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IT'S A COMPLEX ASSIGNMENT
Lochner Told: Go Back To Berlin!

Veteran Correspondent, Once Again
In Germany, Tells Of His Reactions

By LOUIS P. LOCHNER

WHAT DOES a newsman want to do when he is told "go back to your old stamping ground, Germany, with Berlin as your ultimate objective"?

I have no illusions concerning the complexity of the assignment, fascinating though it is for one who, like myself, has known the Germany of imperial days, of the Weimar republic, and the Germany of Adolf Hitler.

THE FIRST and foremost duty of an American correspondent returning to Germany, as I see it, is to go with an open mind. Pre-conceived notions and wishful thinking should never be in a foreign correspondent's travel kit; least of all when he goes into a country which, by the time Berlin is occupied, will have suffered the most cataclysmic defeat and probably the most extensive physical wreckage of any modern state.

Take a city like Berlin. I got to know it intimately during '18 years' residence there. The Berliner is a type as distinct as the New Yorker. In his native city every shade of political opinion was to be found.

In the days before Nazism, the communists and socialists...

Here Louis P. Lochner is shown reading what the German agencies are putting out in the way of propaganda over the Hell-schreiber system installed in the AP London bureau. He was in London en route to Germany. Lochner was for years chief of the Berlin AP bureau.

...gained more votes than any other party. In the 1930 elections, for instance, in the three electoral districts comprising greater Berlin and Potsdam, the social democrats polled 962,267 votes, the communists 857,462, while the Nazis at that time mustered only 558,227.

IT WILL BE FASCINATING to explore the extent to which Nazi propagandists have exerted the moderate liberalism of former socialists and the proletariat internationalism of the former communists in the Reich's capital.

I don't know the answer now; I aim to find out.

Also, I am taking with me my Baedekers of Berlin, my detailed guidebook to the German metropolis and seat of government. I do this not because I have forgotten its many public buildings, its monuments and museums and priceless art collections, but because I want to be prepared to detail what saturation bombing has done to a flat, widely extended city, the fourth in size in the world.

ABOVE ALL, I want to try to look into the soul of the postwar German. I want to know whether the stereotyped replies given by German prisoners of war mean that individual thinking has ceased in the Reich or whether the prisoners answer as they do because they still are in fear of the Gestapo, which has had its agents active even in American camps.

The correct, unbiased answer to this question may prove an important factor in determining our plans for postwar Germany. Democracy is something that must come from within.

It can be suggested and guided from without, but in the end it can become a way of life only if a nation of its own accord embraces it. If any democracies are left in Germany, they naturally will be a valuable nucleus around which to build.

IT WILL FURTHER be helpful to an understanding of the German problem to learn by personal investigation to what extent the terrible facts of war have remolded German thinking. In World War I, interior Germany learned but little of the ravages of war. The air forces of the world had not become instruments of wholesale destruction. Cities well removed from the border were safe from assault.

Moreover, the center of Germany's nervous system, the capital of Berlin, was not occupied in 1918. Administration and government could continue to function, for the lower bureaucracy remained the same as under the kaiser, and technical communication with the rest of the Reich could be carried on uninterrupted.

This time Berlin will have been occupied before any armistice. Much of the city will be a wreck. The entire bureaucracy will have to be re-established. It will take years to repair the damage done to Berlin by the war. All Germany will know what it means to start and lose a war.

THE INQUIRING REPORTER from America will have to try to find out as scientifically as possible what conclusions the German people have drawn from defeat and disruption. If disaster but stimulates a desire for revenge, that will be one important factor.

If it results in a yearning for that democracy which, for instance, Germany's great Hesse cities long possessed and which the fathers of the Weimar constitution tried to foster, that fact may dispel many fears about the future of Germany.

My search for replies to these questions will bring me face to face with the further question:

How far have the Nazis gone in "purging" the country of personalities upon whom the United Nations may be counting to pioneer the regeneration of Germany?

Reports on this point are conflicting; opinions as to the reliability of these reports are divided even among Germans in exile who know their mother country well.

These are only the obvious stories. There are many, many others, equally thrilling, equally revealing if they can be traced authentically. Their mention now, however, might conceivably dry up sources of information which will be indispensable to the inquiries I intend to make.
VETERANS BEWARE!

BY JANE RAM
WASHINGTON DC
The swindler has a new play in his repertoire. He's been busy setting traps for returning servicemen. He's after their money, and he's got a new line to sell to the gullible.

THE PROBLEM: The vet who has been out of work for a long time is invited to attend a new job fair. He agrees, and goes to the fair. He meets a representative of a company that promises to place him in a high-paying job. The vet signs the contract, and pays the fee. He's out of money, and has no job.

CONCLUSION: Be wary of job fairs and employment agencies that promise to place you in high-paying jobs. Always check references and verify the company's legitimacy before paying any fees.

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NATIONAL AILMENT: OUR LOWEST COMMON DENOMINATOR

YOU HAVE A COLD? THEN TAKE A REST!

BY RONALD W. BLANKENSHIP
PHENYLALANINE: A THEORETICAL-BASED APPROACH TO THE TREATMENT OF ACUTE RESPIRATORY INFECTIONS

THE NOSE: Acute respiratory infections are a common problem in winter. Phenylalanine, a neurotransmitter, has been shown to reduce the symptoms of colds. However, further research is needed to determine its effectiveness.

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