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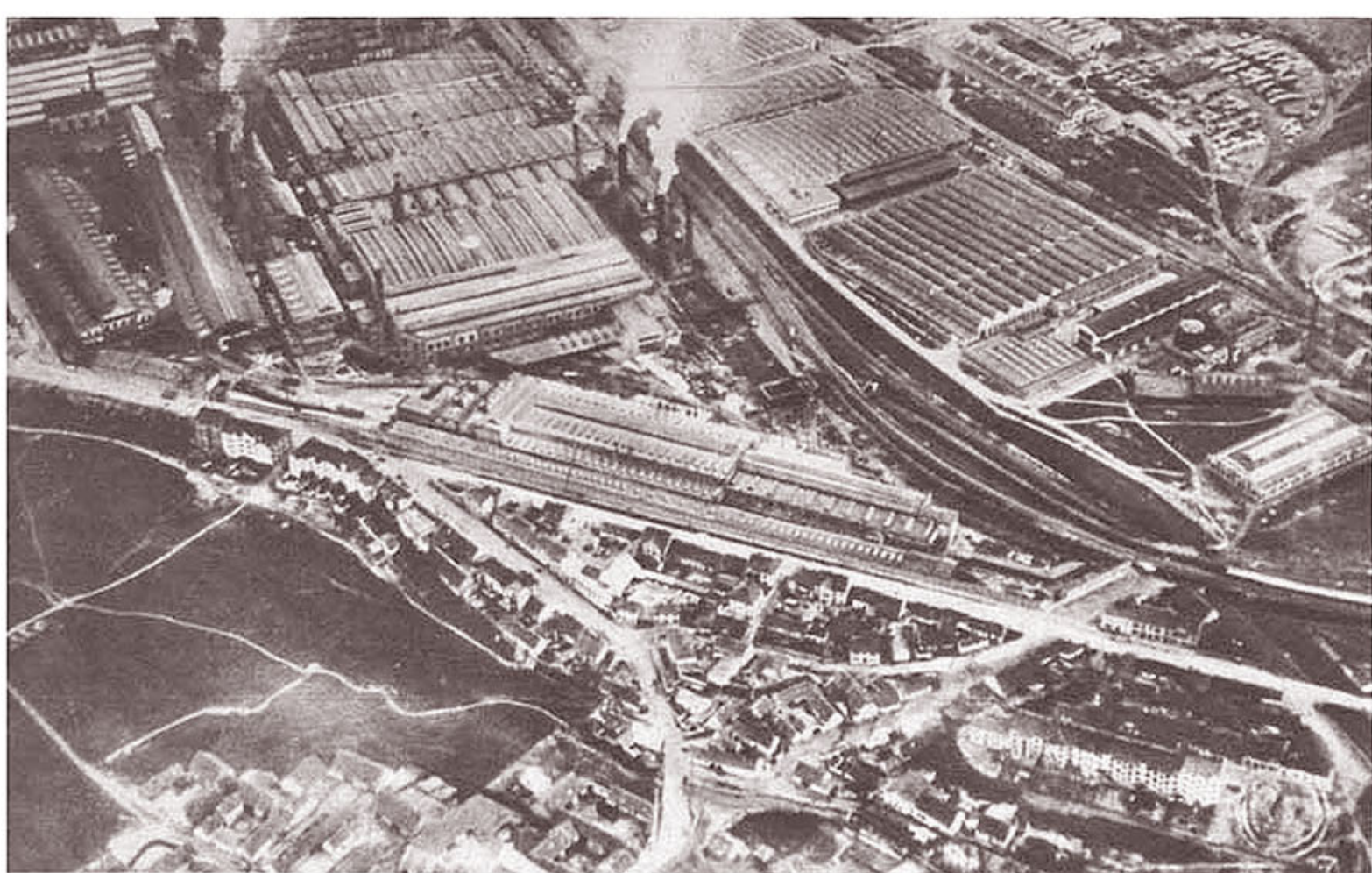
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## GÖERING: THIEF OF INDUSTRIAL BILLIONS

### His Incredible Empire Covers All Nations Conquered By Nazis

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**SKODA STEEL AND IRON WORKS**, the huge Czechoslovakian armament factory which Goering simply "expropriated" in his career of industrial conquest.

