

Terms Given To Germany Not Too Harsh, To Keep Her In Peace

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He is looked upon simply as the symbol and the lever by which the German high command brought this war into being, to avenge the defeat of 1918, complete the conquest of France that 1870 failed to do; in short, to launch another try at world domination.

Even before Hitler gave the order for the September 1, 1939, attack upon Poland which precipitated the present conflict, the German War College in Unter den Linden in Berlin had drafted complete plans for the steps to be taken in event of defeat.

These included revival of the myth that disaster came not because of military inefficiency but solely because of conditions at home, the same trick that worked so well after the last war; a long period of secret rearmament while the world was lulled into belief that this time Germany was a reformed character.

Germany's Military System
 All of this implied the necessary

maintenance of the German officers' staff corps as an undamaged entity. The German military system is founded upon the conviction that if disciplined, schooled and capable officers are at hand, an army can be created out of the reservoir of man-power inherent in any population, either victorious or in defeat.

Against this thesis Soviet Russia, whose war losses in military and civilian man-power already exceed 12,000,000 men, women and children, has an eloquent and grimly realistic argument.

It is simply the wholesale execution of the entire Prussian staff corps—the elimination of Germany's chief means of waging war by a blood purge intended to encompass every last ranking officer in the army.

The terrific upsurge of Russian military and diplomatic might which followed the long series of Soviet successes beginning with defeat of the German Sixth Army at

Stalingrad will make this extreme and gruesome solution of the problem a difficult one to wave aside.

Together with the mass executions, the Russians have a corollary proposal, namely that the German army itself not only be disarmed but put to work for years to come in rebuilding the Europe that has been shattered by Nazi aggression.

Both these suggestions—and they may prove to be more than mere proposals when Premier Marshal Josef Stalin and his victorious army leaders sit at the council table—presumably would strip Germany of any war-making ability for generations to come.

But by the same token, they would infuse the German people themselves with the one evil virus the democratic world is attempting to outlaw—revenge, the brutal, compelling cause of most of history's wars.

In accordance with plans already drawn up by the European advisory council, Germany is to be split indefinitely into three separate areas, one patrolled and ruled by Americans, one by British and one by the Russians, with central headquarters in Berlin under command and supervision of Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower.

For obvious reasons, the Poles, the Czechs, the Norwegians, Dutch, Belgians and French will be assign-

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With The Americal Infantry Division Somewhere in the Southwest Pacific—Pfc. Marshall S. Cole, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph S. Cole, Canton, and a graduate of Canton high school, is now serving as a rifleman and first scout with a veteran infantry regiment, and is learning all the tricks on jungle warfare.

Before his induction, he was employed at the American Enka Corporation, as a second class machinist operator. After putting on the army uniform, he was sent to Camp Home, Texas, for basic training. He has been overseas six months, and has been in New Caledonia and Guadalcanal besides his present station.

After the daily routine, Pfc. Cole returns to his roomy tent, and relaxes by playing cards or writing letters. His uncle is also serving in the Pacific as a radio operator in the Army Air Corps.

ed to their own homelands only, for the post-war military administration of Europe is determined to do all in its power to prevent the new blood-bath that the Germans have so well earned by their sadistic cruelty and sanguinary insults to the rights of man.

First Tasks Clear Cut
 The Americans, British and Russians, representing occupational troops carefully chosen as upstanding examples of the democratic system who it is hoped by their own personalities and behavior may go far in undoing the mis-education of the Nazi leader system, will have certain well defined tasks.

The task will be to restore and maintain order, track down the criminal elements responsible for the war, distribute food and medicine to the needy and prove to Europe that they have come less as conquerors than as liberators.

Second task will be to establish within the shortest possible space of time a free and independent government in Austria, for complete rehabilitation of Hitler's native country was the principal item on the agenda at Teheran.

Third task will be to enforce the stipulations of peace to be imposed upon Germany in her unconditional surrender.

Penalties Germany Fears
 These are certain to be widespread and manifold. According to information which appears to be reliable, here are the main tributes that Germany will have to pay for her willingness to follow Hitler and the staff college into war:

1—Reparations for all damage done by bombing, shelling and pillage, on a scale within the nation's ability to pay but large enough to discourage future aggression.

2—Return to France of Alsace and Lorraine and to Belgium of Eupen and Malmedy.

3—Complete demilitarization, with Allied supervisory councils in control of all German heavy industry and aircraft manufacture for an indeterminate, perhaps permanent period, to insure that neither again are diverted to preparation for war.

4—Establishment of new boundaries without too much regard for the "theological" questions which Hitler invoked in the Sudetenland and Austria.

Most of East Prussia probably will go to Poland as recompense for her losses and those of the population who are "real Germans" will be shifted to the west.

5—Destruction of Nazism, from the first rude manuscript of Mein Kampf written by Rudolph Hess at Hitler's dictation down to the last brown uniform in the closets of headquarters in Munich.

The terms are not too harsh. They will give Germany a chance to live again in peace and harmony with her neighbors. But it will also be the last chance.

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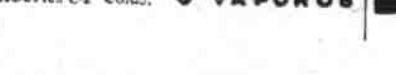
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