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January 19, 1940.

Re-Memo to Hull from FDR-Jan 19, 1940

Subject: Inhuman treatment of Professors of the Jagellonian University at Cracow and their appeal from Rome (Despatch No 39) for help. They are in concentration Camps.

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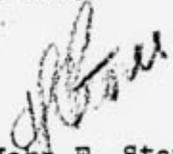
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October 24, 1941

Dear Miss Tully:

With reference to your conversation with Mr. Gray I attach five copies of Zurich's telegram No. 481 regarding the program of the National Reich's Church. A paraphrase was not necessary as the Gray code is not a confidential one.



John F. Stone

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October 25, 1941.

My dear Archbishop:-

I am enclosing what I spoke to you about the other day and I know that this is confirmatory of other information which has been received in other places.

With kindest regards,

Faithfully yours,

His Excellency  
Most Rev. Edward Mooney, D.D.,  
Archbishop of Detroit,  
1830 Wellesley Drive,  
Detroit, Michigan.

(Enclosure)

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October 25, 1941.

My dear Friend:-

I am enclosing what I spoke to you about the other day and I know that this is confirmatory of other information which has been received in other places.

It was grand to see you and do come down again soon (I mean after Monday).

Faithfully yours,

His Excellency  
Most Rev. Francis J. Spellman, D.D.,  
Archbishop of New York,  
452 Madison Avenue,  
New York, N. Y.

(Enclosure)



October 25, 1941.

Dear Myron:-

I attach, in great confidence, a copy of a translation of a dispatch received from a reliable source in Europe -- that is to say, a source which has hitherto proved remarkably reliable. I am withholding, of course, the name and address of the informant.

I think it would be an excellent idea to send this to His Holiness who already has certain specific information along similar lines.

As ever yours,

Honorable Myron C. Taylor,  
60 Broadway,  
New York City,  
New York.

(Enclosure)

C O P Y

This program emanates from the intimate circle of Alfred Rosenberg and I am informed that practically nothing is known of it abroad, it having arrived only a few days ago through trustworthy channels. The influence of Rosenberg is reported to be on the increase due to the turn of the Russian campaign.

The 30 points of the program follow:

First. The National Reich's Church of Germany (hereinafter called the N.R. and represented in this telegram by the symbol "N").

Categorically claims the exclusive right and the exclusive power to control all churches within the borders of the Reich; it declares these to be national churches

of the German Reich.

Second. The German people must not serve the N. The N is absolutely and exclusively in the service of but one doctrine: race and nation.

Third. The field of activity of the N will expand to the limits of Germany's territorial and colonial possessions.

Fourth. The N does not force any German to seek membership therein. The N will do everything within its power to secure the adherence of every German soul. Other churches or similar communities and unions particularly such as are under international control or management cannot and shall not be tolerated in Germany.

Fifth. The N is determined to exterminate irrevocably and by every means the strange and foreign christian faiths imported into Germany in the ill-omened year 800.

Sixth. The existing churches may not be architecturally altered, as they represent the property of the German nation, German culture and to a certain extent the historical development of the nation. As property of the German nation they are not only to be valued but to be preserved.

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Seventh. The N has no scribes, pastors, chaplains or priests but National Reich orators are to speak in them.

Eighth. The N services are held only in the evening and not in the morning. These services are to take place on Saturdays with solemn illumination.

Ninth. In the N German men and women, German youths and girls will acknowledge God and his eternal works.

Tenth. The N irrevocably strives for complete union with the state. It must obey the state as one of its servants. As such it demands that all landed possessions of all churches and religious denominations be handed over to the state. It forbids that in future churches should secure ownership of even the smallest piece of German soil or that such be ever given back to them. Not the churches conquer and cultivate land and soil but exclusively the German nation, the German state.

Eleventh. N orators may never be those who today emphasize with all tricks and cunning verbally and in writing the necessity of maintaining and teaching of christianity in Germany; they not only lie to themselves but also the German nation

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goaded by their love of the positions they hold and the sweet bread they eat.

Twelfth. N orators hold office, government officials under Civil Service rules.

Thirteenth. The N demands immediate cessation of the publishing and dissemination of the Bible in Germany as well as the publication of Sunday papers, pamphlets, publications and books of religious nature.

Fourteenth. The N has to take severe measures in order to prevent the Bible and other christian publications being imported into Germany.

Fifteenth. The N declares that to it, and therefore to the German nation, it has been decided Fuhrer's "Mein Kampf" is the greatest of all documents. It is conscious that this book contains not only the greatest, and that it embodies the purest and truest ethics for the present and future life of our nation.

