

GERMANY

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The Allied Council that controls Germany, today told the world how it proposes to destroy Prussian military tradition, destroy it forever, root and branch. All this is set forth in a document of some four thousand words, carefully phrased.

First must come the complete and final abolition of all German land, air and naval forces; including the S. S., the S. A., the S. D., and the Gestapo, of course, as well as the General Staff, the officers' ~~g~~ corps, and the reserve corps. All military schools and veterans' organizations, and every other military and quasi-military organization will be wiped out. Nor is that all. All clubs and associations that serve to keep alive the military tradition in Germany, whether such organizations are political, educational, religious, social, athletic, or recreational, all are prohibited.

All German nationals, wherever they may be, from now on are to be under the authority of the Allies.

Likewise every German asset down to the last Reichsmark. All German officials in territories outside the Reich boundaries of Nineteen Thirty-Seven ~~xx~~ must withdraw as soon as they receive orders.

And, the Allies are to have full charge of all of Germany's Foreign relations.

Germans are forbidden to leave Germany, without permission of the council, which also takes control of all German communications.

The Allies, in fact, will exercise such control as they consider necessary over German finance, industry, agriculture, forestry, mining, public ~~xxx~~ utilities, and trade, both external and internal.

All facilities for ~~xxx~~ research, ^{experiment} ~~xxxxxxx~~ development and design relating to war, either directly or indirectly are to be put at the disposal of the Allies. Nor can any German properties abroad be transferred without permission of the Allies.

Naturally, the Nazi party is completely and finally abolished -- declared illegal.

General Patton is quoted in the New York Herald Tribune ~~xxxx~~ as saying: "This Nazi thing is ~~is~~ just like a Democratic-Republican election fight". All of which brought an implied rebuke from General Eisenhower, who ordered that all Nazi office-holders should be removed instantly from either civic or important industrial positions in the American Occupation Zone. Eisenhower sent that order to all U. S. Military Governments.

General Patton, ~~himself~~, told newspapermen today that he has been carrying out General Eisenhower's instructions to wipe out the Nazi party, root and branch. He admitted certain Nazis were still in office in Bavaria, but said they were insignificant and necessary for the mere existence ~~to~~ Bavaria during the coming winter.

HIROHITO

Emperor Hirohito wants his people to learn to like democratic government. At any rate so he told Hugh Baillie, President of the United Press. Then he added that his country is now on an entirely new footing, with the Japanese working earnestly to gain the good will of other nations.

Hugh Baillie not only had a twenty five minute conversation with the Mikado but drank tea with him.

He describes the Emperor as taller than he ~~exp~~ expected, a scholarly looking chap with steel rimmed glasses, garbed in formal western clothes; and, quite friendly.

A couple of times there was silence, as might happen between any two men who have never met before. The Emperor broke one of these by asking Hugh Baillie if he had any hobbies, and then asked him what ~~wa~~ fronts he had visited during the war. The Emperor's own hobby, is marine biology. Before the war he corresponded with scientists in other countries, and

was reported to have considerable knowledge. They also chatted about golf and baseball.

Hirohito told the U P chief that he expected to have a conference with General Douglas MacArthur before long.

The Imperial family now lives in a rather big cottage, inside the palace grounds. The palace is a shambles. Wrecked by bombs. Half the buildings inside the walls ~~xxx~~ around the grounds are destroyed.

Hugh Baillie says he had more difficulty passing the steel-helmeted bayonet-armed American sentries than in passing the Imperial guards.

Except for those silences, the interview was pleasant enough. Hirohito laughed several times, and asked more questions than his visitor.

The U P President had submitted his questions on paper several days before he actually met the Emperor. The Mikado smiled and nodded his head frequently as the interpreter translated into Japanese what his American guest said.

More than once throughout the conversation he repeated, emphatically, his desire for everlasting peace, and repeated that he would do everything in his power to help bring it about.

In his written replies, the Emperor ~~xx~~ said that democracy in Japan would not necessarily follow the exact pattern of either the British or of the United States. But democratic it must be. He also told about the urgent need of his people for food. He is worried about the coming winter, when millions of his subjects will need not only food, but clothing, shelter and fuel.

He stated that he is entirely in accord with General MacArthur's demands for freedom of news in Japan; and says he thinks free exchange of news among nations would be one safeguard against misunderstanding. As for an immediate revolutionary change of government in Japan, he considers that neither possible nor desirable. He went on to say that he wants an improvement in the ~~xxx~~ educational system, in order to encourage civilians including children, to search for truth, and be broad-minded.

As Hugh Baillie left, the Emperor gave him a cordial farewell, and said he hoped his stay in Japan would be enjoyable.

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ESCAPE

Here is a man who has only just learned about the death of President Roosevelt and Wendell Willkie; and of the passing of Hitler and Mussolini from the world scene. And he's an American newspaperman too. For three and a half years Correspondent William MacDougall of the United Press has been a prisoner of the Japs, at a camp deep in the heart of the island of Sumatra. In Singapore now, he finds himself in a strange new world, a modern Rip Van Winkle.

On March Fifth, Nineteen Forty two, Bill MacDougall telephoned his home in Salt Lake City, from Bandoeng, Java. At the moment he was ~~ph~~ phoning, Dutch officers were warning ~~him~~ him that the Japs were at the gate, and that he had better get out, he'd ~~xxxxxx~~ better hurry. But he stayed on the phone just a few moments longer long enough to hear his mother say: "Don't forget son, I love you".

