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FOR some years past the author has been collecting passages from responsible and authoritative German speeches and writings illustrating the real character of Nazidom. It will serve a useful purpose in showing clearly and beyond question what the Nazi dogmas and practices are and it will also prove a good antidote to any Poor-old-friendly-Germans-misled-by-gangsters' attitude. This book shows how Nazi doctrines have been bred into the very bones of the German people and, as one literary critic has said, it makes an interesting supplement to works like Lord Vansittart's *Black Record*.

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(No people can escape their own fate.)

ADOLF HITLER, *May Day, 1937.*

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FOREWORD

THE present war is essentially a world revolution, perhaps even more so than the Great War of 1914-1918. The revolutionary character of the conflict, which in its direct and indirect consequences affects the whole globe, was caused by the armed opposition of the Axis powers to International Law as accepted by the majority of civilized countries. Pan-Germanism, with its political philosophy that might is right, was the leading ideology in the last war: now it is merely absorbed into the more brutal theories of the Hitler creed.

Perhaps there is one good point about the Nazi world view: it is very explicit in the statement of its doctrines and aims. When the so-called Bible of German National Socialism was first published, people regarded its arrogant principles of German superiority and the natural right of the Germans to dominate other European nations as too absurd to be taken seriously. Europe, to its cost, has under-estimated the menace hidden in the ideology of the followers of Nazism. In the midst of the deadly struggle which Britain, the Soviet Union and America, together with the other Allied nations, is waging, it is essential that we should learn more fully the kind of aspirations for which the enemy stands. It helps the democratic front to a better understanding of the sub-human motives of the German aggressors and at the same

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time to an examination of the ideals of freedom and international brotherhood for which we are fighting in defence of fundamental human rights.

This is a total war, in which everyone is personally participating in the struggle for common victory. All of us should be acquainted with the spiritual make-up of the hostile nations. Professor N. Gangulee has made a valuable contribution towards the enlightenment of the popular reader by preparing this anthology on *The Mind and Face of Nazi Germany*. Here the Nazi leaders, including Hitler, Göring, Goebbels and Rosenberg, present their antiquarian gospel of malignant tyranny, and preach the annihilation of Christian culture as developed in the previous centuries. Nazis here present their case themselves in a kaleidoscopic exposition of their guiding principles, desires and interests which testifies to the depth of decay of German mentality. The numerous quotations from the speeches, interviews and literary works of the rulers of the Third *Reich* speak for themselves: Nazi Germany has completely abandoned the language of decent humanity. Their strongest argument is the reasoning of sword and guns, by which they will ultimately perish.

Professor Gangulee's work is worthy of careful study. Those readers who cannot give much time to the reading of long books on political subjects may find in this volume many suggestions for meditation. Confronted with the feeble moral foundations of Nazi Germany, they will rejoice the more in their own classical humanitarian tradition.

EDWARD BENEŠ.

PREFACE

THIS anthology of excerpts from the writings, speeches and slogans of leaders of Nazi Germany arose from copious notes I have been collecting since 1937 with the intention of writing a critical survey of the crisis in Western civilization. Owing to various circumstances I was not able to carry out the plan, and now the fog of war has blurred the horizon and made such a task inopportune.

But I feel, judging from the discussions on war aims, conditions of peace, plans for 'new order in Europe,' etc., that the nature of the forces which have entrenched themselves in Europe, particularly in Germany, is not adequately realized. There is rather restricted, if not confused, understanding of the inner meaning of National Socialism. The Western democracies regarded the growth of its ideology with tacit approval, for the Nazi Germany appeared to them as a powerful bulwark against the rising proletariat movement in Europe. Both England and France therefore adopted a policy of appeasement in the hope of conciliating Germany in her demand for the revision of the Peace Treaties of Versailles and St. Germain. Both deprecated any division of Europe into antagonistic ideological camps. Even at the outbreak of the war, it was declared that the Allies were fighting the Nazi régime and not the German nation which had only been misled by Adolf Hitler and his

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Party. All this connotes a superficial understanding of the forces which dominate Nazi Germany. The truth is, a new period of Armageddon has descended upon Europe, which is rooted not merely in conflicting political and economic interests, but in a positive revolt against Reason, Enlightenment and Cultural values of mankind.

Germany is the heart of Europe. For the diagnosis of European crisis which recurrently precipitates Armageddon, as well as for the establishment of 'new order,' it is of utmost importance that one should have a clear comprehension of the concepts of culture and civilization, which permeate the state and the people of Germany to-day.