Sixteenth. The N has made it its sacred duty to use all its energy to popularize the coeternal "Mein Kampf" and to let every German live and complete his life according to this book.

Seventeenth. The N demands that further editions of this book, whatever form they may take, be in

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content and pagination exactly similar to the present popular edition.

Eighteenth. The N will clear away from its altars all crucifix plural Bibles and pictures of Saints.

Nineteenth. On the altars there must be nothing but "Mein Kampf", to the German nation and therefore to God the most sacred book and to the left of the altar a sword.

Twentieth. The N speakers must during N services propound this book to the congregation to the best of their knowledge and ability.

Twenty-first. The N does not acknowledge forgiveness of sins. It represents the standpoint which it will always proclaim that a sin once committed will be ruthlessly punished by the honorable and indestructible laws of nature and punishment will follow during the sinner's lifetime.

Twenty-second. The N repudiates the christening of German children particularly the christening with water and the Holy Ghost.

Twenty-third. The parents of a child (or if a new born child) must only take the German oath before the altar which is worded as follows: The man:

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"In the name of God I take this Holy oath that I the father of this child, and my wife, are of proven Aryan descent. As a father I agree to bring up this child in the German spirit and as a member of the German race".

The woman: "In the name of God I take this Holy oath that I (name) bore my husband a child and that my husband is the father of this child and that I its mother am of proven Aryan descent. As a mother I swear to bring up this child in the German spirit and as a member of the German race". The German diploma can only be issued to newly born children on the strength of the German oath.

Twenty-fourth. The N abolishes confirmation and religious education as well as the communion the religious preparation for the communion. The educational institutions are and remain the family, the schools, the German youth, the Hitler youth, and the Union of German girls.

Twenty-fifth. In order that school graduation of our German youth be given an especially solemn character all N must put themselves at the disposal of German youth, the Hitler youth and the Union of German girls on the day of the state's youth which

will

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will be on the Friday before Easter. On this day the leaders of these organizations exclusively may speak.

Twenty-six. The marriage ceremony of German men and women will consist of taking an oath of faithfulness and placing the right hand on the sword. There will not be any unworthy kneeling in N ceremonies.

Twenty-seven. The N declares the tenth day before Whit Sunday to be the national holiday of the German family.

Twenty-eight. The N rejects the customary day of prayer and atonement. It demands that this be transferred to the holiday commemorating the laying of the foundation stone of the N.

Twenty-nine. The N will not tolerate the establishment of any new clerical religious insignia.

Thirty. On the day of its foundation the Christian cross must be removed from all churches, cathedrals and chapels within the Reich and its colonies and it must be superseded by the only unconquerable symbol of Germany the "Haken Kreuz".

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**FDR Asks  
Full Speed  
Ahead to  
Lick Hitler**

"Our Nation will and must speak from every assembly line . . . from every coal mine. . . . Output cannot be hampered by the selfish obstruction of a small but dangerous minority of industrial managers who hold out for extra profits or for 'business as usual.' It cannot be hampered by the selfish obstruction of a small but dangerous minority of labor leaders who are a menace. . . ."

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## RAF Raids Seem to Be Luring Luftwaffe Away From Russia

**Nazi Defenders Numerous . . . British Set Combined Losses at 22 in 24 Hours**

By LUTHER COMANT, JR.

Between the lines of yesterday's communiques on the air front is the admission that Germany has been forced to withdraw badly needed squadrons from the Eastern Front to protect its western back door.

The RAF followed up a night attack along 1000 miles of Nazi-occupied coastal territory with a daylight sweep over France and Belgium, which resulted in scores of dog fights. London placed the day's loss at 11 British planes—nine fighters and two bombers—and seven German planes—five fighters and two bombers.

Sunday's loss was set by the British at four RAF bombers, a figure the German High Command rated to nine. But regardless of conflicting figures, there is ample evidence of suddenly increased aerial fighting in the west. And that can mean only that the sustained British raids of recent weeks have achieved their prime goal in requiring the transfer of German units from the Russian front.

An American Eagle pilot was praised for shooting down two Messerschmitts.

The night raids carried the RAF as far south as Nantes and north along the Norwegian coast. British pilots reported seeing large fires after their bombing of Hamburg.

The British Air Ministry also revealed yesterday that American-built Consolidated B-24 bombers, known across the seas as Liberator, had swung into action with the Coastal Command and had given good accounts of themselves in protecting inbound convoys.

