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NAZI CURBS: Further Tightening of Belts Decried in German Domestic Regulations

Shifting from its alliance with Tokyo against the Third International, Germany's National Socialist Cabinet went into a huddle last week on domestic affairs.

Behind locked doors Chancellor Adolf Hitler signed a pile of decrees, gave them to cadaverous Enlightenment Minister Dr. Joseph Goebbels to publish, to heavy-weight General Goering to enforce.

With no check of legislative body or court, the Nazi triumvirate had decreed that smuggling money or shares out of Germany, and failure to bring into Germany money from goods sold abroad, should be punishable with death.

Within five weeks after General Goering had promised German housewives food would not be rationed with cards, one of the decrees fixed an even stricter rationing method for butter, margerin, lard, and all cooking "fats."

Restrictions—Supplied with government-certified lists of their customers, grocers and butchers are forbidden to sell to any family more than the government-fixed ration, per person and per week, of the food articles listed. Advantage over the card system: it can be extended to any number of foods without extra printing.

"Too much fat makes the stomach greedy," gutturalled Goering last October. "I myself eat less fat now and I have already lost twenty pounds."*

Conscripted into the Hitler Youth Movement by another decree were all of the 8,000,000 boys and girls in the Reich.**

Ordered out of the Reich were the sixteenth and seventeenth members of the Berlin Foreign Press Association to be so expelled.

The correspondent of the London *Morning Post* (ultraconservative), Karl Robson, and French sports writer Walter Bing, Alsatian, former soldier by compulsion in the Kaiser's armies, were given five days to settle their affairs and go.

*What General Goering omitted to say was that he had been taking gland treatment since early September to reduce his weight.

**"Lives of all German youth belong solely to Adolf Hitler"—Youth Leader Baldur von Schirach.

GOERING



Goering: "Too much fat makes stomach greedy"

Robson had written about "Guns Instead of Butter," had said German housewives were told "that by managing with less meat, butter and eggs they will save their children from being butchered by Russian soldiers." Reasons for Bing's expulsion were withheld.

Exiles—Out of Germany already were novelist and 1929 Nobel Prize-Winner Thomas Mann, in Switzerland; the late Gustav Stresemann's Minister of the Interior, Wilhelm Sollmann, in Paris; Hitler biographer (unsympathetic), Konrad Heiden; Berlin *Tageblatt* Editor Rudolf Olden; Philosophy Professor Dietrich von Hildebrand; Saar Socialist Leader Max Braun; three former Reichstag Members and twenty-six others known in Germany, unknown internationally.

Unable to punish them otherwise, the Cabinet decreed their citizenship canceled, their property confiscated.

Winter relief, hitherto "temporary," was made a State Foundation.

News of King Edward's tiff with his Cabinet, his affair with Mrs. Wallis Simpson, was withheld from all German newspapers.