[Translation]

THE NATIONAL SOCIALIST MENACE.

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The latest events in Germany should not be interpreted merely as an expression of anti-Semitism carried to excess. They are rather the symptom of a frame of mind of the ruling stratum in Germany, which threatens Europe and, beyond that, the whole world.

People have been altogether too slow to see in the change that has been taking place in Germany since 1933 a revolution that is rocking the whole political, intellectual and economic life of the surrounding world to its foundations. Even today, there are still extensive circles in Europe which are carrying on an ostrich policy and are attempting, perhaps from fear of the realization, to convince themselves that what is going on in Germany is a domestic matter of the German nation.

To my mind, it is plain that German National Socialism is attempting to bring about the most dangerous shock to modern humankind [that it has experienced] up to the present time, going much deeper than, for example, that of the French Revolution, although the latter determined the whole political and economic life of the 19th and the beginning of the 20th centuries. The French Revolution brought freedom and progress. Taken as a whole, it led to higher and further
further development of mankind. National Socialism, however, does not intend merely to set aside these conquests of the 19th and 20th centuries. It intends rather to destroy, in addition, all the advances of mankind that have been won with difficulty in a fight lasting for centuries.

A menace of similar extent has existed only twice in European history: once by the irruption of the Moors into France, and the second time by the irruption of the Mongolian hordes under Jenghiz Khan.

Adolf Hitler is a modern Jenghiz Khan. Back of his so-called philosophy there is nothing more than pure desire for power, for mastery of the world. All National Socialism in Germany is a glorification of brute force. If the American gangsters were to write down a philosophy of their business, it would be bound to coincide to a hair with the basic ideas of National Socialism. "That is right which is of benefit to the people" - the gangsters would say: "That is right which is of benefit to our gang". And this very contempt for any objective law established by men, in so far as it is opposed to the interests of the National Socialists, means the dissolution of the bases of the comity of nations. Germany has become, thanks to the terrorism of a few men who will stop at nothing, a gangster oligarchy, which wishes to elevate its concept of the Germans as a chosen people into a world religion.
In widely read publications we frequently find the opinion expressed that German National Socialism is the hostile brother of bolshevism. Such an idea is not true to fact. The National Socialists have, to be sure, taken over many of the external forms of bolshevism, but have in no wise further elaborated the mental content of bolshevism. Bolshevism (regardless of one's opinion of it) does have a certain code of ethics: the liberation of the oppressed and the bringing about of a new order of society. National Socialism wants nothing but power, and, indeed, power for the few leaders to whom not only their own people, but the whole world, is to be subject, and, in fact, in all domains: political, economic and cultural.

The National Socialists are the gigantic heirs of the Wilhelminian era, which, when we look backward is to be called weak. To put an end to it, America was drawn into the World War, for the sake of mankind. The hydra's head was cut off 20 years ago. Today, 10 heads have grown back.

It appears to me unnecessary in this connection to go into the reasons for which National Socialism came into power in Germany and why the political opponents in Europe who are most closely concerned have looked on quietly at the development of power of the Third Reich. There is no longer any time for glances backward. "Anti-Christ" is now standing before the gates of western Europe and the rest
rest of the world. England and France are today exposed almost without defense to Hitler's attack, conducted with the greatest dash. It is therefore the great historic task of the United States to rush into the breach in this combat, as yet, I regret to say, invisible to many, for the dearest benefits of civilization and to save mankind just as in 1917. If it were only a matter of protecting western Europe, the Americans could perhaps watch the outcome of the conflict as neutral spectators. But the fate of the world will be decided here in western Europe; the fate of the United States too. To a bacillus there are no boundaries of any kind, after it has produced epidemics. Oceans will be crossed, and in a surprisingly short time too!

What can be done in the combat for freedom against the National Socialist menace? I have attempted to indicate that in brief outline in the enclosure.

The time for action has arrived. Nowadays nothing more can be accomplished against the gigantic strength of German National Socialism by speeches alone. Any action against the Third Reich, no matter how costly it may appear at first glance, will be cheap in comparison to the sacrifices that a victorious National Socialism would demand of America. In the ancient Roman Empire, which em-
braced the whole civilized world of that time, there were Consuls, whose duty it was to act for the protection of the people in general. The cry of "videant consules", which resounded for the first time at the Capitol of Rome when it was a matter of protecting the Roman Empire, must be raised today in Washington. For there lies today the hub of the universe. I have written my letter with this in mind.
The organization of the Nazi state, which has been carefully worked out to the smallest detail, is extremely sensitive to any external influence, no matter how slight it may appear. A few grains of sand thrown into this machine may produce the greatest effects. Besides: for the very reason that the National Socialists have the people behind them only apparently, in consequence of terrorism exceeding anything in history, the opposing forces slumbering in the German nation can be strengthened by a systematic work of interference with the work of the Nazis, and they must some day release reactions which no dictatorship is a match for, in the long run.

If America decides to take a firm stand on the front against German National Socialism, the defensive combat must be conducted systematically and in all fields at the same time.