**M**aster crook, blackmailer and general villain, Reichsmarshal Hermann Wilhelm Goering, second most potent Nazi, "owns" the world's largest industrial empire by right of possession. Gross Goering has stopped at nothing, not even murder, to enrich himself and insure his future comfort whether the Nazi regime stands or falls. His empire embraces all of the industrial resources of Middle-Europe, and extends its influence far beyond that area. Shattering of this Goering empire must be a post-war objective of the United Nations.

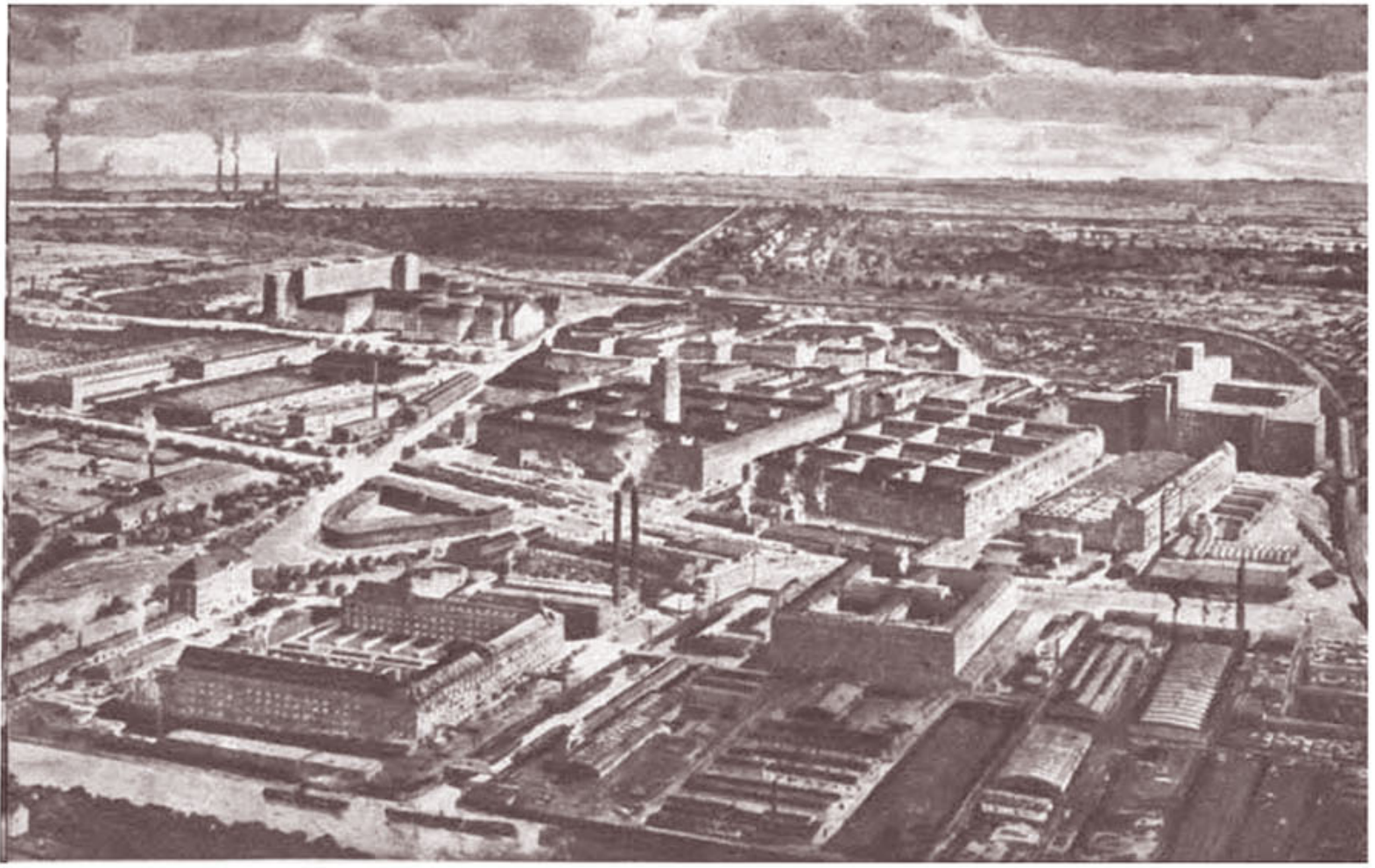
#### RAGS TO RICHES SAGA

Impoverished soldier after World War I, commercial pilot, and political adventurer until 1927, Goering now claims ownership or control of the "Goering Works," the German re-armament trust. He has looted the German treasury to subsidize this and other opportunistic and grandiose Goering industrial schemes. The Goering works is a holding corporation, without either legal or economic restraint, for virtually one-fifth of the total share capital of the German mining and iron industries. It is only part of Goering's vast and manifold holdings.

Goering's control of this trust has been accomplished by an amazing effrontery. In his political capacities he has granted his industrialist self enormous and unprincipled favors. With one hand Goering has helped himself generously out of the rich resources of European industry and with the other stuffed the loot into the bulging corporate pockets of Hermann Goering.

But he did not stop at anything so gentle. As head of the Gestapo (Himmler is Goering's deputy, a fact not generally recognized) Goering caused his agents to murder those who dared oppose his industrial enrichment. Where his opponent was less courageous, Goering achieved his purpose by the simple threat of murder. He developed the business of blackmail with an international finesse beyond anything ever previously imagined by the criminal mind.