He boarded a Dutch ship, March Sixth, Nineteen Forty Two. The next day a Jap plane spotted them. Lifebelts were hurriedly passed out. Then the

ship's bar was thrown open for everybody to help themselves. MacDougall loaded up on soda water!

About noon, more Jap planes came over. One of them torpedoed the ship. Correspondent MacDougall dived overboard, expecting the other newspaperman, Hancock of the Associated Press, to follow him. But as MacDougall came to the surface and turned to look at the boat, he saw Hancock still on deck, braced against the forward rail. He never saw him again, but he learned afterwards from one of the ship's officers who survived, that the A P man went down with the ship, but came up, and was rescued.

The U P reporter swam for the only lifeboat he could see, When he caught up with it, those on board shouted: "We're full, no more room!" MacDougall pleaded with them. How could he swim to Java, two hundred and fifty miles away? But the men in the lifeboat rowed off and left him there to drown. The reporter says he felt no resentment, because the boat was loaded to capacity.

Well, he kept on swimming and swimming.

There ~~was~~ was a heavy swell, but his lifebelt kept him afloat. Once or twice he felt like giving up, but his mother's words, gave him heart:- "Don't forget son, I love you".

He swam, slowly, conserving his strength.

As the hours passed, he became more confident - sure that some miracle would save him. Finally a Jap boat picked him up, and now he's safe in Singapore after spending three years and five months in a jungle prison camp in the wilds of Sumatra.

One of MacDougall's first questions today was: "Who is Mr. Truman and what was he before he became Vice President? When he ~~had~~ heard the term "G. I. Joe" he asked, "Who's he?" Not only had he never heard of an atomic bomb or a rocket plane, but he hadn't even heard of Veronica Lake or Frank Sinatra.

PEARL HARBOR

The Congressional investigation into the Pearl Harbor disaster will begin with a junket. The Committee announced today that it will fly to Honolulu to inspect the layout of the harbor, the location of land defenses, and other physical installations. Senator Barkley, Chairman of the committee, says they may hold public hearings on the spot if there are any witnesses who are to be heard.

ARGENTINA

Lots of excitement in Argentina. The Government in Buenos Aires has arrested two Generals, charging them with trying to incite the Fourth Division of the Argentinian army to revolt. One of these is General Arturo Rawson, the same who headed the military revolution in June, Nineteen Forty-three. The other is a Brigadier General Martin, a former Commander of the Fourth Division.

Another indication of how explosive things are in Argentina.

TRADE UNIONS

The second world trade union conference began at Paris today. There were delegates from forty-six nations. And with the American Federation of Labor delegates conspicuous by their absence. The A F of L says it wants no part ~~in~~ of the conference, because Soviet Russia is there, and in the U.S.S.R. labor is not free. But the C I O is there in force.

The principal purpose of this conference is to adopt a constitution for a new international labor organization. A draft has already been submitted by the Secretary of the French General Federation of Labor, who is also Secretary of the Conference. And this draft has already been approved by a Committee ~~in~~ of delegates from Russia, Great Britain, France and the United States.

STRIKE

The number of strikers throughout the country grew larger today while a conference of oil workers and company officials began at Chicago. Presiding over the meeting is Supreme Court Justice William L. Knous of Colorado. As the proceedings began, Labor Secretary Schwollenbach told the men conferring that they must not fail.

If the oil workers do not go back on the job within a few days, the oil and gasoline reserves of the entire nation will be exhausted. That means a breakdown in military and civil transportation. So said Schwollenbach. He also emphasized the critical plight of many cities in the Middlewest, including Detroit, Toledo and Cleveland, where the famine point is not far off.

In New York, the elevator strike is about to spread to apartment houses. In fact, there is danger that it may ^{extend to all} ~~grow all over~~ Knickerbocker's five boroughs.

In the automobile dispute, Chrysler ^{today} began

conversations with the Union over the demand for a
thirty percent raise, and general Motors has offered
to ~~begin discussions~~ *do likewise.*

Administration
President Truman
with the few Republicans
Organized labor
volley of criticism
of public opinion
Assembly
Senate
and Justice
House
inflation

CONGRESS

While the number of strikers were increasing, the ways and means committee of the House pigeon-holed the unemployment compensation bill offered by the Administration. That is the first major defeat for President Truman, in Congress. Four Democrats voted with the ten Republicans against the measure.

Organized labor promptly responded with a volley of criticism, ^{saying that} ~~said~~ the committee had gone on strike against the best interests of the nation.

Meanwhile, it was being debated in the Senate. ^{with} Senator Wagner of New York pleaded ^{ing} for it, ~~and~~ ^{and, some} Senator Taft of Ohio, together with ~~other~~ ^{ing} Democratic Senators, declared ^{ing} it would lead only to inflation, ~~followed by~~ depression and unemployment.

Two police officers in Oklahoma City had a tough job. They were sent to the house of a certain woman to arrest her, and bring her to the police station. They went to her house, told her she was under arrest, and said, "Put on your clothes and we'll go down to the station."

She said she couldn't stop them from taking her to the station, but she would be darned if she would put on her clothes, and that there weren't enough ^{cops in Oklahoma} ~~of them~~ to make her do it.

Oklahoma folks are proverbially resourceful, so the cops just said, "Okay, Lady, come as you are." And she did. — *a la natural.*

~~They took her clothing with her, and turned her over to the Lieutenant. After she was put in a cell and tried to sit on the cold steel furniture, she changed her mind about not putting on any clothes~~

~~And now Hugh, come along — just as you are!~~