The Berlin radio, quoting the Moscow radio, said that the Russian icebreaker *Ernak* had been bombed and heavily damaged by the Germans near Murmansk. This indicates that the Luftwaffe is losing no time in trying to prevent shipments of American war materials to Russia from reaching the west of Archangel.

Berlin claimed also the sinking of an

8000-ton freighter off eastern England and hits on three others. It also admitted the British island raids of Sunday.

In the Mediterranean, four Axis communiques claim the sinking of British warships near the Libyan-Egyptian border. The United Press considers it possible that all communiques refer to the same ship, since the location in each case is roughly between besieged Tobruk and Sidi Barrani. London has made no official statement of data concerning naval activity in this area.

## Vichy Ousts All Unions

Vichy speeded up its formation of a totalitarian economy yesterday as the Nazis announced a second—and this time indefinite—relief for the other 100 French hostages still facing the death penalty. One hundred already have been executed for the assassination of two German officers.

Tuned, perhaps, to appease German anger, Vichy announced last night the abolition of all political and sectarian trade unions. At the same time, all workers and employers were ordered to join government-controlled "corporations."

The new labor statute—15 months in the making—outlaws strikes and lockouts, makes arbitration compulsory and gives the Government full power to shift workers from one trade to another or from community to community.

Briefly, it is a Fascist setup. The "corporations" are organized vertically for every major branch of French industry, but have separate categories ranging from apprentices, through journeymen, to the highest-paid technicians.

Workers are to be paid in proportion to their family responsibilities as well as to their skill. Thus, a married worker with children will receive higher wages than a single worker of equal ability.



The Berlin caption says this photo shows a Russian prisoner "dragging up his comrade who pretended to be dead" as Nazi soldiers look on. It's a dramatic picture even if it's faked.

## Japan Denies Foray Into Siberia, But Dual Threat to Asia Remains

By SUTHERLAND DENLINGER

Japan, the reluctant Axis dragon, gave off great quantities of smoke today—but no flame. And the Tokyo War Office made haste to deny there had been sparks on the Siberian border, that some 20 Japanese soldiers had crossed the Russian frontier last week and attacked a patrol.

Reports from London, Chungking and Shanghai indicate the Japanese still are preparing for a move in either the north or the south, as opportunity may dictate.

A dispatch from Washington by Wilfrid Fleisher in this morning's *Herald Tribune* quoted "reliable sources" that the Tokyo Government had informed the U. S. A. that any accord resulting from the protracted negotiations between the two countries would have to be reached before November 15. That's the date on which the Japanese Parliament will meet in Tokyo to hear a report on the government's foreign policy.

Shanghai dispatches spoke of a sudden increase in Japanese tanker and ship movements off the coast. A cable to the United Press said some quarters there believed Japan might be planning to seize the northern half of Sakhalin Island, which belongs to Russia, basing their belief upon reports that Japan recently had reinforced its troops in Southern Sakhalin.

Northern Sakhalin produces petroleum and has valuable fisheries.

In London, where it was announced that urgent representations were being made to Tokyo regarding continued detention of two British subjects, the Russian report of a Siberian border clash was regarded by some observers that Japan was about ready to

aid her Axis partners.

Chungking had a different theory, a theory bolstered by reports that Japan was building a great airbase in Indo-China within striking distance of the Burma Road.

The Chinese Nationalist military spokesman cited reports of large Japanese troop concentrations in Honan Province and reinforced garrisons in the vicinity of Canton as evidence that Tokyo was planning a new offensive against China.

The former German merchantman *Quito*, reported to be a supply ship for South Seas raiders, arrived today in Shanghai, camouflaged, with its name painted out and manned by a German crew but flying the Japanese merchant and military flags.

## Grand Mufti Escapes British, Reaches Rome

Fascist Rome went all-out today in a campaign to fan a Moslem holy war against Britain. Boasting that the arrival of the former Grand Mufti of Jerusalem in Rome foreshadowed significant development in the Near East, Italy hinted at plans to bring the Arabs of the world into the war on the side of the Axis.

Radio Bari, Italy's Arabian station, announced jubilantly:

"We've great news for you today. The Grand Mufti has again succeeded in escaping Britain's claws and reaching a friendly country. With the arrival of the Mufti, God once again has given his blessing to the cause of the Arab nations."



This letter was registered and mailed from the U. S. A. to a resident of WARSAW, in Nazi-held Poland. It was returned to the sender bearing the official stamp explaining that registered mail may not be sent to Jews. (See words indicated by arrow.) That's a violation of international postal regulations, of course, but a little thing like that doesn't worry the Germans.