

**TRANSLATION OF G.9/1943, AUS EINER FÜHRERREDE STENOGRAPHISCH
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OBVERSE:

FROM ONE OF THE FÜHRER'S SPEECHES

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The *Führer* on Stalingrad:

I wanted to reach the Volga at a certain place, at a certain town. The reason for our advance was that it lies at an important point: 30,000,000 tons of traffic can there be cut, including almost 9,000,000 tons of oil shipping. There all the wheat from the vast areas of the Ukraine and the Kuban districts flows together, to be transported northward. There manganese ore has been produced. An entrepot port of gigantic dimensions was there. That is what I wanted to seize, and you know we are modest. The fact is that we have got it.

The *Führer* on his strategic mistakes:

Of course, if there is no choice whatever, people say that even that is a mistake. Then they suddenly reverse their views and say: 'It is altogether a mistake that the Germans have gone to Kirkenes, or that they have gone to Narvik, or that they have now gone to Stalin – what do they want in Stalingrad, of all things Stalingrad? A capital blunder, that, a strategic blunder.' Just let us wait and see whether that was a strategic blunder. That we have cut the transportation of 7,000,000, 8,000,000, or 9,000,000 tons on the Volga, and all our other plans in that respect – whether that has really been a succession of blunders remains to be seen.

The *Führer* on the forthcoming planned shortening of the front:

What is decisive is that those enemy positions are gradually taken which must result in the enemy's defeat, and are kept and fortified to such an extent that it is impossible for them to be retaken. And believe me, this much is certain: what we have we hold, so firmly that in this war at any rate nobody else will get to where we stand. On this you may depend.

The *Führer* on the territory lost in the East:

We shall hold out through this war as regards material resources; this is more certain now than ever before. For we have taken possession of those raw material areas needed to enable us to see this war through under any circumstances... During this year we have been working there! And how! And this is now gradually beginning to pay. Next year, the fruits of this labour will come in properly.

The *Führer* on the winter of 1942-43:

Today, above all, I look into the future with great confidence. We overcame the last winter, a winter the terrible dangers of which I could not realise when I spoke to you a year ago. Today I see the future quite differently. This year we are quite differently prepared. For this winter we are equipped differently; that I can say. Even if it were just as bad as the last, all that happened to us last winter will not happen to us again this time.

OVERPRINT: **"I ask you – do you trust the *Führer*?"** – Goebbels

REVERSE:

Panels of pictures from the Russian front under the heading "Eastern Front".