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The last testament of Adolph Hitler and Dr. Robert Ley, 1946.











He appoints a new govt. - composed, men whom he could trust to carry on the war. (3)

It was <sup>evidently</sup> all Tentamen's last chance among the Aryan military leadership which H. headed. Success attempts had been made on his life. - on July 20-1944 crushed - ~~128~~ 128/1000000 + 7.

And so in his last Test. he expelled his fat Reich Marshal Hermann Goering from the party. - and also that ~~old~~ Cold-blooded murderer Heinrich Himmler. He wrote the Testament - They were disgraceful to him - and they lost irreparable shame on the country & the whole nation by secretly negotiating with the enemy, and by illegally attempting to seize control, the state.

The new govt. was to carry on. "The surrender, a defeat or a town is not the purpose". The people should not give up the struggle under any circumstances but carry it on wherever they may be against the enemies, the Fatherland." - unleashes bloodshed

A <sup>leader</sup> General who knows that the war is lost - & nevertheless orders his soldiers to fight, is a criminal - an enemy of his country.

H. hated the Ger. people. He betrayed his love for them. He was contemptuous of them. He was spiteful, the masses as dunder heads. He was in love with power. He wanted to rule. He loved war for its own sake. Fighting was an end in itself.



4) That the war which he unleashed had primary work -  
lost death & calamity upon the Jew. people - & confusion  
was yet to come - So thank him not at all,  
That Jew. has been defeated - utterly & decisively  
calls for no comment from him as he is able  
to die. He dies with no regrets. Rather -

"I die with a joyful heart in my knowledge, the immeasurable  
deeds and achievements of our soldiers at the front,  
of our women at home, the achievement of our parents  
and workers and of a civilization unique in history, of  
our youth that bears my name."

He thanks them from the bottom of his heart - as tho  
they had put on <sup>some</sup> ~~an~~ fine theatrical show in his honor  
and for his gratification. He takes a bow - even tho  
the show is over for him - urges them to keep on  
fighting & dying - and leave the ~~world~~ Jewish people  
to their ruin - their prayers - their hunger - their  
inevitable calamities which defeat would heap upon  
them.

5) Saviors - Philistines!

6) Of course he repeats again - Man, Peace! "It is  
best to have that he or anybody else in Germany wanted  
war in 1939!"  
Of course not! He only wanted the things which  
only we could get! What he wanted he made



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states men who either Jewish origin or who worked  
for J. interests who wanted to provoked war in '39!

- Even on the threshold, death - the sentence. Right for ignoring  
a deliberately prefiguring known fate does not desert them.

partly in this manner 1775-1800

- He did not <sup>want</sup> pick any war with England and America.  
of course not! all he wanted was his own way <sup>British</sup> <sup>high</sup>  
in Europe & then in the world! <sup>Eng. part as France</sup> <sup>with</sup> <sup>France</sup> <sup>France</sup>

He was a French under-age person

- When his propaganda failed - When Eng. & France declared war on Germany - after he invaded Poland - he pushed it at the world - could not understand it - Blamed it on some black conspirators - haunted for time



childhood — the Jesus!

November 1918 — planned 6  
war.

7/ Nothing in Testament — ~~Emp. Emperors~~ — Russia Communism —

"thus the fact, the conclusion of a treaty with Russia  
subdues the declaration, the next war. Its outcome  
would be the end of Germany."

And yet made such a treaty! — Scound would have!

Then broke it and invaded Russia.

No more warning to world of danger of Communism!

8/ So danger — Germany!

"Centuries will go by, but from the ruins of our towns and  
monuments the hatred of those ultimately responsible will  
always grow anew. They are the people whom we have  
to thank for all this: international Jewry & its helpers!

① Be greater this legacy, I hate.

② May be so. Jew hatred has deep roots in German soil.

③ He might have told them: See what I have done for

you! It will do this for you now & again!

— His only Victory!

9/ He prides himself on the slaying of the 6 M. (Jesus)  
But! almost all by superior the Govt. the nation & the people to uphold the  
racial laws & to resist mercilessly the poisonous race war — inter-Jews!

10/ And so he died — unrepentant — unfettered — with his  
maniac obsessions.

