

NO MORE GERMAN WARS !

*Being an outline of suggestions
for their permanent cessation.*

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*F*ollowing are some of the leading steps which must be taken by the Allies, after final military victory is achieved, in order to prevent the outbreak of another German War of aggression and convert the people of Germany into decent, peaceful, and democratic folk.

Invocation

We are inexorably pledged to the obliteration of Germanism. Though we expect the titanic struggle to be both long and bitter we know that eventually we shall achieve complete military success. We shall defeat Germany—the nation which in two generations has spread more misery and suffering over the face of the earth than have all the nations of the world combined, in the last thousand years.

But military victory alone will not insure the world against a future German aggression. It did not do so in 1918. And it did not because after the soldier and the laborer had done their work, and done it exceedingly well, those men holding the reins of political power personally lacked—when the time came for them to accomplish their task—that same sense of duty and obligation, that same courage and fortitude which they had so vehemently exhorted of those two groups.

This must not happen again.

We must make certain, very certain, that the world will never again be stretched and tortured on the German rack.

We cannot resurrect those who perished in the last German war, nor those who will perish in this one. But we can protect those who will survive the present conflict; we can guarantee, too, the future of those yet to be born against this recurrent suffering at the hands of power-lusted German world-conquerors.

This will take more than supreme physical prowess; more than emotions and passions become bitter and revengeful. It will take an extraordinary sanity. A sanity which can prepare and wisely direct a long-range program of prevention.

For that is what we truly desire; prevention of another German war and not merely revenge against Germany and their punishment for this one.

Such a program of prevention is a trilateral task. It is a tripartite pact calling into action the military services, the forces of labor, and the leaders of the body politic.

The first two groups are meeting and will conquer the crisis already arisen. We know that they will! Our statesmen, the leaders of the third partner in this work, can prevent a similar crisis from ever again arising. We trust they will. We know that they must! Failure on their part would nullify our military victory and mock our sacrifices.

Our President has assured us that this will not happen.

May God grant us a complete fulfillment of his assurance.

It is what we are fighting for.

It is our future. It is the future of our country.

It is the future of the entire world!

1.

There must be instituted a new and complete program for the re-education of the German youth.

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German educators, even more than the Prussian military, have been the principal source from which German aggressions against the world have sprung. For three generations German teachers have kept alive and developed those barbaric traits in the Germans which ordinarily might have been dissipated long ago, during civilization's drive toward the realization of a permanent peace. German professors have always had an undue and evil influence in German matters of State. They constituted a powerful group in every German Reichstag. They founded the Pan-German League, and became the leading exponents of the idea of World Germanism. It was the German teacher who originated the doctrine of the "Superior German Race". It was he who taught the doctrine of "German Might makes Right". It was the German educator who incessantly and systematically, drilled those fiendish thoughts into the minds and hearts of the German youth.

Thus has the German educator come to fashion the WILL of the German youth for aggression; that foul WILL of which today we are the victims.

And it is this WILL which must be destroyed; not quelled, but destroyed—utterly and completely.

What has escaped general realization is the bitter fact that already the vicious seed of Germanism has been planted in some twenty millions of German youth. This will be the German generation of tomorrow. Thus if we are to eradicate this Will in most of the German youth, or at least reduce it to inconsequence, it shall be imperative for us to take over the complete supervision of German education immediately after the final military victory. Unless we do so a victorious war will be but a defeat. Not for our generation, but for the next.

To formulate such a program a staff for German Education must be appointed at once. This staff must prepare a complete system of democratic education for Germany. They must replace German teachers with those of teachers of the Allied Nations. They must prepare all the textbooks which shall be used in German schools. They must have these books printed and ready in advance so that within one month after the military victory (and not later than one month!) they may be introduced into Germany.

Such a program, carried to successful conclusion, will come eventually to substitute the dynamics of peace for the dynamics of war in the minds, hearts and souls of the German youth.

This program must be adopted. The leaders of Germany would count it their greatest victory if it were not; if we did but win the battles and leave their youth mentally and spiritually unmolested.

Hitler personally has often stated that were but one generation of German youth left completely in the hands of his Nazi educators, the world would one day certainly belong to Germany. We must take his youth away from him and re-educate them as thoroughly and as conclusively as we shall annihilate his armies.

And we must do this to such an extent that when, at some future date, the next German firebrand arises (and assuredly one will) he will find no fertile soil in which to plant his seeds.

2.

There must be a total disarming of all German military forces.

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This disarmament program must, of course, be accompanied by the confiscation and removal from German soil of all military stores and equipment. The German police force must be disarmed and reorganized into unarmed auxiliaries, acting under supervision of an international policing body.

German military archives must be deposited with an Allied nation.

3.

There must be an exaction of indemnities from Germany.

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HOWEVER—though such indemnities may be calculated in terms of monetary amounts, they must not be so exacted. In practise, all indemnities must be exacted from Germany in terms of labor and supplies of materials which shall be provided the Allies by all German industrial and public utility plants, for the rebuilding of cities ruined by Germany in the Allied countries.

Such a program shall be managed and controlled by an international Industrial and Utilities Commission.

4.

An Allied Labor Council must be appointed

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This Labor Council shall have as its primary purpose the formulation of a building works program in Germany for the reallocation of returning German soldiers who must not be allowed to remain idle.

This Labor Council shall also replace all German workers in key German heavy industries and utilities by trained workers selected from among those of the Allied nations.

5.

The center of German government must be removed from Prussia.

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The center of German government must be removed from Berlin to some other German city—preferably to one adjacent to the borders of an Allied State.

All government buildings in Berlin, after their probable occupation as living quarters by Allied Commissions, must be converted into apartment dwellings by and for the use of Germans.

No vestige of political or military power must be left in or permitted to emanate from Prussia.

As a double safeguard, it might be found advisable to convert Prussia from an industrial area to one completely agricultural.

6.

**German currency must be revaluated
and stabilized.**

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All units of the German monetary system (marks and pfenigs) should be changed to those in use in America.

(It would be better too, were the American monetary system adopted by all nations as an international currency.)

7.

Establishment of a temporary supervision of the German Press and Radio by an Allied Commission.

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This Commission shall be instrumental in having adopted in Germany an eventual free and democratic system of press and radio. In the interim (Immediate post-war period) and over a predetermined period, it shall cause to have these instruments used as mouthpieces to instruct the German people in democratic principles and ideals by regular programs of education.

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An Economic Council for Germany must be appointed by the Allies.

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This Council shall be instrumental in the control, over a post-war period, of all German imports and exports in order that the latter shall strike an economic balance harmonious to those of the Allied Nations, and to the benefit of all other countries in the world.

(Prevention of any German economic monopolies.)

Public punishment of all Nazi officials.



Punishment for crimes committed, and not severe ethical abjurations, is the basis of all civil law. This same principal must be made operative against those formulating and executing national plans of aggression against a civilized world. Because this has never been done, because would-be world conquerors and aggressors have never been so punished, they have always been spawned. They wax and grow in blood baths. They have had much to gain; little or nothing, personally, to lose. It becomes imperative therefore that when this war is over, a precedent be set as an example for future generations, one which will pronounce for all times, the personal fate which shall be meted national egomaniacs.

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**All territory seized by Germany shall
be returned.**