Oswald Spengler, the famous German historian, interpreted historical process as the struggle between 'cultural areas.' According to him the will for possession and power has always been the real dynamic force in history, and he therefore glorifies man as 'a beast of prey.' The cult of violence is the basic ideology which should dispense with all others, and its adoption can alone create a militant nation.

This view, which is the quintessence of Prussianism, is in full accord with the meaning and purpose of National Socialism. If the Nazi Party found its strength in the spirit of Prussianism, the exponents of that spirit found in the methods of the Party an effective means of leading the German people to accept blind submission to authority. The rise of National Socialism does not really represent any new ideology, but it is a nation-wide movement for the revival and maintenance of autocratic and military traditions of Germany. 'The principle which in its time,' writes Hitler, 'made the Prussian Army the most wonderful

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instrument of the German people must at some future time be the decisive principle of the construction of our whole conception of the state.'

Thus, the National-Socialist Germany is not concerned solely with any kind of rational basis for establishing social order or a political system. Her leaders ask the German people to be strong by virtue of what the Führer calls the nation's 'more savage will-power.' The German people must be race-conscious; they must have an abiding faith in the myth of 'blood and soil', and once they succeed in building up 'a community of living beings, physically and mentally of the same species,' the Nordic-German race would be victorious in the interest of a higher civilization. The state laws must conform to the ideal of preserving and maintaining 'the racial characteristics' of the entire German people (*Volkstum*). 'History and vocation no longer consist,' writes Alfred Rosenberg, 'in struggle of class against class, church dogma against dogma, but in struggle between blood and blood, race and race, people and people. And this means: values of soul come in conflict with values of soul. Therefore history of that conflict must be judged from the point of view of race.' Thus, racial myth which is made 'the dogma of a religious creed' is conceived in order to foster an emotional psychosis, a natural outcome of which has been anti-semitism.

Perhaps the most cynical by-product of the racial myth is the messianic mission of the superior German-Nordic race. That race has been and must be the creator and bearer of civilization, and therefore Germany is to be 'the leading land of Nordic humanity.' In order to fulfil this mission Germany of National Socialism must direct her life, her institutions and

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her laws in obedience to that conception of the State which maintains 'authority of every leader downwards and responsibility upwards.' This means briefly the application of the Leader Principle (*Führerprinzip*) and the creation of the Leader state (*Führerstaat*).

The first business of the National Socialists was to formulate a Party programme, and the second to set up concrete organizations for the purpose of regimenting the entire German people according to Party directions. The State Labour Service, the Hitler-Youth, the Order of German Women, the League of German Girls, the Nazi German Students' League, the 'Strength through Joy' organization, the Fighting League for German culture and various regional institutions came into being for the purpose of bringing the national feeling to a tremendous pitch. It was necessary to destroy Trade Unions, to suppress the free press and to abolish organizations which represented the Christian character of the culture of the Western civilization. Through the process of mass-hypnosis of propaganda, the German people were kept in a state of anæsthesia. All this made rational criticism impossible and thus within a short period of less than a decade, Oswald Spengler's thesis—that intellectualism is a 'weed of the pavement,' that the will for possession and power has always been the real dynamic force in history, that justice, happiness, peace are dreams of bankrupt intellect—became the philosophy of life of the German people. Everything was directed to a single end—War.

Germany is industrially and technologically the most advanced in Europe and one should appreciate her achievements in the sphere of social and economic reconstruction carried out under extremely difficult

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circumstances. But when we see the primacy of race, the cult of German-Nordic messiahship, anti-semitism, concentration camps, the destruction of civil liberties, a régime of violence and above all the spirit of Prussianism so deeply rooted in her ideology, our sympathy is alienated. We regard the Nazi State as the most reactionary and its ideal anti-social. It is now becoming all too clear to us that so long as Germany proclaims violence as the central creed of her political philosophy; so long as the notion of race-purity, based upon what Herr Hitler calls the 'iron logic of nature,' runs through her inter-racial relations; so long as her statecraft defies all moral values and insults humanity, Germany must remain an irreconcilable enemy of civilization. The National-Socialist Party, which is the German *Reich*, is essentially intolerant and demands 'its own, exclusive and unstinted recognition as well as the complete transformation of public life in accordance with its own views.' Its leaders declare that the attack on the democratic spirit is merely 'the opening act of a development the end of which will be a National-Socialist Europe.'

