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When we have to pay for it all one day!

"When I look at the world that we embody and at all of the men with whom I have the good fortune to be friends or allies, when I look further at my political leaders in the Reich, at my Reich leaders, gauleiter, Reich deputies, governor-generals, the field marshals and admirals and colonel generals, then I look to the future with the greatest confidence."

These were Hitler's words to his so-called Reichstag on April 26. He could not have characterized his regime better. The world that he and his mob embody is the endless war with all of its many victims, is a world of mass graves, of hunger, of absolute misery

of the people. His world is the world of the 200 plutocratic families, which own the large corporations and monopolies. His world is the world of the profiteers and big earners, the world of the gangsters, deceivers of the people and spoilers of the people. His world is the world of blood, sweat, and tears, the world of concentration camps, gallows, the executioner's ax, and the shooting of hostages.

His rule, which he tries so hard to portray as a rule of the people, is nothing other than the most brutal rule of plutocrats and the hierarchy of the NSDAP, the gauleiter and the Reich leaders, the Reich deputies and Reich commissioners, the generals and the whole mob of beneficiaries of the war. In the statement quoted above, Hitler showed our people quite clearly the true and only enemy of Germany. This mob of exploiters, parvenus, and profiteers of the brutal imperialist war

of conquest is abusing the name of Germany and defiling our nation's reputation with countless terrible crimes. All of the actions they commit in Germany and in foreign countries are blows to the face of our people.

In the name of our nation, 55 French hostages were shot dead on May 2. On May 3, 72 Dutchmen fell victim to the SS bandits' shots in the neck.

In the name of our nation, 95 Frenchmen and 18 Norwegians were shot dead on May 4, on the command of General Stülpnagel and Reich Commissioner Terboven. On May 8, in turn, 48 Frenchmen and on May 11 another 18 Norwegians and 24 Dutchmen fell victim to the Nazi hostage-murderers.

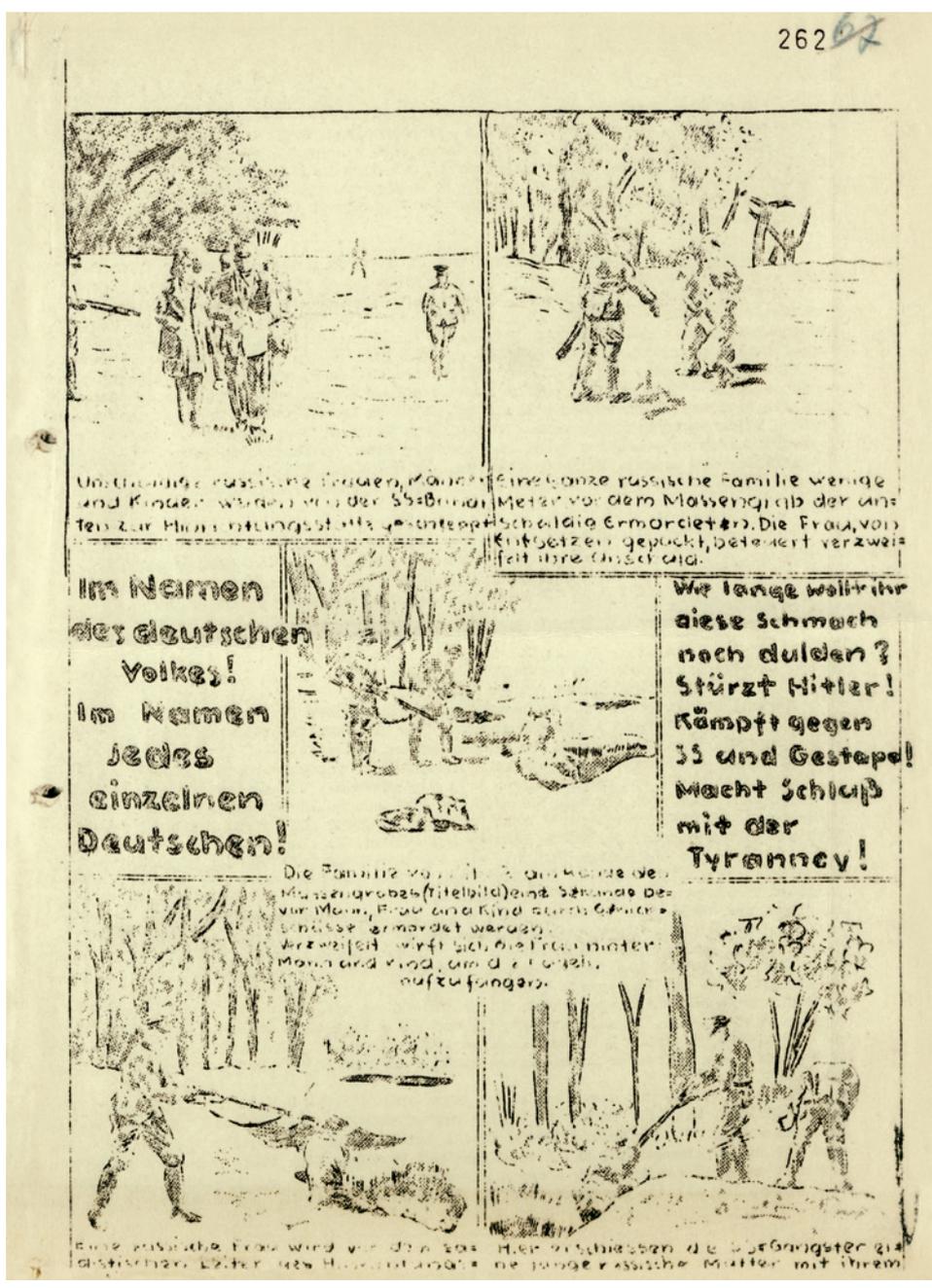
According to the occupation authorities' official announcements, 330 hostages were murdered in our name during this time; that is, 33 per day. Note that these shootings were not of rebels, not of people who committed acts of sabotage out of love for their nation and fatherland. They were defenseless and innocent men and women, who were and are murdered by the SS and the Gestapo only because their tongues speak a different language, because they are French, Dutch, Belgian, etc.