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**SIEMENS WORKS**, which Goering "influences" through his association with the Deutsche Bank. Von Stauss, director of this bank, is Goering's suave partner.

There is a sardonic note in this history of theft on a grand scale. The Reichsmarshal's chief and cleverest advisor was Eduard Milch, for years director of the Luft Hansa, the huge German air line monopoly. Goering was also aided by Emil Georg von Stauss, director of the Deutsche Bank.

These men allied themselves with Goering originally as a protective measure and because they believed him to be an asset on the directorates of their industries. In his varied capacities as Premier of Prussia, Minister of Interior, Reichs Minister of Aviation, Chief of State Police, Reichs Commissioner for Raw Materials and Foreign Exchange, Head of the Four Year Plan for attaining economic self-sufficiency, and, finally, Reichs Minister of Economics, Goering looked like a sound insurance policy against *anything* the uncertain future of the Third Reich might incubate.

They reckoned without Goering's cynical unscrupulousness. Without conscience he seized the principal as the dividend on the policy and then declared the policy null and void politically!

#### **HOW GOERING STOLE HIS EMPIRE**

Outstanding example of Goering's technique in picking the industrial pocket of Middle Europe is his rigging of the Goering Works. Soon after seizing power he lent his name to a new industrial venture, which ostensibly aimed at exploiting low-grade coal and iron mines. The real purpose of this industrial Trojan horse was the construction of basic war industries regardless of cost to increase Germany's self-sufficiency.

