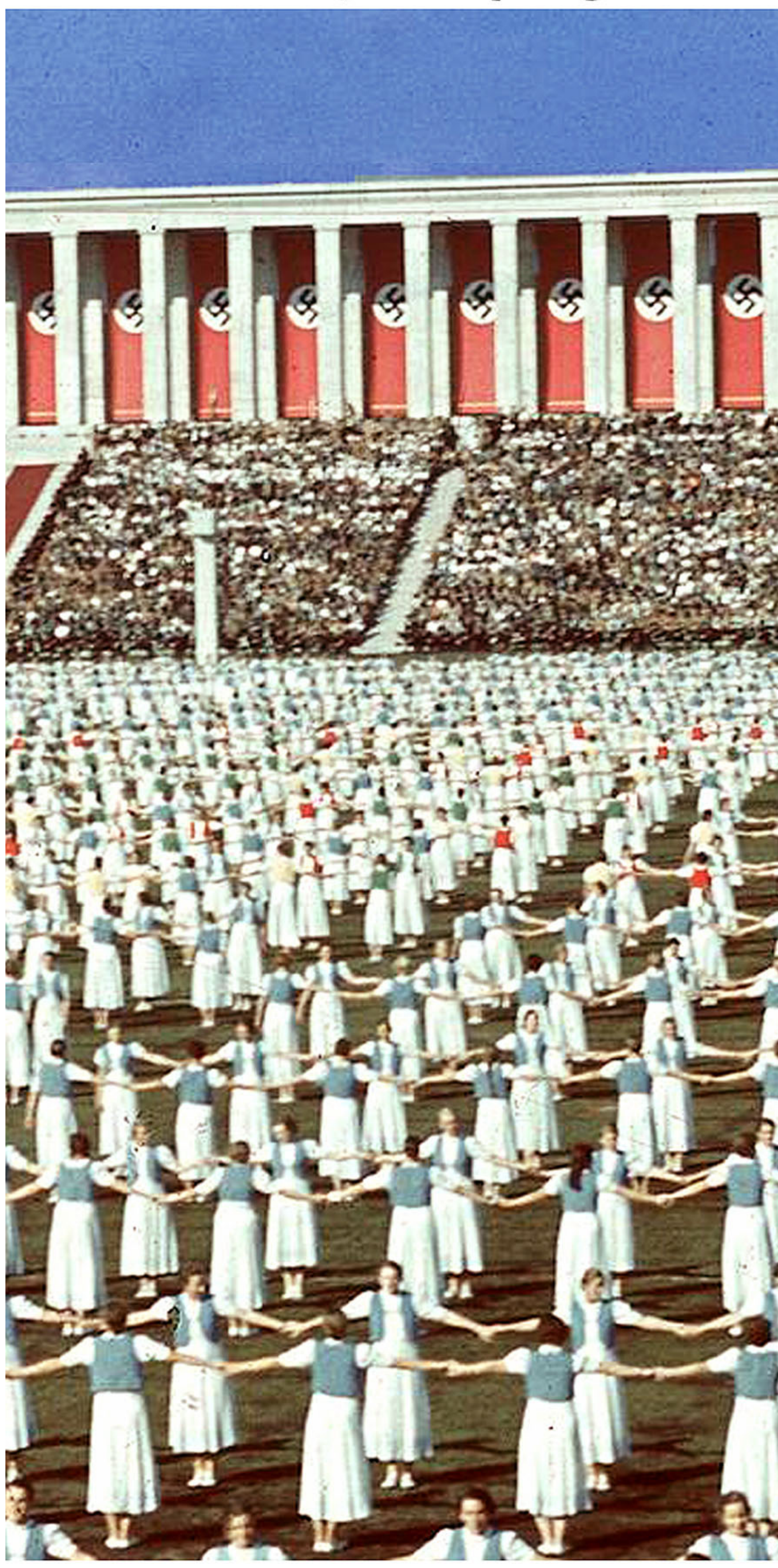


How

Hitler

*Regiments
of
Sex*

**Mechanized love! The facts
about Nazidom's most
amazing campaign**



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WOMANHOOD is industrialized in Germany today. The Führer has decreed that maternity is a state function, subject to production regulations like any part of the planned economy of the Third Reich. Sex has been regimented no less than the airplane industry. Love is now mechanized and runs on a twenty-four-hour schedule, with the slogan: *Germany Needs Children.*

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The high-sounding phrases in which the theoreticians of Nazism extolled the chastity of the German woman are taboo today, and are being suppressed. The interests of the state require a higher birth rate, bellow the leaders of the totalitarian state on the Rhine, and it is the duty of the German woman to heed the command. A noisy, untiring propaganda machine is streamlining the innocent, blushing blonde maiden and the demure, practical Hausfrau into lusty It girls demanding motherhood as their fulfillment in the new world Hitler is creating.

