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Dear Friend:

We can now hope that the Nazi armies will, in a short time, be liquidated. But, we know that even when the armed forces have completed their job, we at home cannot neglect for a moment the constructive task -- the building of an effective peace.

The American Association for a Democratic Germany is engaged in a campaign to counter the rising tide of absolute vindictiveness which threatens the creative character of our peace settlement.

Our primary interest is not Germany, but world peace. We believe it is possible to demonstrate to the American people that there are healthful and democratic forces in Germany which ought to be encouraged now and supported when Nazism is defeated. We believe that Germany's behaviour and Germany's relation to her neighbors will depend on whether Germans themselves are able to create a sound democratic life. We do not believe that suppression on any scale can solve either the German or the international problem. It is idle to fear that the German people may escape unpunished. United Nations armies, converging from the East and from the West, to meet on German territory and the vengeance of Hitler's victims in the liberated countries and at home will obviate that danger.

At this time when the necessity for clear vision and dispassionate thinking is so urgent, the horrors of current warfare tend, more than ever, to confuse the issues. Because I believe that you are especially alive to this danger, I ask your help.

We need funds to get out educational material at once. We must have money in order to send direct aid to groups of democratic Germans as we are able to contact them. Please send us your contribution today. Make your check payable to Dean Christian Gauss.

Sincerely yours,

Reinhold Niebuhr
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We Support

groups of tried and proven democratic Germans, now underground in Germany and in exile. We believe that in the formulation of United Nations' policy towards Germany such groups should be heard. They are our best informants about democratic possibilities in Germany, our best advisors on methods of re-education and on economic reforms and rehabilitation. Their aid should be sought in determining which Germans are to be trusted in reconstructing a democratic Germany.

We Sponsor

THE COUNCIL FOR A DEMOCRATIC GERMANY

because it is composed of Germans now in America whose past records of opposition to Hitler entitle them to speak for their anti-Nazi colleagues now in Germany, and who, because they include persons affiliated with all the major non-Nazi and non-nationalist political movements in Germany can represent the diverse aspects of a potential democratic Germany better than any other group.

The Organizing Committee of the Council is composed of former Reichstag members and officials of the Weimar Republic, from the Social Democratic and Catholic Center parties, clergymen, trade union leaders, prominent scholars and writers. It is headed by Professor Paul Tillich of Union Theological Seminary. It is not a government in exile. It is affiliated with no "free Germany" committee in any other country. It endeavors to represent the spirit and the interests of the future democratic Germany.

Our Work

The distribution of factual and interpretive material on current developments in Germany, based on careful research and consultation with persons thoroughly familiar with Germany history and present-day conditions in Germany.

The mobilization of support for genuinely democratic German groups and movements, both in the United States and abroad; the rendering, wherever possible, of direct aid to those groups.

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A POSITIVE PROGRAM FOR GERMANY AFTER HITLER

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HOW TO DEAL WITH POSTWAR GERMANY

To Eradicate

ruthlessly and for all time, the forces that have brutalized Germany:

The Nazi Leaders, the Nazi Party, and their elite troops of gangsters, Hitler's black-shirted S. S., Europe's hangmen and torturers, murderers of Jews; the Gestapo, who, after years of terrorizing and killing democrats, trade unionists, religious groups and other opponents of Nazism within Germany, spread their poisonous net over all Europe.

The Military Caste, who (with international encouragement) carried on underground after the last war, and saw in the fanatic ex-corporal their one chance to rebuild a gigantic army and navy. Though repeatedly humiliated by Hitler, they conducted his war and did his bloody work.

The Junker Landowners, relics of a feudal age, who remained privileged even after the Kaiser was dethroned, and readily transferred their loyalty to Hitler who guaranteed their rights to continue exploiting an impoverished peasantry.

The Monopolists, captains of heavy industry who, when their privileges were threatened by the rising strength of the democratic labor movement, sought out the rabble rouser Adolf Hitler. Freed of pressure from organized labor, they profited in the war boom and shared in the greatest booty of all time—the plunder of the industry of a continent.

Those Bureaucrats, Civil Servants and Teachers, who faithfully served the Nazis.

These are the criminals who must be removed. They must never regain political or economic power in Germany; or elsewhere.

To Foster

the development of genuine democracy in Germany.

Only if the common people of Germany get help in establishing democratic ways and educating their children to democratic living can Germany be a healthy, peaceful state, and can Europe and the world be safe.

Democracy is possible in Germany. For centuries there have been democratic movements in Germany, unable to take control while feudal Junkers and militarists clung to power. Once the vicious reactionary forces are eradicated, the democrats will have their first real chance. Never did the Nazis carry a majority vote in Germany. Before Hitler crushed them, Germany's great democratic trade unions included 9 million workers. A vestige of this movement has survived underground. Religious groups have resisted the Nazis. Students and other young people have rebelled against the regimentation and brutality of Nazi life.

Seek out the proven democrats. They will come from the concentration camps and prisons where Hitler has had to chain them. The ordinary people in the villages and in the factories will know who are the courageous ones who opposed the Nazi oppressors.

Democracy can be learned only through practice. As soon as reliable democrats and anti-Nazis are discovered, they must be entrusted with self-government and increasing authority. To guarantee that no fascists remain in power, and to thwart the Nazis in their attempt to build an underground, we must rely, not only on international democratic controls, but on the knowledge and experience of our German partners.

To Build

a European family of nations as a part of a world system, as soon as practicable. We know that an inescapable condition for the rehabilitation of Europe and the world is the evolution of a healthy democratic regime in Germany. We know that neither sentimentality nor vindictiveness will create the conditions for an abiding peace. We believe that Germany's power of destructiveness will be overcome by the reconstruction of her own political and economic life through democratic forces; and by fitting her into the framework and discipline of a community of nations.

Our task is to see that the real and reliable German democrats have a chance; that this time no substitutes, no new converts to democracy receive positions of authority or "represent" the people.

To police Germany for generations would burden the policing powers intolerably and would assure continual plotting from within for German liberation and vengeance. In the early postwar years a Germany completely disarmed, its cities and industries in ruins, will be helpless anyway.

Similarly, any plan to partition Germany will only provide nationalist fanatics with fertile soil in which to cultivate an irredentism that could again poison the world.

To expect world peace and decency while Central Europe remains a festering wound is to extend the fallacy of isolationism.

We plead for conditions conducive to an attainable German democracy, **not for Germany's sake, but for our own security.**

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