

LESSON: American Responses to the Holocaust

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"Show window of Adolf Hitler's Nazi Germany today is its capital city, Berlin.

Here the casual visitor may be surprised by the air of prosperity, the well-dressed crowds, and by the abundance of rich foods served in its cafes and terraces.

Only those who get behind the scenes know that this outward cheerfulness is the creation of Adolf Hitler's fanatic little propaganda minister, Paul Joseph Goebbels.

In the most concentrated propaganda campaign the world has ever known, Minister Goebbels has in five years of Nazi rule whipped 65 million people into a nation with one mind, one will, and one objective: expansion.

Still going on as pitilessly, as brutally, as it did five years ago, is Goebbels' persecution of the Jews.

Sign posts at city limits bear the legends, "Jews not wanted. Jews keep out."

But of the fascist nations in Europe today, Germany emerges as the supreme example. Democracy is destroyed.

The dictator is a demi-god who can do no wrong.

Propaganda dominates the nation's mind.

Nazi Germany faces her destiny with one of the great war machines in history.

And the inevitable destiny of the great war machines of the past has been to destroy the peace of the world, its people, and the governments of their time.

Time marches on."

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