The Nazi drive for an increased birth rate is nothing new. Ever since Hitler came to power he has raised the cry for more children as part and parcel of his plan to regenerate the German people. But until about a year ago the emphasis was placed on marriage, the founding of a family. Today it is motherhood as such, without regard to marital status, that is being stressed. No longer is the illegitimacy of children held up as a disgrace. On the contrary, it is shrewdly presented as indicating German womanhood's overzealousness in obeying the Führer. The Nazi regime is systematically revolutionizing the German tradition of family life. In the process it is destroying German morality.

Only one kind of illegitimacy exists, shriek the government advocates of a rise in the German birth rate: Impurity of race. When a true Nazi man and woman, both of whom believe implicitly in the leadership of Hitler, are united, the fruit of their union is necessarily a legitimate German child, regardless of whether they are legally wed. That is the most recent interpretation of legitimacy by the brown-uniformed sociologists.

Hitler's marriage-promotion policy had failed, after five years of intensive propaganda backed by special laws and governmental regulations. Obviously the economic basis was lacking. The earning capacity of the Germans under Nazi rule simply did not permit an increase in early marriages and the expansion of the family. In vain did the state use every means of economic pressure at its command: Heavy taxation of bachelors, state

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wedding gifts, premiums for large families, awards to especially fecund mothers, employment privileges for married men and women. All to no avail. After a sporadic upsurge of marriage and a slight increase in the birth rate, Hitler's attempt to enlarge the German race biologically had to be acknowledged a flop. German mothers did not want to feed their children on *Ersatz*.

"A land without children is a land without a future," has been the slogan ever since the Nazis set out to "re-generate" the German people. Unless the birth-rate chart takes a drastic upward curve, the Germany of tomorrow will be a living space without people, warns the same government which has been justifying the present war on the grounds that the German people had insufficient living space. So confused have the Germans already become that they no longer seek to reconcile these two demands. "Our Führer knows what he wants," is the only reply a German gives when cornered into admitting that the two are contradictory.

THE Geopolitical Institute at Munich confronted Hitler with the "grave" dilemma that fifty years hence there would be only 45,000,000 Germans, of whom two thirds would be over fifty years of age, and of whom only 8,000,000 would be children. "What is going to happen to the Greater Germany of the year 2000?" lamented the members of the permanent military academy. "We need a population of 100,000,000 true Germans, not annexed, from which to draw our soldiers."

Hitler ordered the scientists of Germany into action. Psychologists, biologists, sexologists, and sociologists met to confer on the problem. A means had to be found to increase the birth rate substantially.

The result of the "scientific" survey startled even the Führer. The social thinkers of the Third Reich had come to the conclusion that the mobilization of sex was slowed up when it was confined to matrimonial bounds. The encouraging of marriage raised a number of economic issues which the exchequer of the Reich could not very well tackle at a time when production was geared up for war purposes exclusively. Besides, it wasted the surplus female population of Germany.

Unless Hitler was prepared to institute polygamy—and for weeks that possibility was seriously considered

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—over two million women were condemned to childlessness. The slogans for the rehabilitation of the German family had to be forgotten. A new conception of morality had to be inculcated. The bachelor girl must be brought to accept motherhood for the sake of the *Vaterland*.

In a totalitarian state, morality is a matter of propaganda, Hitler has always maintained. Time and again the German dictator has demonstrated this pet theory. In the days preceding the war, he transformed, within twenty-four hours, England's Premier Neville Chamberlain from an understanding friend of Germany into an object of contempt and derision for all Germans. "My orders will be followed blindly," is Hitler's cutting rejoinder to any dissents ventured in high Nazi councils.