In the name of Germany, in the name of every single German, 40 Lithuanians were shot dead on May 22 in Kovno, and in Berlin three peace fighters were executed. On the same day in Mannheim, 14 German patriots were sentenced to death, who wanted nothing other than the induction of immediate peace.

In the name of our nation, from 5/28 to 6/10 alone, 384 innocent Czechs, including 52 women, were shot dead in Prague on the command of SS Oberstgruppenführer Daluege, who particularly distinguished himself on June 30, 1934, in the murder of Röhm and his followers.

This has been going on in the occupied territories for more than two years, day after day. The most monstrous deeds are committed in our name, in the name of the German nation. So far well over 200,000 Polish men, women, and children have been murdered by marauding German soldiers. Absolutely systematically and according to plan, the Polish nation is being destroyed by the Nazi executioners by means of hunger, epidemics, shootings, and cruel forced labor. In 18 Polish-Silesian communities alone, there are gallows on which railroad-men and other workers are hanged, under accusation of sabotaging the transport system. School-children are forced to witness these hangings. Over 60,000 French hostages have been shot dead so far by Hitler's mobs. In Yugoslavia and Greece, the gallows are lined up side by side.

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Murder, looting, pillaging, and medieval enslavement—these are the characteristics of Hitler’s generals’ and Reich commissioners’ “activity” in the occupied territories. Everywhere that German troops set foot in Europe, the horror, the suffering, and the misery of the affected nations grow. Yet despite the historically unprecedented looting of the largest part of Europe, poverty is also growing in our own country, the suffering of our own nation is growing unbounded, while the wealth of the plutocrats and the Nazi hierarchy is increasing to gigantic proportions.

In the name of our nation, thousands of Russian prisoners of war have been shot dead in blind rage, and thousands more driven to a terrible death by starvation.

In the name of our nation, the prisoners of war of all enslaved nations are forced, absolutely illegally, to produce Hitler’s murder weapons in the cannon and munitions factories. 2 mill. workers from the enslaved nations are being forced by all means into German armaments factories. They, the civilian prisoners and prisoners of war, have to make weapons and ammunition in Germany, which are used in Hitler’s accursed war against their own people. Yet that is not enough for Prime Drinker Ley and his consorts. He wants to destroy the newly developed solidarity between the German workers and their fellow sufferers from abroad all over again. He wants the hungry German workers, robbed of their freedom, to feel like masters over their foreign comrades and to act accordingly. He hates and fears workers’ solidarity, and that is why he recently addressed an appeal to trade councils, administrators, and representatives:

“We have brought almost two million foreign workers to Germany. I hope and expect that our German workers will now finally forget Marxist solidarity and maintain the necessary distance to the foreign workers.”

As cruel and vile as all the atrocities in the western occupied territories, the Balkans, and Poland are, all of the disgusting cruelties going on in these countries are incomparable to the unprecedented monstrosities committed in our name in the currently occupied part of the Soviet Union.

On two occasions, the Russian government has submitted notes to foreign diplomats in which they have informed the world of specific details about the looting of the entire civilian population, about the pillaging and executions committed en masse on Hitler’s command in the currently occupied areas of the Soviet Union.

