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Dr. Jung Says Germans Must Realize Guilt

Acknowledgment of Misdeeds Vital to Reform, Psychologist Declares

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ZURICH, May 10.—Dr. Carl Gustave Jung who, with Freud, is one of the founders of modern psychology, declares here:

“Ten per cent of the German population today are incurable psychopaths.”

Jung, in an exclusive interview with the leading Swiss weekly, *Die Weltwoche*, said:

“Today, the German resembles a drunkard awakening with a hang-over, not knowing or not willing to know what he has done.

“He will try frantically to rehabilitate himself in the face of the world's accusations and hate—but that is not the right way. The only right way is his unconditional acknowledgement of guilt.

Correct Method

“The American therapy of conducting the German population to concentration camps and making them see all the atrocities committed there, is thus quite correct. But such object lessons must not be combined with moral instruction—instead German penitence must come from within.”

The psychologist, said Jung, cannot make a distinction between the mentality of the Nazis and of the regime's opponents.

“I am treating two staunch anti-Nazis, yet their dreams reveal that behind all their decency, there swells in them a most pronounced Nazi psychology with all its violence and cruelties. Glib distinction between decent and not decent Germans is absolutely naive.

They Knew

“All, consciously or unconsciously, actively or passively, are concerned in the atrocities. They knew nothing of these things—yet they knew them.”

Jung said, “Let us not forget that the victor nations have the same fatal disposition to collectivity as the Germans,” naming particularly the U. S. A. and the USSR, and he sees the sole salvation of mankind in minute individual education work.

“It is not so hopeless as it may appear,” he declared. “Christianity asserted itself against a supremely strong opponent not by grand propaganda and mass conversions—these only came later and had little value—but by man-to-man persuasion. This is the way we, too, must go.”

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