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on August 15th.

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" Documents and Reports (illustrating) German contemporary history."

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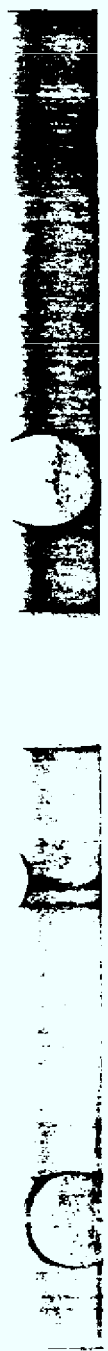
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"The " Summary Report" is published when necessary but there
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Page 125- which is the first page of the volume which is the subject of this report - carries the additional information that this volume is a ^{quintuple} ~~quintuple~~-size number (Number 8 to 12) August - December 1939 of the 7th year of publication.

This book is obviously a reference work for German propagandists. Its contents are composed entirely of German documents which have been widely used since the outbreak of the war in German domestic and foreign propaganda. Aside from German foreign office publications and Supreme Command reports, it contains texts and textual excerpts from German laws and decrees dealing with the war, speeches of Hitler (in full) and of other Nazi leaders, numerous reports, bulletins, etc. from the D.N.B. (Official German News Bureau), editorials from the DEUTSCHE DIPLOMATISCH-POLITISCHE KORRESPONDENZ, (the official organ of the German Foreign Office) and editorials from the VOELKISCHE BEOBACHTER, the official organ of the Nazi party.

There is practically nothing original in this book except very scant editorial notes preceding the various documents. These editorial notes are really only elaborations of chapter headings, sub-heads and very brief, explanatory introductions to individual documents re-printed and contain little if any propagandistic material. That is contained in the strongest degree in the documents themselves!

To repeat the main thing: There is absolutely nothing new in this book. Everything in it has been published widely and Germany and has been available to the American press although obviously the latter did not have the space or inclination to publish one-tenths of this stuff.- It is my considered opinion that at least 50%- but more likely 75 % - of the contents of this volume have been published in the various special volumes issued by the GERMAN LIBRARY OF INFORMATION IN New York.

What leads me to the conclusion that the present volume is intended as a handy reference book for German propagandists outside Germany is the following:

It will be noted that the cover states " Published by order of the German Academic Exchange Service". Now this organization (DEUTSCHER AKADEMISCHER AUSTAUSCH DIENST) is ~~definitely~~ the organization which handles the placing of German exchange students in foreign countries and places

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foreign students in Germany. It is an established fact that the German Academic Exchange Service works in closest conjunction with the Nazi Party, the latter's foreign division and the Gestapo. It is furthermore a fact that every single German exchange student who goes out of the country must work as a propagandist.

Also it will be seen that the editorial address of the publication as given on page 548 is Kronprinzenufer 13 which is the office handling German students abroad!

But another address is given for the editor and publisher namely Kurfuerstendamm 48/49 which is a private apartment house in an elegant residential section of Berlin!

The third point is that the publishing house is STUBENRAUCH who have frequently in the past published propaganda material. Also note that this firm is not an ordinary publisher but a "publisher's book distributing corporation" that is a special kind of publication firm which have existed in Germany for many years who specialize in wholesale shipments. A further indication is given by the fact that the firm's postal checking account is given as Leipzig and not Berlin. It should be explained here that for about 30 years the peculiar situation has existed in Germany that most wholesale shipments of books and publications to foreign countries are handled by specially equipped warehouses and post offices at Leipzig. Even individual

orders are usually shipped from Leipzig even if ordered from a Berlin publisher.

A further point tending to prove that this volume is chiefly intended for the use of German propagandists abroad is the fact that on the front cover PROFESSOR JOHANN X VON X LEERS is mentioned as the author of a special summary added to the volume as an appendix.

VON LEERS is the "commander" of German student propagandists in foreign countries a fact which has been established by a number of articles and official decrees published in Germany during the past six years!

As to [REDACTED] inquiry concerning possible information on Gestapo and secret service activities there is absolutely nothing in the book which would yield any information. The only basis for such allegations which the Bureau's contact who submitted the volume might have had are pages 310 to 318 which deal with the Munich Beer Cellar bombing of November 8, 1939 and which contain all the documents published - even in America at that time - in which the Gestapo reveals how clever it had been in fooling the British Intelligence Service and which include correspondence, etc. intercepted by the Gestapo in France, Holland etc. b7D

An interesting sidelight: The section of the book dealing with American foreign policy pages 372 to 380 devotes a disproportionately large amount of space to CHARLES*LINDBERGH and also a lot of space to HENRY*FORD. - LINDBERGH is repeatedly referred to (page 377) as " the most outstanding American national hero".- This entire section incidentally consists of excerpts of the above from speeches (aslo Borah and Nye) and sentences from the columns of HUGH*JOHNSON (" whose views arex doubly importantbecause usually he is so viciously anti-German") Associated 'ress dispatches and White House announcements ---but these excerpts have partly been torn from their context so that the presentation of the whole "summary" is of course favorable to Germany.



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