

TRANSLATION OF G.40, DIE NAHRUNGSMITTELVORRÄTE SIND NICHT ZU ERSETZEN

(OBSERVE)

THE FOOD RESERVES CANNOT BE REPLACED

1939: Germany had in reserve 4,000,000 tons of bread grains, 500,000 tons of fats and large quantities of meat.

1942: Germany has already had to cut once the rations of bread fat and neat, and to ration potatoes.

1940: the Occupied Countries fed Germany.

1942: Germany has to feed the Occupied Countries, and the 2,500,000 foreign workers.

The 1,200,000 tons of grain which Germany used to get annually from the Ukraine is a thing of the past. The Ukraine is a battlefield. The annual export supplies of the Balkans in grain has sunk from 3,000,000 to 600,000 tons – Germany must share this with Italy. The pig population is down by 40%. The pig-slaughter will be followed by a cattle-slaughter.

More than 12 million tons of potatoes were frozen last winter. The loss can only be made good with **TURNIPS**.

(REVERSE)

THE FOOD RESERVES ARE EXHAUSTED

On September 24th, 1939, State-Secretary Backe said:

“WE CAN MAINTAIN OUR PRESENT RATIONS FOR YEARS FROM OUR OWN RESERVES ALONE”.

	October 1941 <i>Weekly ration in kgs.</i>	April 1942 <i>Weekly ration in kgs.</i>	October 1942 <i>Weekly ration in kgs.</i>
BREAD	2¼	2	?
POTATOES	Not rationed	2½	?
FATS	0,270	0,200	?
MEAT	0,4	0,3	?

On June 27th, 1942 State-Secretary Backe said:

“IN THIS FOURTH YEAR OF WAR I SHALL HAVE TO MAKE STILL HEAVIER DEMAND ON YOU THAN HITHERTO.”