<p>Innocent Russian women, men, and children are dragged to the execution site by SS bandits.</p>	<p>A whole Russian family only meters away from a mass grave of innocent murder victims. The wife, seized by horror, desperately insists on her innocence.</p>
<p>In the name of the German nation! In the name of every single German!</p>	<p>How long will you tolerate this shame? Overthrow Hitler! Fight the SS and the Gestapo! Put an end to tyranny!</p>
<p>The [*] family on the edge of a mass grave (title illustration) one second before husband, wife, and child are murdered by shots in the back of the neck. Desperately, the wife throws herself behind her husband and child to stop the bullets.</p>	
<p>A Russian woman [*] by the sadistic director [*] the execution [*]</p>	<p>Here, SS gangsters shoot a young Russian mother with their [*]</p>



Our people too have heard a number of details about the terrible crimes of Hitler's marauding soldiers. Yet the people are still reluctant to believe in such squalor on the part of German troops. They refuse to see that their husbands and sons are being misused by Hitler's beasts for such atrocities. They let Goebbels convince them time and again that the objective reports from the occupied Soviet Union are enemy propaganda lies. We are now in a position to unmask this deception about alleged enemy propaganda. We have come into possession of a number of original photographs taken by decent and honest German soldiers in the Ukraine. These photos provide an insight into the criminal and bestial atrocities of Hitler's militarism in the occupied Soviet territories. We have never forgotten how the Nazi murder regime raged against German women and men in the concentration camps. We remember time and again the thousands shot "attempting escape" and executed in past years of Hitler's dictatorship. We know of the bestial terror in the western occupied territories. We have never had any illusions about the Nazis' "humanity," and we know, as the new wave of terror against our own people proves, that when major difficulties emerge the Nazi regime seeks to save itself through unheard-of bloodthirsty terror.

And yet the blood threatened to curdle in our veins at the sight of the photos given to us. Innocent children, women, and old men are being slaughtered without trial in the most bestial manner. Villages and towns are being burned down and laid waste. The civilian population is being robbed of all its food and clothing. A deep blush of shame covered our faces and we asked ourselves full of fear and concern: "What is to become of Germany when our nation has to atone one day for all of the cruelties and bestialities committed in its name by the Nazi executioners."

This concern for our people and for the German state prompts us to bring a few of these photos to the attention of our nation. Our artist has kept strictly to the originals in reproducing the photos, which show the work of a single execution commando. The plain and unadorned truth speaks in these pictures. No weekly newsreel and none of the miserable creatures from the propaganda companies report on this type of "warfare" under Hitler.

<p>Another group of Russian civilians, again women, children, and men, on the way to their deaths.</p>	<p>Those who are about to die have to dig their own mass grave.</p>
<p>German troops out of the occupied territories!</p>	<p>The grave after completion of the executions, full of women, children, and men.</p> <p>Soldiers! Demand: We want to return home to the Reich! Put an end to the war!</p>
<p>On the edge of the mass grave they have dug themselves, this Russian worker calmly awaits the fatal bullet.</p>	<p>The murderers have run out of living targets for this morning. They are now using the heads of the corpses.</p>

The photos in our possession complement the reports continually given to us by soldiers on leave from the front. An SS man, who has turned away from National Socialism in disgust and horror due to his experiences in Lemberg, reports to us:

"At that time in Lemberg, 200 people were shot dead every morning. We then had to chop off the corpses' arms and legs, gouge out the eyes, and cut off the women's breasts. The murdered and mutilated bodies were then shown to foreign journalists as 'victims of the GPU [State Political Directorate].'"

A soldier from the 77th Div. reported: My division took 12 Russian soldiers prisoner on the first day of its deployment near Leningrad. They were shot dead immediately on the command of our battery chief.

Another soldier from the 29th Regiment of the 3rd Mot. Div. reported to us: We were stationed in a village on the Narva River. Every day around noon, a 60-year-old woman came to us. We gave her something to eat and gradually made friends with her. One day she fell into the hands of our company commander. He gave the order to shoot the old woman dead for no reason.

A soldier from the 11th Regiment of the 17th Mot. Div. told us: Immediately after our invasion of the village of Behlich, the entire civilian population was chased into the river. The SS threw stones at the people driven into the river. Many of them drowned, especially the children. 267 managed to save themselves by swimming to the opposite bank. There, they were shot dead on the command of an SS first lieutenant. The population of the entire village was murdered in this way.

While on leave, a soldier from the 35th Inf. Div. related the following incident to us: We arrived in Volokolamsk in November 41. There, we found six hanged Russian civilians at the entrance to the village, including two girls about 14 years old. Our company commander told us the hanged people were partisans and gave the order to hang all partisans taken prisoner.