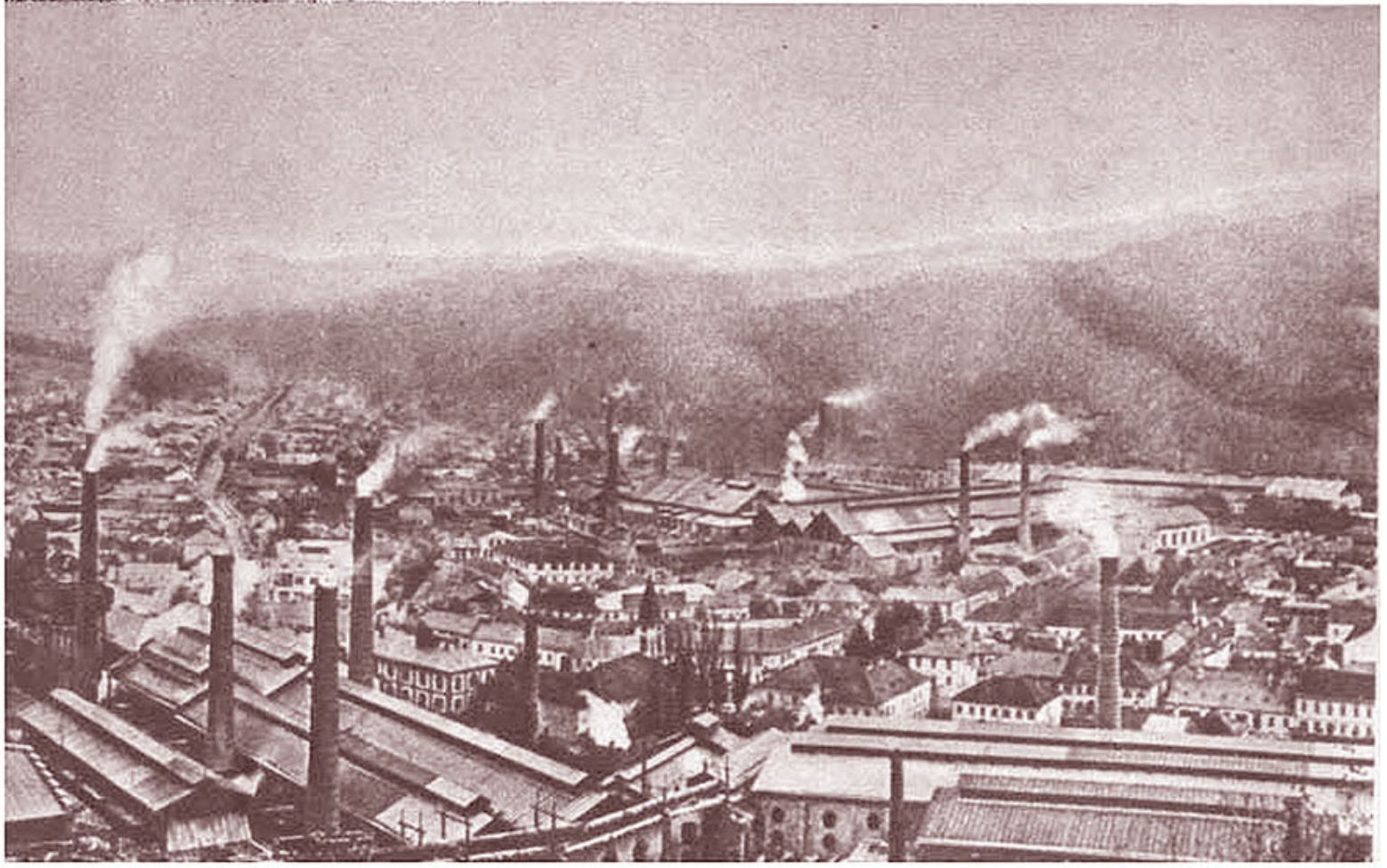
Under Goering's state subsidization, the Goering Works grew from a mediocre stock company with a capital of five million marks (\$2,000,000) in 1934, to a gigantic trust of 400 million marks in 1938. By the end of 1941 the Goering Works proper, exclusive of the other fruits of brigandage, represented a stock capital of 2,200,000,000 marks or \$880,000,000!

The Goering Works had attained a dominating position in the old Reich. In addition, it controlled the production of 95 per cent of the Austrian iron ore, 80 per cent of Czech lignite, 33 per cent of Polish hard coal, 30 per cent of Slovakian iron ore, a considerable share of the aluminum industry of Hungary, oil of Poland and Rumania, copper of Yugoslavia, and the largest steel mills, machine works and armament factories of all subjugated Europe.