The blitzkrieg Hitler has decreed against the decline in the birth rate is in full swing in Germany today. The attack is made simultaneously on all fronts, through all channels of public opinion. A warning finger is pointed at the blushing flapper, the happy bride, the married or unmarried young woman: "Produce children if you want Germany to survive!"

The ideal of dedicating herself to the state is instilled into the Nazi girl at an early age. "The goal of feminine education must manifestly be the mother of the future," is Hitler's slogan, prominently displayed in all girls' clubs and schools. The Bund Deutscher Maedchen, the national girls' organization, takes in girls between the ages of ten and twenty-one. From ten to fourteen they are called *Jungmaedel*; from fifteen to twenty-one, *Maedel*. Pregnancy does not disqualify a member. On the contrary, it gives her distinction. Until about a year ago the program of the Bund Deutscher Maedchen included a great deal of sport. Now sport is being replaced by co-ed hikes, picnics, and joint reading classes. Hitler's dictum, "We see in woman the eternal mother of our nation," is featured by class leaders like a daily prayer.

WHILE Joseph Goebbels, who steers the all-powerful Nazi propaganda machine, takes care that Hitler's appeal for more mothers retains a religious tone, he does not neglect the most vulgar means of stimulating sex

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life within the nation. Pornographic literature and pictures, against which the Nazi regime thundered so vociferously as non-Aryan tools for the degeneration of their people, are now freely circulated, side by side with the sanctimonious slogans of the Führer.

Motion pictures for home consumption only, made under the strict supervision of the Staatsfilmkontrolle, glorify the girl who finds her fulfillment in maternity. Numberless stories center about the proud German girl who accepts an unhappy love adventure with fortitude and finds solace in her newborn child. Titles such as *Love and Plenty of It*, *School for Love*, *Love Takes a Holiday*, *Maternity Ecstasy*, all referring to the all-conquering motherhood of husbandless heroines, adorn the marquees of movie houses in city and country. Even imported American movies have often been given vague German captions so as to underplay the legal aspects of romance.

Smiling young motherhood reigns supreme in the popular magazines, radio sketches, and popular songs. Little time or talk is wasted on the father, except that it is always understood that he is a pure Aryan whom patriotic or other duties prevented from legalizing his love exploits. The Casanova type, who loves 'em and leaves 'em, is the role attributed to the "hero" of these love stories. And the local Nazi political bosses frequently sponsor socials modeled after the old Teutonic Mother's Night. Instead of reverence for motherhood, there are wild orgies to stimulate the rise of the birth rate.

BUT whether cloaked in patriotic language or openly given a cheap immoral tone, the appeal to German women to resign themselves to becoming machines for the mass production of future parachute jumpers or steam-rolling suicide squads is brutal in its approach, degrading in its very procedure. It reduces the German woman to the status of a brood mare or a child-bearing slave. For the Nazi regime is giving its mother-women the privilege of performing more difficult and exhausting tasks than are expected in any other country beyond the stage of primitive tribalism. The only respite comes in the last few months of pregnancy.

The error made during the last war, which resulted in an unprecedented fall of the birth rate, is not being repeated by the German government. An efficient visiting service of German women to the front and to Nazi-occupied areas has been carried on since the beginning of hostilities. Carloads of eager patriotic girls and women are dispatched to the warriors of the fatherland, who are admonished to spurn any contact with foreign women. It would be dreadful indeed, preach the German military leaders, if "our victories resulted in increasing the population of our enemies." German motherhood must

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march on even while the soldiers are in the trenches.

The male warrior annihilating everything that stumbles into his path, the female slave humbly providing new legions of soldiers, have become the prototypes of what Hitler calls the new Germanic civilization. It is for this civilization that the Nazi leaders demand more *Lebensraum*, more space, for the millions of still unborn children of the pure, superior, conquering German race.

In the eyes of the German woman Hitler has become the personification of the hero, the ideal man. For her this comic-looking ex-paperhanger has the aura of a mythological figure. Millions of German girls see in him the ultimate, never-attainable bridegroom. Altogether, he has succeeded in creating an inexhaustible source for what he views as a continually self-multiplying army of automatons who will die clicking their heels for the unhaltable aggrandizement of Germany, conqueror of Europe. And he fondly believes he has assured the world hegemony of Germany for a thousand years to come.



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