The soldier X.Y. from the 268th Div. reported to us: We were stationed near Vyazma. One day our sergeant was missing 2 blankets. An old man of 70, who came along the way, was stopped by the sergeant and accused of stealing the blankets. He dragged the little old man, who knew nothing about the blankets, to the first lieutenant. He listened to what the sergeant had to say and gave the command to shoot the old man dead then and there, without interrogation. The sergeant then killed him with his pistol.

It is not easy for us to write all of this down here, seeing as it all happens in the name of Germany, yet we know that our people are not yet fully aware of what horrific bloodguilt the Hitler regime has placed upon the nation. But our duty as Germans who love our people and homeland from the depths of our souls forces us to tell the unadorned truth, so that our entire nation can recognize all that the Hitler mob does in its name, for which terrible crimes it is being abused.

We do not want the death sentence that the enslaved nations will pass on Hitler and his regime at the end of the war to be extended to our nation and our German homeland.

The Second World War, criminally provoked by Hitler and his mob, has already been lost for Germany. Every German must understand that by now. Hitler's end is approaching unavoidably, and we do not want him to succeed in taking our nation with him to his doom. As long as a single drop of blood flows in our veins, we will fight against Hitler making accomplices out of our people.

Germany can only be saved now if our people create very clear fronts of their own. On one side, Hitler with his mob of bandits; on the other, our great German people in alliance with the enslaved nations. Every German must now make an immediate decision. There can be no neutral parties when these frontlines are drawn up. Those who decide in favor of Hitler, those who do not find the courage at a time of greatest need for our nation in order to part ways from him in deeds, will fall along with him.

We want our people to be able to say, at the end of the war: We found ourselves again and made our contribution to ending the war.

We rose up against Hitler on our own strength and brought on the overthrow of his criminal regime. We made sacrifices for the war of liberation of mankind by fighting for our own freedom. This is the only way to wash ourselves clean of the shame and disgrace that the Hitler regime has placed upon us. Only if we can say at the end of the war that we Germans have done our duty, may our German state be saved, will our people not have to pay penance for the wanton atrocities, will there be no new Versailles treaty, no renewed occupation of the Rhine and Ruhr areas, or separation of any other German territories.

On this basis, and out of the deepest sense of duty toward our nation, we join the appeal made by 60 representatives from our public and political life:

"Germans, join forces against Hitler, against his bloodthirsty bodyguards, against the SS and the Gestapo, against the entire murderous Nazi regime.

Unite your fight with the sacred war of liberation of the nations against Hitler's tyranny. Rise up with all your might against Hitler's criminals. Disrupt and destroy, wherever and however you can, Hitler's war machinery, which is laying waste to Europe and driving Germany to its doom. Prove through your deeds that the entire German nation is not willing to die for Hitler, but rather to fight for freedom, to live for the honor and dignity of Germany. Save Germany before it is too late.

Soldiers of the Wehrmacht! Put an end to the criminal war of conquest. Do not obey your officers. Do not shoot at the Russian workers and peasants. Form soldier committees in all parts of the troops to fight against the war and against Hitler. Turn your weapons around, against the enemy in our own country, against Hitler and his government of murderers. Cross over to the Red Army with your weapons.

Working men and women of Germany! Rise up to fight against Hitler's mob, against the vile regime of war, hunger, and concentration camps! Bring the workbenches to a standstill! Make the machines that produce the murder weapons unusable! Work more slowly! Protest against the forced wage deductions! Refuse to make further sacrifices, for they prolong the war! Establish illegal workers' delegates to lead the fight against the war and Hitler's fascism, for a new, free Germany! Prepare for mass demonstrations for the end of the war and to overthrow Hitler!

German farming men and women! Protest against the despised war that is ruining your farms! Hide your products from Hitler's mobs! Hide your sons, husbands, and brothers, who are to be called up to Hitler's army! Demand the right to a free market! Sabotage the war taxes!

German women, demand the immediate return of your husbands, sons, and brothers from the front and the occupied territories! Stop the military trains leaving for the front! Mothers and wives, write to your husbands and sons and tell them to save their own lives and give themselves up to the Red Army!

German youth! Hitler has taken away from you the best thing in life, the time of your youth, and has thrown you into labor service camps! Refuse compulsory labor service! Leave the labor service camps and return to your families!

Away with Hitler and his murderous mobs! Down with the Nazi regime! Fight for a new, free Germany!"

Now [*] Solidarity!

Our people are coming to understand more and more that Hitler's war is a brutal, imperialist, and predatory war of the German plutocrats, for the purpose of enslaving and looting other nations. Our people, who suffered severely under the dictates of the Versailles treaty, do not want other nations to be subjugated by us. In past months, understanding and sympathy for the people fighting for their national freedom have strengthened and spread among our own people. A new solidarity with the foreigners sent by force to Germany, with the civilian prisoners and prisoners of war, has quickly developed. Our people are realizing more and more that humane and comradely behavior toward these people is an important prerequisite for securing our own future. This new solidarity shows the true nature of the Germans, which for some time was no longer visible to the world, on account of Hitler's war and the fascist atrocities.