Rebirth of Nazism — reestablishment of a truly United Nation



11/ Dr. Robert Ley - His labor minister - address to Germ.  
people before he committed suicide warning that  
committed suicide Oct. 25 - Had same 5 mos. time to  
think over causes Nazi collapse & implications  
- "The German race has higher goals than all others"  
Devotes entire Testament to same theme - Autobiography  
- The main piece of ideology for how corruption & effort.  
Many actually believed it!

(1) His conclusions are the very reverse!  
- If Ger. is over to be saved she must abjure Ant.  
- "The whole existence of our people is in question" unless An.  
is abolished.

~~Am. J. C.~~ The Nazis themselves - and their followers - must tell the  
German youth that An. was a mistake.  
(Jews)

12/ Nothing here about 6 M. - No repentance.  
Only Germany - ~~Jews~~ Invite Jews back to help rebuild  
Germany -

13/ Warning - Idea, the Temple!  
① State ② Föhrer ③ Race ④ War.

Hitler is dead! But his legacy of Hate?



...tory has at last been answered. Now the time has come to strive with equal vigor for an enduring and abounding peace. That we may achieve such a peace is my wish for 1946.

—ARNOLD REUBEN

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A native of Rushville, Ind., General Brann had become deputy commander only on Oct. 29. His decorations included the Distinguished Service Medal, awarded for his work in supervising the planning of the Allies' landings at Salerno.

His widow, the former Dorothy Elizabeth Teel of Clarkesville, Tex., and a daughter, Mrs. D. E.

...again to be ...  
pawns in a game played by the international conspiracy of money and finance, they, the Jews, the race that is the real guilty party in this murderous struggle, would be saddled with the responsibility for it.

I left no one in doubt that this time not only would millions of children of European Aryan races starve, not only would millions of grown men meet their death and not only would hundreds of thousands of women and children be burned and bombed to death in cities, but this time the real culprits would have to pay for their guilt even though by more humane means than war.

### Refuses to Be Captured

After six years of war, which, in spite of all setbacks, will one day go down in history as the most glorious and heroic manifestation of the struggle for existence of a nation, I cannot forsake the city that is the capital of this



## GERMAN WORKERS FOR SECRET VOTING

Readily Accept Allies' Plan  
to Organize—Soviet Picked  
Leader Idea Opposed

By **RAYMOND DANIELL**

By Wireless to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

BERLIN, Oct. 25 (Delayed)—

German labor has been quick to take advantage of the permission to organize and hold shop elections in the United States zone of occupation, Brig. Gen. Frank J. McSherry, director of the Manpower Division of the Office of Military Government in Germany, said today.

More than in any other class he said, there is evidence among the workers of an appreciation of the nation's collective guilt for the war and an understanding of the fundamental principles of democracy.

The interesting thing about the trend of worker organization in the American zone, he said, is the almost complete lack of organization on craft lines. The movement is more than a tendency to organize along the vertical lines of Congress of Industrial Organization's unions, General McSherry said, asserting that the workers were impressed with the necessity of solidarity.

It is too soon yet to say that out of the present activities a new German labor movement is being born in the political sense, but the general indicated that in his view it would be only natural, in the localities where the workers' organizations controlled the balance of electoral power, for them to go directly into politics.

### Hope Seen in Labor Groups

The general added that if there were any chance of transforming the present-day Germany into a peace-loving democratic state, as envisaged at the Potsdam meeting, it would lay with the workers and the organizations being built now.

This insistence by American and British occupation authorities that labor organize from the bottom up and that leaders be chosen by secret ballot with as broad a base of voters as possible has brought the Anglo-Americans into a collision with the Russian views on the subject in Berlin. Here the Kommandatura has been unable to agree upon a formula whereby the workers could choose their

## Text of the Testament by Ley

NUREMBERG, Germany, Oct. 26 (AP)—The text of Robert Ley's political testament, "To My German People," follows:

Do I have a right to appeal to the German people after its singular catastrophe? I have been one of the responsible men, I was with Hitler in the good days, during the fulfillment of our plans and hopes and I want to be with him now in the black days.

I have learned to see in everything the hand of Providence. God led me in whatever I did. He led me up and now lets me fall. I am torturing myself to find the reason for the downfall, and this is the result of my contemplations.

We have forsaken God, and therefore we were forsaken by God. We put our human volition in the place of His godly grace. In anti-Semitism we violated a basic commandment of His creation.

Anti-Semitism distorted our outlook, and we made grave errors. It is hard to admit mistakes, but the whole existence of our people is in question; we Nazis must have the courage to rid ourselves of anti-Semitism. We have to declare to the youth that it was a mistake.