It is obvious that this Nazi attitude to life and society is opposed not only to the 'pacifist-humanist' ideals of the Western democracies, but to Christianity. 'Back to our native German faith' is the cry of the German-Nordic religion. 'Christianity,' wrote Heine, 'has occasionally calmed the brutal German lust for battle, but it cannot destroy that savage ecstasy. . . . When once that restraining talisman, the Cross, is broken . . . the old stone gods will leap to life among forgotten ruins, and Thor at last will crash down his mighty hammer on the Gothic Cathedrals.' In the section of the anthology where I give a representative

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collection of views of the leaders of the German-Nordic Faith Movement, the reader may find a confirmation of Heine's prophecy. The core of the religious problem is not the conflict between Church and State, but it lies in the growth of a new paganism menacing not only the foundations of Church but repudiating all values inherent in Christianity. It is Christendom that must be brought to an end.

The meaning and purpose of the National-Socialist Germany must therefore be this : to challenge the concept of humanity because it abolishes the distinctions of quality between races ; to repudiate the democratic conception of a community because it abolishes the distinctions of quality between individuals ; and to make the entire German people race-conscious, not only for its survival, but for the fulfilment of the world mission of the German-Nordic race. Hence the necessity for militarism. Hence Nietzsche's hero, the ' blond beast,' must rise in readiness for relentless struggle.

However, the main reproach against Germany is not her fanatical anti-semitism or her official doctrine of race and blood reduced to a ' grotesque piece of unscientific balderdash' ; nor can one have any quarrel with the doctrines of National Socialism so far as they are related to programmes for social and economic rehabilitation of the German nation. Dictatorship may even be a suitable political form for Germany, but what is ominous is the spirit of Prussianism which repudiates the civilized ideals of life, culture and society. With its well-known slogan ' guns instead of butter,' Prussianism stands revealed as a cynical force arraying itself in barbaric monstrosity. It challenges the idea of human dignity by setting itself

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against liberty of thought, belief and religion. It arrogates the right of replacing the civilized inheritance of mankind by power (*Machtmittel*), by that force-myth from which the main principle of statecraft is derived. Prussianism, which, according to Spengler, is a 'living idea' in German-Nordic race, has therefore become a menace to the very soul of civilization. To affirm that a particular race, through its dynamic strength, has a permanent and unique function in civilization to-day is to deny both the idea of progress and the creative function of reason. The triumph of such an assertion would, indeed, mean a total frustration of all civilized standards of international conduct.

About Nazi Germany and its policy enough is known and enough has been written. Books, reports, pamphlets, etc., contain abundant material for a correct appraisal of the situation in Germany since the rise of Adolf Hitler. But I believe the Man in the Street is not fully conversant with the manifold aspects of the ideology of National Socialism. It is for him that I have taken the trouble to compile this anthology of Nazi Germany. Here he may find in a nutshell the aims, the aspirations, the arrogance and the absurdities of Nazi outlook upon life and society. Here he may note the striking character of Nazi philosophy of political life. Here he may also trace certain features of the conflict between Germany and the Western Democracies, which constitute a challenge to all that is dear to him—fundamental human rights, dignity of personality, liberty of thought, freedom of speech, the Christian tradition, the humanitarian ethics, the intellectual and moral basis of the international relations, etc.

In preparing this anthology I have confined myself

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solely to authoritative statements of the exponents of Nazi Germany and have divided the extracts into ten sections, each illustrating an aspect of this Teutonic nationalism which has eventually precipitated a 'war against the West.' In arranging these extracts I have aimed at giving a certain unity which makes them clear and coherent.

I trust that this book may reach a wide public in all civilized countries and that it may serve as a constant reminder not only of the basic factors underlying the present Armageddon but also of the problems that will have to be faced in bringing about a 'new order' in Europe.

N. GANGULEE.

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This is a grim book, convincing in its stark realism in describing the horrors of life in a Nazi Concentration Camp.

"Peter Wallner" conceals the name of a well-known and much respected business man of Vienna who, because he was "Non-Aryan," was seized without warning by Gestapo agents and condemned to many months of appalling horror and cruelty at Dachau and Buchenwald. It is amazing that he ever survived to escape in the end and tell the tale of what he and his fellow prisoners suffered.

Some may think the story almost too horrible for publication, but facts are facts and nothing that helps to show what the Nazi regime really is, is without its usefulness. Here is an unvarnished first-hand record. Such barbarity would be the fate of very many here if the Nazis won the war.

Miss Storm Jameson:—

"The Christian, the humanist, the pacifist, have in common a belief in the value of the individual soul: western civilisation grew from this belief, which is defied and repudiated by the Nazi creed. To evade facing this, to refuse the effort to understand it, is treachery to the future. This book by a distinguished Indian contains all the matter needed to understand what is threatening us now."

Mr. Herman Ould:—

"Your book gives very concisely the best possible arguments against the Nazis' creed, provided by themselves."