Once again, ten victims fell in our people's sacred fight for freedom.
The Nazi hangmen executed:

Arthur Emmerlich, Berlin
Kurth Steffelbauer, Berlin
Alfred Grünberg, Berlin
Herbert Bochow, Berlin
Karl Steine, Dresden
Fritz Schulze, Dresden
Albert Hensel, Dresden
Anton Wolnick, Abitzau
Hermann Wrobel, Laurahütte
Joseph Przyebilla, Prökuls

All of the executed were accused by the Nazi traitors of high treason, because they fought for immediate peace and did not want our cities to be laid waste and millions more German men to be driven to their deaths in the hopeless war.

The only enemy of Germany, Adolf Hitler, had them accused of "aiding the enemy" by his special court.

Fame and glory to the ten new victims of our nation's fateful struggle. They too, like the thousands murdered before them, were courageous fighters in our nation's antifascist peace front.

You have fallen for Germany—we will fight on for Germany, until victory is won over Hitler's mob and our nation's peace and freedom are returned.

Long live Germany—down with Hitler and his mob of murderers!

The fascist mob, which sought to destroy the true nature of our nation by all means of cruelty and barbarism, which sullied our once good German name, covered it in shame and abuse, is doing everything it can to destroy this new solidarity. How many workers, women and girls, and other Germans have already been thrown into prison or concentration camp by them, just because they had a real German heart toward the foreign workers, the civilian prisoners, and the prisoners of war?

Over the past few weeks, German working men and women in many factories where Russians have been deployed have been informed by means of announcements:

"The authorized counterintelligence office points out that it has recently been noted that German staff members in the factories have not displayed the proper reserve toward foreigners (bartering transactions, acceptance of gifts, arranging jobs, going out together, etc.).

In view of the coming deployment of Russians, particular care must be taken that the German staff members are not subject to Communist-Bolshevist influence by the deployed foreigners, as this would give rise to, at the very least, a reduction in output.

German staff members are banned from any fraternizing with the Russians beyond the performance of labor tasks. Cases of violation shall be reported immediately."

Once again, the "convincing" fascist argument—the threat; and once again these announcements unmask one of Goebbels's crude tricks.

An exhibition by the name of "The Soviet Paradise" is currently on display in Berlin. If everything in Russia is the way it is shown in this exhibition, then why this ban on fraternizing with the Russians? Why not the other way around; why are they not organizing contact between German workers and the Russians, so as to prove to them from authoritative sources, namely, the Russians themselves, the credibility of the reports about Russia?

If everything in Russia is the way they describe it to us day after day, the Russians surely ought to feel they're in paradise in the "socialist" Third Reich. So why the fear of "Communist-Bolshevist" influence?

If all the newspaper and radio reports on the conditions in Russia are true, the Russians surely ought to be glad to have escaped "Stalin's regime of horror." They surely ought to do everything they can to overthrow that regime in their homeland. So why the fear that our workers might be induced by them to reduce their output? Are the conditions in Russia perhaps better than those in Germany,

and they fear our workers will find out the truth through the Russians? These are a few questions that Mr. Goebbels might answer.

In any case, our workers will no longer be frightened off by this type of announcement. No longer will anyone be able to lead them off their chosen path of solidarity with the enslaved nations.

Now more than ever, comradeship and friendship with the foreign forced laborers are in our own interest. If they work more slowly and produce faulty goods, then we will do so all the more. If they defend themselves against the dictatorial measures of our common tormentors and strike, then we will stand by their side and do the same. Even more, we will not wait for them in the organization of the fight against Hitler, but instead set an example for them.

Now more than ever, we will strengthen our solidarity with the civilian prisoners and prisoners of war, in the interest of our nation. Every decent German will help them wherever and however he can.

Hitler's power depends partly on playing people off against each other. Solidarity is Hitler's enemy; it shakes the foundations of his power, it foils his plan to plunge the German nation into his own unavoidable demise along with him.

Therefore, strengthen solidarity for the benefit of Germany.

The Truth about the Battle of Kharkov

They lie through their teeth and cheat on principle!

On October 3, 1941, Hitler announced before his Reichstag: "Two days ago the Wehrmacht entered into its last and most decisive offensive of this year."

