

HITLER

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" 'Ich habe kein territorial verlangen in Europa zu machen," shouted Adolf Hitler at the top of his rasping voice on May 21, 1935: thus, after subduing and enslaving the German people, der Führer shouts, that the world may hear, "I have no territorial demands to make in Europe."¹ A war weary, luxury mad world listened, and believed; a world that had never heard of "Mein Kampf"; a world that sought peace by being unprepared for war. But in the mind of the funny little man with the black mustache, dreams of world conquest were ever dominant: no sacrifice too great, no hardship unbearable for the future rulers of the world.²

And so in a few short years, Hitler has become master of the continent; like a black plague he has swept thru Europe changing intelligent, peace loving peoples into starving slaves. It is said that he is a supernatural being who has but to wave a wand to have what he wishes, or that he is a super-intellect who can conceive of plans beyond other men's minds, but in reality he is but a cheap politician having at his disposal the greatest industrial machine in the world for producing war.³

1 Hitler's Reichstag speech--May 21, 1935

2 Hitler, Adolf, Mein Kampf

3 Valtin, Jan, Out of the Night

Every politician and would-be conquerer has a crisis, a time at which he must "roll his dice" with fate, and become great, or sink into oblivion. Der Führer's crisis occurred on March 10, 1936 along the Rhine River, where he had massed 200,000 men in preparation for occupation of the demilitarized zone. The French knew of his plan and had a more formidable force opposing; the French were waiting, not acting. High German Army Officers disapproved of Hitler's plan, but believing it would fail and thus rid their country of a tyrant, they agreed to march. At dawn on that fatal morning, Nazi hordes moved in, with these ironic marching orders, "Do not fire your guns; if fired upon, retreat."⁴ The poor sleeping Frenchman, had he but nipped this conquerer in the bud, liberté, égalité, fraternité would still reign in Europe today. The acquiescence of the French at this early date, when they could have beaten Germany, forecast their ultimate defeat; it was Hitler's test, and he passed one hundred percent.

With Hitler's promises of peace ever ringing in the ears of the world, Austria and Czechoslovakia were snuffed out of existence by a group of cowardly fools, afraid to face the facts. Then came Poland, whose invasion provoked the

4 Shirer, William L., Berlin Diary, New York Alfred A. Knopf, 1941

declaration of war on Germany by France and Britain. The chain of events that followed the actual beginning of hostilities is both terrifying and enlightening; it shows that although Hitler got his power by mere bluff, he intended to keep it by the tremendous force of the German Army and, more important, the industrial machine behind it. Though given numerous breathing spells, the world failed to prepare, living in a fool's paradise, a world of washing machines, refrigerators, and high-powered automobiles; opposing a Germany of machine guns, dive-bombers, and tanks.

Today, we in America are increasingly aware of the dangers that encircle our country; we know that the time for talk is over; we cannot oppose the Nazi forces with our antiquated defense system and our antiquated methods of war production. The time has come when we must release ourselves from the chains of selfishness and false security; we are POTENTIALLY the most powerful nation in the world; our President has given the watchword, "FULL SPEED AHEAD."

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