#### **WAR SPAWNED THIEVING**

Only in war-harried countries could any one man have stolen on such a lavish scale without let or hindrance. Industrialist Goering always followed (and in some cases preceded) Marshal Goering on his conquests. In Austria he "annexed" the vast holdings of the Credit Anstalt (former Rothschild bank), the Steyr-Daimler-Puch Works (largest Austrian automobile factory), the Simmering Locomotive Works, the Styrian Steel Works and the Alpine Montan Trust with the famous Erzberg (mountain of iron), one of the richest iron ore deposits of Europe.

Also, he "took over" the Danube Steamship Navigation Co., formerly owned jointly by the Austrian State and the Credit Anstalt, thereby obtaining virtual monopoly of Danubian ship-



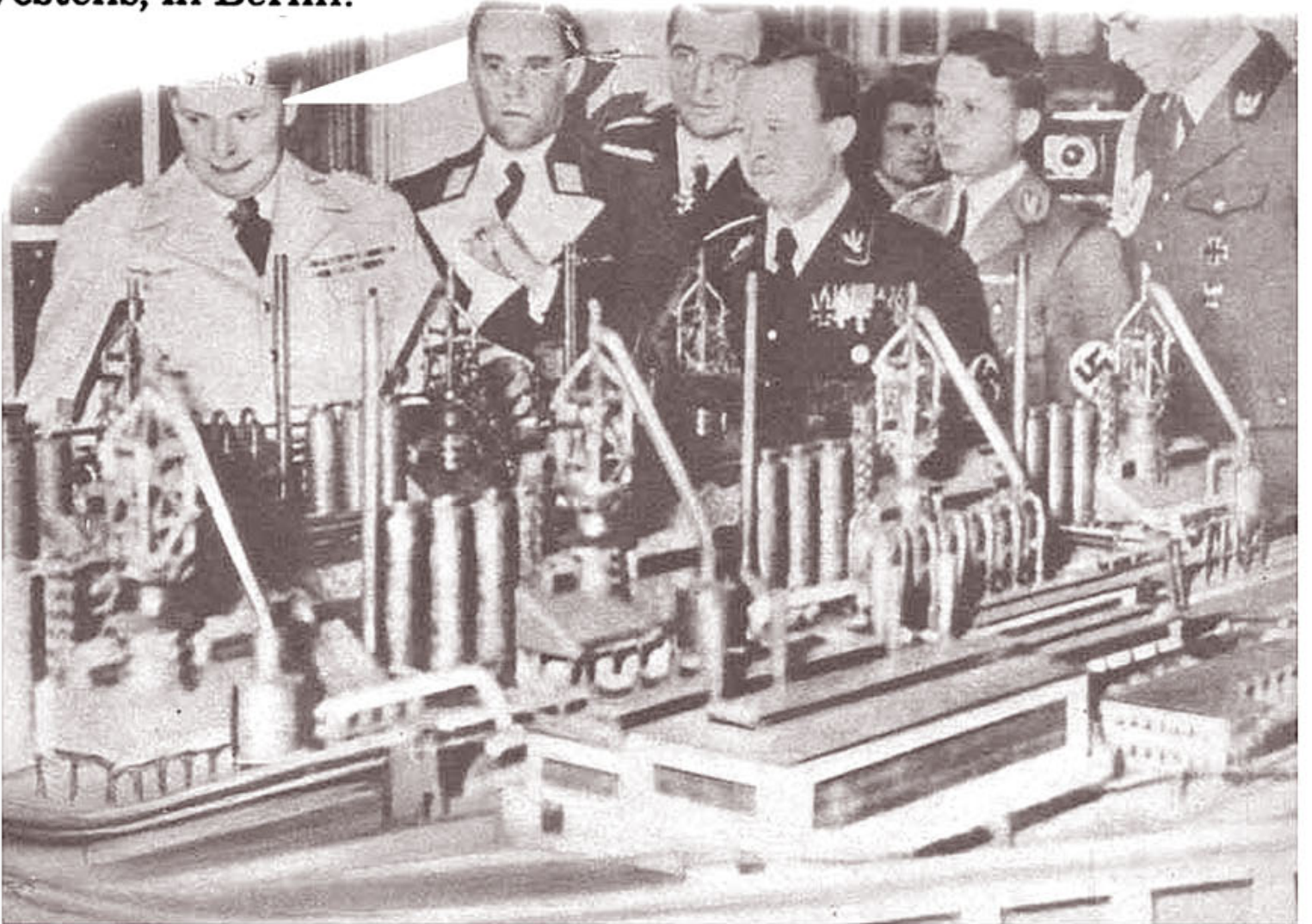
**RUMANIAN STEEL PLANT** which Goering took in his stride. It is the earnings from these holdings which have given him a nest egg if Nazis are defeated.