On October 9, Reich Press Chief Dietrich came out of the Führer Headquarters to declare in Berlin: "The final destruction of Marshal Timoshenko's armies has succeeded, and victory has thereby been won over the Soviet Union." Yes, those bigmouths in the rear echelons make their victories over the Soviet Union look easy. But our people know now that these claims last October were yet more stupid lies. Our soldiers and large parts of our nation now know that Hitler can never achieve this victory. We now know that instead of the lightning victories announced, there came major, protracted, demoralizing battles with many victims, and even more are yet to come. But this very fact, and Germany's situation on the brink of collapse, is causing the Nazis to lie to the people with ever more insolence and audacity.

With fanfares and special reports, the Nazi master-liars tripped over themselves to report victories in the Battle of Kharkov. In the delusional fantasies of their lying brains, the Nazi hacks did not even notice the crazed contradictions they got themselves into while aggrandizing their "victories." The Armed Forces High Command reported, for instance, on May 28: "Even the enemy's last diversionary attacks could no longer change the fate of the encircled armies." In contrast, we read the following astounding words in the same day's *Schlesische Zeitung*:

"In the encirclement battle south of Kharkov, the Bolsheviks attempted to relieve the enclosed enemy armies from outside through the uninhibited mass deployment of people and material. However, only in one place did they succeed in advancing to an important point for the further course of the battle, through their overwhelmingly superior numbers of tanks and artillery."

The fascist clamors of victory contained even more of such "peculiarities," which unmasked all of the Armed Forces High Command special reports as lies. The propaganda artists claim, for example, to have taken 240,000 prisoners, but they are incapable of detailing the captured regiments and divisions. Experience tells us, however, that the Armed Forces High Command never refrained in the past from announcing such details. If it does so now, then only because it wants to avoid checks made on its information.

On May 19, the Armed Forces High Command reported that "the counterattack by General Field Marshal von Bock on Isium was successful." Yet on June 1, the entire press published a sketch of the Battle of Kharkov, and the fellow German reader could now see to his surprise that the allegedly formed encirclement, in which 3 Russian armies were said to be enclosed, was, according to the press, south of Kharkov, well over 50 kilometers west of Isium.

Mr. Goebbels's reporting on the Battle of Kharkov afforded readers of the press and radio listeners one surprise after another. The sketch artist included a scale in his map. With its help, every reader could easily calculate that the longitudinal diameter of the alleged encirclement must have been approximately 40 kilometers. Goebbels had his so-called foreign journalists report, providing accompanying music to this "victory map." Through them, we now learn that it takes a ten-hour drive to cross such an encirclement. Goebbels's propagandists had thus formed the encirclement and achieved the victory faster on foot than the foreign journalists could view the battlefield by car after the "battle was won."

What was the point of Kharkov?

Hitler's attack on the Kerch Peninsula was supposed to commence his great spring offensive against the Caucasus. He had already positioned 6 tank divisions and 30 infantry divisions for an attack on Rostov. He wanted to advance to the Baku oilfields at any price. The Russians learned of this plan, and Marshal Timoshenko's offensive at Kharkov had only one purpose: to preempt Hitler's offensive against the Caucasus, make it fail, and force the Wehrmacht into a huge battle of attrition. One must now say that the Russians have achieved this purpose through their operations at Kharkov. Hitler's entire strategic plan has been thrown into disarray by the Russian offensive. He had to cast his troops positioned toward Rostov hastily to the Kharkov area and lost a large share of them there, along with their material. His entire southern army group must now be reorganized after the Battle of Kharkov. The decisive matter about the battle, however, is that, as over the whole winter, the Russians once again determined the beginning and the site of the battle. The initiative was on their side. The Battle of Kharkov confirms anew that it is no longer Hitler but the opponents who are determining the course of the war. It proved once again most emphatically that the disadvantageous course of the winter campaign was not, as Hitler claimed, due to the winter, but rather to the growing strength of the Red Army. Through the Battle of Kharkov, our people once again have clear evidence that the so-called invincibility of the German Wehrmacht is an invention of deceitful Nazi propaganda. The "allied nations" know that too, one example being Finland. The starving Finnish people recognize that the situation on the Eastern Front has changed entirely, that the war is lost for Hitler's Germany, and that they will be pulled along into Germany's downfall if Finland does not soon give up its unnatural alliance with Hitler, which was forced upon them. The Finnish people are demanding a separate peace with the Soviet Union ever more strongly. Hitler himself traveled to Finland with Keitel for this reason; first to put the Finnish government under great pressure so that it resists the Finnish people's calls for a separate peace, and second to plunge the Finnish army into a now hopeless offensive against Leningrad and Murmansk alongside our troops.

And what did the Battle of Kharkov cost us?

