really help, she only wants to buy up the British Empire, etc. Apart from the fairytale about sinister international Jewry, for which the German people was not yet silly enough in the last war, German war propaganda has not changed since 1917. For the second time the German people is being taken in by the same lies.

INVASION

Dress rehearsal: Crete

The German press and radio openly admit that one of the purposes of the invasion of Crete was that it should be a test for the invasion of England.

The result has not been exactly encouraging for the German Supreme Command. The defenders of Crete, numerically weak had practically no artillery and tanks and, after the first days of the battle, no usable airfields. Nevertheless of the thousand or so airplanes that took part in the attack several hundred were destroyed and thousands of specially trained airborne troops were killed. How will the attack go against England, which has millions of soldiers, a battery to almost every kilometre of its coastline and hundreds of airfields?

But however that may be, despite the unpromising rehearsal, the show itself must be put on soon. Hitler promised the German people victory in 1941, because he knows that by 1942 American intervention will have decided the war against Germany. And the only possible way for Germany to gain victory in 1941 would be by the invasion of England.

In an order of the day to the German air force Goering said on June 2nd: "You have confirmed that saying of the Führer, there are no more unconquerable islands". Winston Churchill said a few months ago: "We are waiting – and so are the fishes".

THE PLENIPOTENTIARY POWERS OF THE PRESIDENT

The declaration of unlimited national emergency in the United States gives the President practically every kind of plenipotentiary power except that of declaring war. It entitles him to take under State control all means of transport that are required for the armed forces.

It entitles him to close down the Stock Exchange and to stop financial dealings with foreign countries, to close down or bring under governmental control all radio stations, and to impose a censorship on all telegraphic communications with foreign countries. It entitles him to take over for State purposes of armament power, water, lighting and other plants, to abolish all present regulations concerning working hours, to put the whole national import trade under State control, to requisition ships and absorb factories into the State economy.

In this way the solution of a major problem of American rearmament – the control of the labour market and of capital – is put directly into the hands of the President, who has declared clearly that he will tolerate no half measures or delay.

The full and immediate mobilisation of all American industry is thus an accomplished fact.