ping. Goering's pet idea was to build up and rule a colossal net of inland waterways from the North Sea and the Baltic to the Black Sea, through the Rhine-Main-Danube Canal and Oder-Danube Canal now being constructed. In 1939 he marched on, and seized the Czechoslovak holdings of the Rothschilds, the great iron and coal industries of Moravska Ostrava, and those of Brno and Pilsen. He also extended his influence to the world famous Skoda Armament Works.

Then came Poland, where he appropriated the important Upper Silesian iron and steel concerns. In Rumania he swallowed the Resica Trust, dominating that country's heavy industries. In Yugoslavia he "purchased" the Bor Mines, richest copper deposits of Europe. In Norway, Holland, Belgium, Luxembourg and France Goering grabbed control of a number of basic enterprises through a spider's web of twenty subsidiaries. Finally, for the exploitation of White Russia and the Ukraine he set up the so called Goering Werke Osten (East Goering Works).

#### **THEFTS BEGAN AT HOME**

But it was in Germany proper that Goering's criminal career got its start. Here, with the advice and assistance of von Stauss, he "exercises control" over the Deutsche Schiffs and Maschinenbau A. G. of Breslau (ship and machinery construction), the Weser Flugzeug Fabrik of Bremen (airplane factory), the Rheinisch Westphaelische Wasserkraft Werke (power), the Autostrassenbau A. G., Berlin (motor-road construction), the Dillinger Erzgiessereien, Saar (foundries), and industries controlled by the Allegemeine Deutsche Kredit Anstalt of Leipzig. Along with this he is publisher of several newspapers, including the *Essener National Zeitung*. Nor has he neglected less spectacular enterprises such as KDW, the large department store, Kaufhaus des Westens, in Berlin.



**MODEL OF ONE OF GOERING'S INDUSTRIES** given him as a birthday present. No German industrialist would dream of offending or fighting this master crook.