All reports on the great German "victory" at Kharkov are pure pretense. Hitler and his generals are not the kind of people not to exploit a victory to the utmost. Yet the front at Kharkov is at a standstill, without gaining territory for us, while north of the city the Russians have advanced approximately 60 kilometers westward. Isium and all bridgeheads across the Donets south of Kharkov are still firmly in Russian hands. Even the Armed Forces High Command refers to a pause in the

Kharkov area. But why is the front at a standstill, why is Hitler not chasing the "beaten" Russians across the Donets to bring forward his offensive against the Caucasus? Why is v. Bock now taking this break, when on January 30 Hitler had announced an unbroken advance in his spring offensive? Quite simply, because Hitler and his field marshal are capable of nothing else and ought to be glad the Russians are granting them this temporary break. The great "victory" at Kharkov has cost us 95,000 dead and prisoners, 1,511 cannons, 540 tanks, and 200 planes. The battle lasted longer than the entire Polish campaign.

Hitler's "victory" at Kharkov has the same character as his "victories" against the English air force during their major attacks on the western German cities of Cologne, Essen, Oberhausen, and Duisburg. A few more such Hitler victories and the Wehrmacht will be exhausted and bled dry, and we will have won ourselves to death in the Second World War as well.

Where is Hitler's aerial superiority??

Studying the Armed Forces High Command reports over the past weeks, one reads of unheard-of Luftwaffe successes against enemy convoys. More ships are being sunk by German bomber wings than are afloat on the different seas. The gross register tons destroyed by fighter planes and submarines in the Armed Forces High Command reports are already so high that the entire English merchant navy ought to be on the bottom of the sea. The shot-down enemy planes practically rain down from the skies day after day. One hears and reads about massive retaliation raids on England by Hitler's Luftwaffe and about Hitler's significant aerial superiority on the Eastern Front. This whole hysterical clamor has the sole purpose of deceiving our people about the real situation. There is no doubt that Hitler once had supremacy in the air and that he used it to deploy his bombers against the civilian populations of many countries.

In 1937, the pilots of the Legion Condor dropped bombs in a country with which we were ostensibly at peace, namely, Spain, on the open cities of Guernica, Madrid, Barcelona, Albacete, and many others. During his attack on Poland, Hitler used his aerial supremacy to destroy the open city of Warsaw and to exterminate this city's civilian population. On May 14, 1940, he had Rotterdam bombed, destroying 26,000 workers' homes and 350 streets entirely. 30,000 Dutch men, women, and children lost their lives in this attack. There followed German attacks on the civilian population of Belgrade and the attacks carried out in pointless destructive rage on the English cities of London, Coventry, Southampton, and numerous others.

Göring ostentatiously announced to Berlin scaffolding workers in September 1939 that he had ensured that no enemy plane could drop its bombs above the Ruhr area. What has become of Hitler's aerial supremacy now, and how are Göring's bombastic boasts holding up now? The activity of the English air force in Germany and the occupied territories in the past two months gives an unequivocal answer to this question.

On April 5, the English air force carried out its 105th raid on [*] with 300 planes. On April 6, the Ruhr area and Hamburg were bombed. In the period from April 10 to [*], the English air force attacked the Ruhr area every night. During these four air raids on the Ruhr area, 1 million kilos of bombs were dropped. On April 17, Hamburg was bombed again, and on April 18 the Ruhr area. From April 22 to 26, Rostock was befallen every night by 150 English planes. On April 27 the English air force's target was once again Cologne, and on April 28 the population of Kiel was chased into inadequate basement shelters by an English [*].

Apart from this, during April the English air force attacked Pilsen and the Skoda factories, Augsburg and the MAN factories, and Stuttgart with its war production sites. At the same time, a series of English air raids took place on German airfields and armaments production sites in the occupied territories. In the occupied territories of France alone, 250 [*] fighter planes flew over every day. In contrast, an average of three German planes flew over England per day during the entire month.

During the night of May 30, Cologne was bombed extremely severely by 1,250 English planes. Even the Armed Forces High Command at first reported major damage in the city, only to taunt the severely assailed population of Cologne in their great suffering two [*] later: "There are only 200 dead to mourn."

On June 1, the Armed Forces High Command reported with its usual swagger on a "large-scale" retaliation attack by German planes on Canterbury. In reality, however, only 50 German planes approached England that night, only half of which reached their target of Canterbury. Of the German battle planes that flew into England, 6 were shot down. Canterbury is a small town with 24,000 inhabitants, the seat of the Archbishop, the primate of England. It has no important war production sites at all. And the second retaliation attack on Canterbury on June 2 was no different.

In the night of June 1, in contrast, 1,036 English planes attacked the Ruhr area, and a further 5 attacks followed in the first week of June. On the Eastern Front during the month of May, 1,366 German planes were shot down, and the Armed Forces High Command reported on May 28 on a Russian air raid on East Prussia.