The youth will not believe our opponents. Men may fall, parties and systems disappear, but the people must remain and live.

### Calls for New Doctrine

In order to succeed we have to go all the way to tolerate the new. This is not enough. We have to eradicate distrust. We have to meet the Jews with open hearts and on a clear basis. We have to clean up our mutual relationship.

A complete reconciliation has to be found, and a new *modus vivendi*. This doctrinal clarification has the priority over any economic or cultural reconstruction. We have to have the courage to do this.

For the lack of any other ideal, youth will stick to National Socialism. The deported Jews will not be able to return carefree, they will find themselves opposed by a phalanx of defense and hate, the occupation troops will leave some day, new political constellations might give Germany new chances. Nothing is more unstable than peace agreements. Then anti-Semitism would flame up

anew and rage much worse than ever before.

It is unwise to believe it possible to exterminate anti-Semitism with histrionic trials, no difference how skillfully they are conducted. On the contrary, one will achieve the opposite, one will steer world opinion to a problem that can only maintain itself in dark, unless one has courage to solve the Jewish problem by public discussions and enlightenment. One cannot stop the excited sea at once, but has to let her calm down gradually. Otherwise terrible repercussions will result.

### Urges Accord with Jewry

German anti-Semites have taken the first step. They have to take the second step, too. Jewry has to reconcile herself with Germany and vice versa, for the sake of world peace and of world welfare. Not an armistice, but a peace built on logic, knowledge, clear rights and obligations is necessary. The Jew should make a friend out of Germany and Germany a friend out of the Jew. If humanity is not able to control again the stirred-up emotions, she will perish through them.

The emotions have to be subdued at the starting point, from Germany. They have to be calmed down. Here the outspoken anti-Semites have to become the first fighters for the new and yet so close idea. They have to find the courage to conquer themselves, they have to show their people the way. God has taught me that in my cell in Nuremberg, and now my plan:

(A) First, the creation of a board of Jews and anti-Semites, honestly prepared to travel this road and to find the conditions under which Jews and Germans can live together.

(B) An executive committee, again Jews and Germans together, to execute the agreed-upon arrangements.

(C) An organization for re-education and propaganda to disseminate these ideas down to the smallest village.

### Admits He made Mistake

For the moment I have no more to say. Otherwise my plan will become obscure. Doubtless there is still plenty to be talked over.

German people: Many of you might think me mad or a traitor. They do not realize that I am not admitting a mistake, but that I

am merely coming to a logical conclusion. They cannot perceive that one must have been an anti-Semitic to come to this further step of knowledge. This is why only you, my German people, may dare to invite the Jews to make their future home with you. Is it not strange that nearly all Jews all over the world understand German? Hate and love lie close together.

Who will help you rebuild, my German people? It is a question of confidence. The prerequisite is and remains the solution to the Jewish problem in Germany. German people: Be a good family father, make an honest balance. You have been totally defeated, yet you possess a marvelous logic, idea, and are a great people. God shows you the way. Learn from your downfall. Reconcile yourself with the Jew. Invite him to make his home with you.

Is the Jew prepared to go along? If he is intelligent—yes. If not, then I cannot change that. At least I have done my duty by showing humanity the road. God showed me. If the Jews refuse my plan, then the depicted world catastrophe will take its inevitable course.

### Puts His Faith in God

Should Germany solve the Jewish problem, and grow healthy through it, the whole world would benefit from it. This most burning problem of the whole world would be solved once and for all. Zionism in its present form is not a permanent solution. Germany is ripe to solve the Jewish problem.

I know my plan is bold, almost audacious. If one should ask me what the Fuehrer would have said, my answer would be: "This singular genius, a commander in chief like Hannibal, would not want Germany to perish as Carthage perished."

All I can say is that I dared it, I put it now into the hands of God, from Whom I believe I have received the inspiration and revelation.

Only a few weeks ago, I did not dare to touch the subject of anti-Semitism. Today, it is entirely clear to me. I am possessed with this idea, now God has to help me to bring my thoughts to the appropriate place. I have confidence in Him. He will find the right way.

Signed: Dr. R. Ley.

LEY TESTAMENT  
CONCEDES ERROR

Rundstedt and Kesselring Will Be Tried  
On War Charges After Nuremberg Hearings