In the politico-ideological field, a campaign of enlightenment is to be conducted throughout the world. It should bring into the glaring light the organization of the modern slave state, which is far too little known to the great masses. Emphasis is to be placed not so much on the deprivation of the political freedom of will of the
the masses in the National Socialist dictatorship state, as on the enslavement of the individual in all domains. Family life is destroyed. Starting with the 6th year of age, children are systematically alienated from the influence of their parents. By compulsory inclusion of all young people in National Socialist organizations for young people, all the youth of Germany is reared in the spirit of brutal force. The large and the small Hitlers exercise a ruthless dictatorship over the intellectual life of their nation. They order what books are to be printed and what plays performed. The exchange of ideas between Germany and the [other] nations is eliminated. Science is gagged. Despotism prevails in all domains. No one is certain of his life. At any moment, without prosecution, a decision may be made as to the life or death, the freedom or confinement of any individual. Resort to any legal procedure against acts of the state are unknown. The people, whether rich or poor, laborers or employers, are personal thralls of the dictator. No laborer may leave his ordinary place of employment without the consent of the authorities. They can send him at any time to any region of the Reich for statute labor. As gigantic monuments were reared by the aid of slaves in the times of the Pharaohs, automobile roads and Chinese Walls (the ring of fortifications in the West) are built in the modern slave state of the 20th century.
All that must be known, down to the smallest hamlet on the globe, and must enhance the abhorrence of mankind for Nazi methods beyond bounds.

The fabulously organized German propaganda machine in foreign countries must be effectively combattted at last. In particular, the thoughtless assistance of the foreign newspapers is to be stopped. It is monstrous that the newspapers of the world should accept news from the German government press bureaus without comment and without stating the source plainly. By this practice, National Socialist poison is being administered daily to the international public in doses too small to be noted. In addition, just as the Nazis spread their slogans of the "Jewish-Marxist democracies" and the "vanquished liberal methods" over the world, we must, on the other hand, find corresponding negative designations for the German system and use them at every opportunity.

Special spots for attack are presented by German business. On what are the business successes of the National Socialists based? Certainly to a considerable extent on the fact that in the exchange of goods between Germany and the rest of the world the playing rules of democratic capitalism are applied by the non-German partners, while the Germans do not stick to these rules of the game in any way. The Soviet Union's monopoly of foreign
foreign trade (which at least is acknowledged as such to the outside world), which has been criticized so much, is nothing in comparison to the organization of German foreign trade. By all the means of power of the government, German manufacturers are compelled to export, and to export at any price. Free competition in foreign markets between individual operators (the basic principle of modern world trade) is set aside by the Germans in a diabolically sly way. Foreign manufacturers do apparently still compete with German manufacturers in the world market. But behind them stands the government, which forces them to disregard all laws of cost accounting under private capital. In payment for her enormous imports of raw materials, Germany needs foreign currency. This foreign currency can be procured only by exportation, and exportation at any price. For any loss on exports, the German manufacturer is reimbursed by his government in domestic currency.

The world has silently put up for five years with such a system, which is only inadequately described by the word "dumping". It has looked quietly on while its own manufacturers, supplied only with private capital and dependent only on themselves, have been systematically weakened by the underbidding of Nazi government business.

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Why has no one recognized that the conditions under which trade agreements and most-favored-nation clauses between Germany and the other world commercial nations were concluded have been set aside by the world business policy of the Third Reich? Why does not the American Government, which carries on a traditional combat against the abuse of concentrated economic forces in its domestic economic policy, apply the same principles in its external economic policy? "Fight against the German mammoth trust" - that must be the watchword in future, from the bare impulse for self-preservation.

National Socialism's campaign of destruction against the business of foreign countries is not limited to exportation alone. Its whole autarchy program is nothing else than a single declaration of war, so far taken much too lightly.

The development of synthetic raw materials such as cellulose, artificial rubber, synthetic gasoline, etc., may correspond to the trend of modern business. So far as this process goes on in an evolutionary way, that is, on a basis of private capital (with government aid provided only in the field of tariff policy), no objection can be made to it. Then world business as a whole will have time enough to participate in this change. What is going on in Germany in the field of synthetic raw materials is
is revolutionary to the highest degree. The business
man's risk, the natural brake on over-hasty development
in this field, is removed. The dictator state, with its
enormous resources, carries on the discovery, the de-
velopment of processes and the large scale production of
synthetic raw materials. As no attention need be paid
to ideas as to profit, it is possible for German chemistry
to hasten through the normal development of decades with­
in a few years. Within a very short time Germany will be
in a position to place these raw materials on the world
market in large quantities and of excellent quality,
superior to the natural product in many respects. And
this can be done, because of the elimination of the
mechanism of private capital, at prices equal to or lower
than those for the natural products. What will then be­
come of the cotton fields, the rubber plantations and the
oil wells can hardly be imagined today.

If world business does not wish to commit harakiri,
it will then be compelled to defend itself immediately
against the German attack in the field of raw materials,
by all means [available]. Let some of the many possibili-
ties be outlined here. We shall have to help the principle
of truth in fabrics to gain a victory, that is, every arti-
ficial product on the export market must be plainly desig-
nated as such. In addition, tariff provisions are to be
so worded that all artificial raw materials not produced on the basis of private capital shall be subject to prohibitive tariff rates.

German shipping is a source of considerable foreign currency for Germany. Here too the principle of competition on the basis of private capital has been violated by the Nazis in a grandiose way. Gigantic direct and indirect subsidies make possible the maintenance of a German communication network spanning the whole world. The Nazis, convinced of the correctness of the statement that "trade follows the flag", keep building newer and faster ships at government expense. By so doing they strike the non-German operators in international trade, who are not in a position to do similar building on the basis of private capital. (That the German ships incidentally represent also citadels of German propaganda was not learned by me through the process of espionage alone.)

In practice this constellation shows the necessity for conducting a campaign against German shipping. In this conflict the United States could easily take the lead, referring to the violations of the anti-trust laws.

It would exceed the limits of this letter if I were to discuss in detail further measures necessary in the defensive combat against the Nazis. It is merely the aim
of my letter to give suggestions and to show the approximate direction in which, in my opinion, systematic work must be done by all friends of democracy, for the sake of mankind.