

TRANSLATION OF G.40, WAS KANN DEUTSCHLAND NOCH TUN?

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WHAT CAN GERMANY STILL DO IN ORDER TO GET OUT OF THE THREE-FRONT WAR AND AVOID HER DEFEAT?

Knock Russia out with a new giant offensive?

That did not come off in 1940, when Germany was at the height of her power and had all the advantages of war experience and surprise on her side. In 1942 the success of the eastern offensive was already far less, and the setbacks far worse. But in both cases Germany still had her back free. Now if she embarked on an eastern offensive, she would have to keep an eye on her rear. The British-American armies in the west and the south are there now.

Attack and destroy England on her own island?

To do that you need domination of the sea and air, Tunis has shown who has got them. Even there, thousands of miles from the British home bases, British troops were on the spot in "overwhelmingly superior numbers", and this thanks to the British domination of the seas. Even there the English and American air forces had complete air superiority. Even there the English fleet saw to it that, of the 300,000 men of the panzer Army Africa, no more than a few hundred got away. The attempt to board the aircraft carrier England is something that Hitler fought shy of even in 1940. Today such an attempt would merely mean a journey into a mass grave for the attacking troops.

Checkmate England with the U-boat war?

That is something that Hitler has tried for the last three years. And the result? England today is the only European country without bread rationing. England has in the last three years increased its war production sevenfold. England has, in its "blockaded" island, built up the most terrible air power of all time. One and a half million American soldiers have been shipped across the "cut-off" sea routes, and have arrived safely, and all this at a time when the U-boat campaign was still going according to plan. But now the U-boats are on the defensive. U-boats are now being sunk faster than they can be built, U-boat crews are being destroyed faster than they can be trained - and this despite the fact that their training period has already been reduced from 12 months to 4. In May 1943 the new shipping tonnage of England and America surpassed sinkings by over one million tons.

Make the Allied air attacks impossible through “reprisal attacks”?

Hitler knows very well why he keeps on postponing these “reprisals”. If the Luftwaffe attacks England again, it will have a reception compared with which the Battle of Britain in 1940 was a mere picnic. Since 1940 England has worked hard and spared no cost to build up an unexampled system of air defences. Even the isolated German fighters which today sneak in over England lose up to 25% of their numbers. If the Luftwaffe today takes up its “Blitzkrieg” against England once again, its remaining forces will rapidly be used up. Naturally, even if this were tried, not one bomb less would fall on German industrial targets. The English heavy bombers which carry out the air offensive against Germany are not needed for the defence of England.

Hope that Japan will come to the rescue?

Japan has got her own worries. Since May 1942 she has been thrown back everywhere she has attacked: in Papua, at Midway, in Central China, on the Solomons, on the Eleutians. The fighting power of England and America has also grown everywhere in East Asia.

Hope that the United Nations will get tired of the war?

But why should they get tired of the war? They are only just beginning to wage war against Germany - up to now Germany has waged war against them. Germany began her total mobilisation in 1935, was at the height of her strength in 1940, and is now beginning to tire. England began her total mobilisation only in 1938, America only in 1940, and they had to pay for this tardiness with heavy defeats and great dangers. But now that they have come through these dangers they are far fresher than Germany.

Hope that the United Nations will quarrel among themselves?

One man has seen to it that they will stand together whatever happens; that man is Hitler.

Dig themselves in the “Fortress of Europe” and hold out?

The “Fortress of Europe” has no roof. The superiority of the United Nations over Germany on land, at sea, and in the air is growing every day. Things can only get worse for Germany. “*Durchhalten*” will not win the war for Germany. It can only prolong it. To prolong the war under these circumstances is costly. If it goes on too long it might mean that at the end of the war nothing much will be left standing in Germany. “*Durchhalten*” under such circumstances is tantamount to gradual national suicide.