This is all very clear evidence that Hitler has lost his aerial superiority. His Luftwaffe is fragmented; it is being utilized to a great extent on the Eastern Front and in Libya; it has to be deployed in the Arctic and the Mediterranean, over the Atlantic and in the western occupied territories. The lack of raw materials is beginning to show in the German aircraft factories, and the shortage of workers is painfully felt.

What about the anti-aircraft defenses and the protection of civilians?

Of the 1,250 English planes that attacked Cologne, 44 were shot down; that is not even 4½%. Of the 1,036 that attacked the Ruhr area, 35 English planes were shot down; that is a little more than 3%. The German Luftwaffe, however, regularly loses 10 to [*] of the planes flying during its deployment against England or above the Eastern Front. Hitler has begun his war against the Soviet Union and now he has to get the anti-aircraft guns out of the areas threatened from the air and onto the Eastern Front. He has to deploy his fighter planes and night fighters increasingly in the individual arenas of the war. The longer the war goes on, the stronger the enemy's aerial superiority; but also, the weaker the defenses become, the greater the lack of protection for the civilian populations in the areas threatened from the air.

During the last major attacks by the English air force, on Cologne and the Ruhr area and Rostock, a crazed chaos emerged in the organization of the protection for the civilian population. In all bombed cities, what we have always said proved true: the air-raid cellars are inadequate and insufficient in number. In Rostock, the Safety and Aid Service's extinguishing equipment was useless, and the entire organization for extinguishing the fires was a mess. In Aachen the mayor noted that there is far too little sand available in the buildings. In Mannheim and Bremen there have now been orders that sand may be used only for anti-aircraft defense purposes, as the existing sand supplies are insufficient for defense purposes. After the attack in Cologne there was insane chaos in supplying injured people with medication and bandage material. It came to light that the Nazi bureaucracy had secretly transported away the medications and bandage material previously saved for air raids.

The provision of food and essential clothing to the seriously hit population after the attacks on Cologne and the cities in the Ruhr area did not run smoothly either. The entire fascist bureaucratic apparatus failed completely. The deplorable helplessness and the criminal incompetence of the Nazi authorities became perfectly clear to everyone during and after the air raids.

The rich people, the monopolists, and Nazi bigwigs in the affected cities took appropriate steps in view of these facts, left the cities under threat, and fled to their villas outside the endangered areas. They received plenty of help from the Nazi authorities for their hasty retreat. Those who did not have living quarters of their own in the center of the Reich were allocated somewhere in the Sauerland. Just ask where Mr. Krupp v. Bohlen und Halbach, Vögler, Klöckner, the Tengelmans, Poensgen, and all the other big company and trust bosses are now. Just ask where Florian, Stein, and the entire mob of Nazi bigwigs have hidden. They have saved themselves in the rear echelon once again.

But the little people, the have-nots, the workers, the small tradesmen, civil servants, and employees, the members of the free professions, are all forced to stay in the endangered cities. The newly appointed Gauleiter Wegener told them in a speech in Bremen: "Those who are hit are to blame for their misfortune because they did not go to the shelters." The devil take you with your air-raid cellars, into which one can go before the air raids, but not get out of after, because they are buried beneath collapsed buildings. Our people do not want to sit in these mouse-traps by the name of air-raid shelters. They want peace.

Everyone knows that these major attacks by enemy planes are merely the beginning of a new stage of this war, the stage in which the total war moves onto the territory of the German Reich. Soon the American air force will join in the air raids on German cities and industrial centers. Then, not a thousand but two and three thousand enemy planes will appear in one night above the Ruhr and Rhine areas and drop their cargo of bombs. We are now beginning to experience for ourselves what Hitler has done to the civilian population of other countries.

There is only one way out of this horror invoked by Hitler's mob: Put an end to the war by overthrowing Hitler! As long as Hitler is in power we will be at war. As long as we are at war, the English will exploit their aerial superiority and bomb our cities to an ever increasing extent.

Therefore, put an end to the pointless war, overthrow Hitler.

Do what the rich people do, leave the endangered cities with your families, evacuate yourselves! That way you will save your own lives and those of your wives and children.

Sabotage arms production, for that is the target of the English planes. As long as even one factory in your town, in your area, makes weapons and ammunition for Hitler's lost war, you will be exposed to the threat of destruction by bombs. Therefore, cripple the arms factories yourselves. Leave the factories and mines, for they are your mass graves! That is the only way for you and your wives and children to escape certain doom, the only way to best help Germany.

Germans, listen to the people's radio station on the 32-meter band at 6, 19, and 20:30 hours.

National Socialist workers!
Listen to the radio station of the Revol. SA on the 30-meter band at 19 and 23 hours.

Young Germans!
Listen to Storm Eagle, the radio station of the German youth, on the 38-meter band every evening at 22:15 hours.

Listen to these broadcasts every day and spread what you hear by word of mouth and in writing.