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WALTHER GROSS

ALTHOUGH he may not be very well known outside of Germany, few men rank higher in the Nazi regime than Doctor Walther Gross. As head of the Office of Racial Policy, he is Adolf Hitler's expert on breeding, riding herd on the biological urge, and even deciding what children may be brought into the world. By preaching "pagan freedom from Christian inhibitions" (an approval of illegitimacy), he whoops up the production of Germans, and by sterilization, emasculation and the separation of sexes, keeps down the birth rate of Inferior Peoples.

Rape, of course, marks the first stages of conquest in every occupied country, for the Fuehrer himself commands the release of animal appetites. "I shall not spoil the fun for any of my brave lads," Hermann Rauschning quotes him as saying at the time of the Polish invasion. "If I demand the supreme effort from them, I must also give them the right to carouse as they please, not as it suits a lot of churchgoing old women."

After a week or so, however, Doctor Gross takes over and lays down strict rules for control of the mating impulse. Women are rounded up by the Gestapo and driven into brothels, where rigid supervision guards against both disease and conception. Inmates for the bagnios of the Reich are also collected from the enslaved countries. Cardinal Hlond, the venerable Catholic primate of Poland (whose present whereabouts is not known) bears this testimony in his report to the Vatican:

"The recruiting of girls and young women for brothels went on under pretext of sending them to Germany for forced labor. On arrival at the points of assembly, the young women of pleasing physique were segregated from the others, examined by medical specialists and sent to Germany under special escort. According to the depositions of two Cracow doctors, there are now eight young girls

under treatment in the dermatological department of the municipal hospital there. After passing a month in one of the houses mentioned, the poor creatures are returned to Poland to be cared for."

Not only is prostitution controlled but likewise the marital relations of the population. In all Slavic countries, wives and husbands are kept apart as a general rule, but where this is not possible, prison is the penalty for failure to practice abortion. Permits are issued for childbearing, but only in sufficient number to produce "hewers of wood and drawers of water."

"These stupid racial streams," explains Doctor Gross, meaning those other than German, "have always been the plague of Europe. Every increase of these parasite peoples through births would be contrary to Germanic interest. We have, therefore, adopted racial measures to limit their births to a minimum."

In non-Slavic lands, on the other hand, Doctor Gross urges "spontaneous matings," supremely confident that every woman will be "shiveringly submissive" at the approach of "radiant, tall and vigorous" German youths. Nevertheless, as may be gathered by this decree for the conduct of the army of occupation in Holland, Doctor Gross warns that spontaneity must have a serious purpose: "Intercourse with Dutch girls should not be considered as a merely physical function. Every soldier should be conscious at every moment that he is the representative of the Fuehrer and should try to make an understanding of his aims in his companion. . . . Girls who become pregnant in consequence of their sexual relationship with a soldier shall be granted full moral and material assistance.

Despite his confidence in the irresistible sex appeal of German youth, Doctor Gross takes no chances. In the non-Slavic countries, women are dragooned into "breeding camps" where they are serviced by selected Germans. When a child is born, it becomes a son of the Reich, and the mother is kicked back to her family.

According to Doctor Gross' own admission, one of his most interesting "experiments" is being carried on in France. The Gallic race itself must be stamped out, of course, and to this end more than one million prisoners of war are being detained in Germany. Left with a comparatively clear field, the doctor is testing a cross between Gallic blood and the noble German strain. The "better type" French girls, taken into "protective custody," are placed in "homes" and bred to Germans like so many brood mares.

Doctor Gross, in reporting results to the Fuehrer, rejects the protests of the Vichy government as baseless and unwarranted. "Frenchwomen," he insists, "can have no possible cause of complaint, as they will derive much joy one day from the many blue-eyed sons of German fathers, whose genius will lead our neighbors to new greatness."

Not even the most painstaking research has been able to develop any information as to the background of Doctor Gross. German refugees now in the United States insist that he was never heard of prior to Hitler's seizure of power. Probably a practitioner in the Berlin slums, yet today the master of life and death over millions, born and unborn. G. C.

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