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Villard, Oswald Garrison, 1933.

November 29, 1933.

PERSONAL

Mr. Oswald Garrison Villard,
20 Vesey Street,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Villard:

Let me congratulate you on your splendid
article in last week's Nation on the Hitler psychology.

Some member of the staff might be interested
in looking into the pro-Hitler activities of Dr. Karl
F. Geiser, of the department of Political Science of
Oberlin College. Dr. Geiser has been carrying on a
persistent Nazi propaganda throughout the Middlewest,
both from the platform and in the press. Just now
he is syndicating a series of weekly articles through
the German and foreign press in the vein of "glory,
glory, Hallelujah to Hitler and the "new Germany."
In one of his articles published in the Cleveland
Waechter and Anzeiger on November 18, 1933, he
criticizes the American press for their failure to
understand the great salvation which Hitler has
brought to Germany, mentions the New Republic and the Nation
"though the last two mentioned in so far as they
represent American opinion, might to all intents and
purposes as well be published in Moscow."

This gentleman is exploiting his position
at Oberlin College for his propaganda purposes and
should be exposed.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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Oswald Garrison Villard
No. 20 Vesey Street
New York

December 6, 1933

My dear Rabbi Silver:

Many thanks for your kind note. Geiser has been a warm friend of mine, and I have frequently stayed in his home. In fact, I broke bread with him only a few weeks ago. But this Hitler insanity has affected him as it has so many others, and there seems to be no hope of eradicating it. It will have to wear out, I think. You would be surprised and horrified by the number of people who have been affected by it here in the East, people you would never dream capable of falling for such abominable doctrines. It is enough to make one despair!

Cordially yours,



Oswald Garrison Villard

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