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Our common heritage and common task, 1945.

1/ We meet on a great day - one of the
greatest in hist. of world -

And if this gathering - meeting of men
in comradeship - is symptomatic of
new day - every reason to be both
happy and richly hopeful.

* - This is the thing we have been fighting

- This is the thing - Nazis - forever impossible

- This is the thing which are ^{last} scales -
the refos. / ^{linked} that at S. R. - are
striving to build ~~into~~ a permanent
world order.

- This is what Psalmist: "Behold, King of

2/ This is a Day of Victory - Not just another
Victory in another war!

V. over a vicious, brutal & insensate foe
- determined to destroy the whole ethical
and sp. heritage of mankind.

Out of its horrible prison camps -
flows "crocodyl maxima" - of the might
all the vicars.

denied - contained - completely rejected (4)

(1) They themselves were the Gods!

(2) No law above their law - only will;

Führer - God - absolute - supreme

(3) Individual counted for nothing
No inalienable rights. State

In our tradition: God wants man to
"be free!"

Resistance to tyrants is obedience to God"

— אין אלוהים —

Not so in the anti-democratic, anti-Semitic

State of Nazi Germany.

(4) No brotherhood of man! Into the Cannery!

Tularemia - Racism -

A biological war machine, which forbids
the exploitation - extermination -
and "Bhennau" - wild domination

(5) And war - glorious ideals - the
taught - inculcated - youth

4a) S. P. Primitivism + Sc. Modernism
all-out -

5). Thank God - that this dangerous and all but successful attack upon Western Liberal Civilization and its ethical foundation has finally collapsed -

Its ~~chief~~ ^{chief} ~~proponents~~ ^{proponents} are dead - slain a suicide,
and its vaunted pride his honed valks
the smoking ruins of its cities
And its "in over" assumes - as works
into unconventional miracles. -
(Justly Isaiah)
- Our Common & Sacred Heritage has
not been destroyed!

- The Bible - and not "Mim Kauf" - will
remain the faithful friend & keeper of
Mankind!

- Rejoicing and also for those that!
(Another Chance)

- That for to - us - men!

- The fact that our Civilization did
not come so close to
disaster - that it was possible -

- Look into our hands - look to our
homes - schools - churches - wherein
lies the instability - insecurity

1) ~~Great Day - History - of this gathering~~ 4
~~This is the Thing - fighting for - Nazis - impossible~~
~~Vester Scale - S. Have. - Proletariat - 2/C. 27~~

^{A happy eye}
2) A day of victory - not just another - another War
V. over a Vicious - determined - Ethical - the top

Out of its Horrible Prison Camps -

These Fiendish deeds - inexplicable only -
essential bestial - immovable - Anti-Human
Contempt for ethics & ideals / Abysmal

What they proclaimed - pseudo-phil. Rights
morals of ruthless men

3) They were out to destroy not a country -
Conquest - A Civilization - Our - culture

You and I may differ -

But Fundamentally, we are a Common Heritage

① God ② Law ③ Love ④ Brotherhood ⑤ Peace

Our Ideals - but always True - but perfect

We do not deny them - Scuff -

Teach them - approach - Challenged
eternal rightness - chastened

4) But they who came very near to
winning - impose 1000 yrs.

These fiendish deeds - murders & more - (2)
are inexplicable only - if one - their
essentially bestial & inhuman conception
of life - their utterly shameful &
loudly proclaimed inimicalism - anti-
humanitarianism - anti-intellectualism,
their contempt for the ethics and ideals
of religion.

- What they proclaimed on the Berlin
platform in pseudo-phil. terms -
rights, the shog - the superior race -
and the supreme law of the state & the Führer
they practiced with whip and unbridled
of torture upon the broken bodies, men,
women & children in Buchenwald &
Treblinka - 100 other - torture chambers.