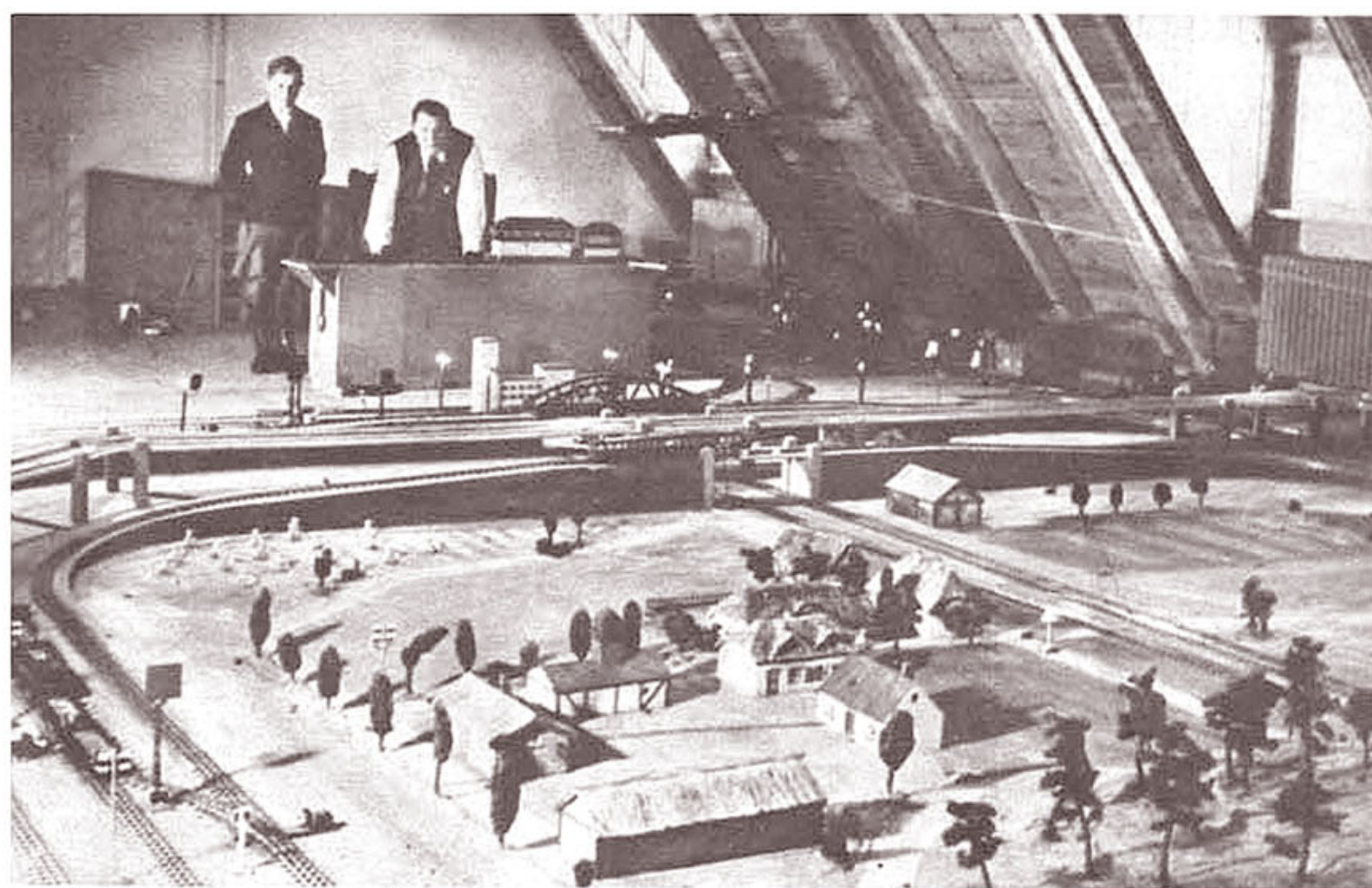


**GOERING'S LIBRARY** contains a globe marked with the boundaries of his empire. "Adolescent" Goering likes to toy with the globe and gloat over his thefts.

Other industries in which he has "influence" are: the Daimler-Benz Motor Works, the Bavarian Lloyd Steamship Co., the Bavarian Motor Works (airplane), the Rhein Metall-Borsig, the Siemens Works, the German Petroleum Corporation. These "influences" are exercised through the Deutsche Bank of which von Stauss, Goering partner, is a director. The Deutsche Bank controls the Anatolic Railroad Co., Turkish link of the Berlin-to-Baghdad rail connection.

Goering's exhibitionism, his craving for baroque and gaudy splendor, is a basic quirk of the man. His egocentric personality demands that he be "the big shot." His industrial imperialism, larded with a ridiculous pretense at patriotism, compensates him for the restraint of playing second fiddle to Hitler. Reputedly a genuinely likeable person in his younger days, he still extends himself to play the role of good fellow, but in such a royal fashion he destroys the very illusion he is attempting to create. Like all thieves he is a big spender. His stolen wealth burns holes in his pockets. Externally a combination of the buffoon and the feudal lord, he is the gaudiest of the Nazi leaders.

It is fitting that this criminal monster should live in stolen baronial magnificence. The estates where he and his guests make merry were "expropriated." The very furnishings of his baroque living rooms were filched from the museums of Europe. If Hermann Goering makes an imprint on history it will be as the master crook of Twentieth Century Europe.



**GOERING HAS SPENT FABULOUS SUM** on his miniature railroad, believed to be one of the finest in existence. Here he plays with it in company of his nephew.