

Nazi Philosopher



THE philosophy of blood and iron is not a new one in Germany. One can find it written large in the peculiar works of Nietzsche. One can find it in Bismarck, von Bulow, Bernhardt, Treitschke, and any number of other apologists for the strange ideals of Prussianism.

But one need not go back in the past to find samples of blood-and-iron thinking among German leaders. One need only refer to the written or spoken words of Hitler and his aides. Take Dr. Robert Ley, for instance. Dr. Ley is important in the Nazi scheme of things as the man whose job is to keep the German Labor Front in line. Last week, Dr. Ley had this to say about war:

It is an expression of the highest and best in manhood . . . We thank Providence that it constantly calls forth our men to their last and greatest effort. In this war lies the rebirth of our nation. Every war demands a blood sacrifice from the men of the nation. They should give their blood gladly for thus they equalize that which every mother gives at the birth of a child.

In nations living in "eternal peace" manhood dries up and all the virtues that make man lovable to women degenerate. One cannot demand of mothers that they uninterruptedly give the nation children without man bringing his blood sacrifice. Therefore war is not the wrath of God but a blessing of God.

So speaks a Nazi philosopher. Is any comment necessary?

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