3/ Nazis - Fascists set out to destroy
not a country - a continent but
a civilization - our civilization -
Judeo-Christian and - which centuries
past & I may differ - as to certain
degrees of force, & thereby -

Certain emphasis on this on that (3)
ethical concept -

But fundamentally ours is a Canaan
sp. here to go

We believe in God.

We acknowledge supremacy of moral law

We hold sacred & inviolable the life of
the individual.

We reach out for a society - in which
all men will be brothers

and a world-order of conv. Peace

This are our ideals! We ~~are~~ ^{are} not always
true to them. We are not perfect!

But we do not deny them! - a scuff
& divide them!

We reach them! ^{to our children} We try to approximate
them. We are challenged by them, and

even, when we fail to practice them fully,
we recognize their eternal rights
and are chastened ~~by~~ ^{by} our inadequacy

esp. But they who came fully man to
winning this war - impose 1000 yr -

What can we do - avert - future (64)
- Security Order - aggressors

6. Days ahead - traumatising . Millennium . S.F.

Hard, turbulent, dangerous era of Perestroika.

Era of Perestroika an dangerous era.

Perils, hopes & fears run high.

There will be great sp. strains in our
country after this war.

Demagogues & pol. adventurers will hope
to feed in the very fluidity of the
social forces their great opportunity

"Euro-market" Far East & Nazi doctors will of
course be deranged

Will not preclude same attracts under
other guises - other catch-words.

History & intelligence record their
uply heads after last war.

Hate-movements spring up in our land
like mushroom

They may again, after this war!

There may set in a period of depression
unemployment - Scale 1000 -

Some people already have their well- (5)
tethered in their backyards!

7/ Our Common Task will be to ^{here} copy and
an Common Task in Per- son has.
To build dykes - against such floods of hate
as may arise -
Intvl. threatens all Jews - not only Jews
Hitler - shambles

8/ When we have problem - let us try to
solve them together
Seek no scapegoat - Tertulhan (Just)
We have self-pat. 17th centuries and
for a century & a half - able to solve
without seeking on deus - way & life

9/ Guard ourselves - children - Vorden Tarsus
Propaganda & Hate - Nazi Speeches
The Whispering Chameleons - & Hate!
Compound ingredients - drunk - inflamed
Danger to-day not distant - Germany
Mind & Man not Union found misunderstood

Those who bring to you talk, Hate - are @
Your enemies - not merely -
They are, the Nazi brood of enemies, ~~hating~~

10/ Don't judge men collectively! ^{proof -?} ^{truth -?}
Treat your fellow-citizen as an indiv.
His worth character - merit.
Democ. deserved the ind. human being
all other mass-judgments are pre-donor,
pseudal + mischievous.
Casualty lists! Minority groups! Regretted

11/ We all have memories - bitter - caustic
defiant of superior & disobedient
Prono to misinterpret - distort detest

12/ Let's compete only in helping each other.
Let's seek + find more sure opportunities
for contact - for discussion / concern
problems - areas of freedom.

This is the American Way!

"Playt camaraderie, that is, lies along
the ridges of America."
- King, I think under

Tertullian - Chr. minority in ancient Rome -

"If the Tiber rose to the walls, the city,
if the inundation, the tide failed to fill
the fields enough water — if the
heavens did not send rain — if an
earthquake occurred — if famine
threatened, if pestilence reigned, the
cry resounded: " Throw the Christians
to the lions!"



The ~~mere~~ fact, however, that racism has no foundation in science or logic, ~~does~~
of course dispose of it by any means
does not ~~dispose~~ of it by any means. It does not follow that because a thing
is not so, it cannot and does not exercise a profound influence on human life.
Witchcraft, magic, astrology and many other persistent forms of human superstitions affected the social and intellectual life of man far more seriously than some truly scientific doctrines. It is no exaggeration to say that the non-existent but quite lively and omnipresent Devil exercised a far greater influence on the lives of common folk through the ages than Plato or Moses.