

TRANSLATION OF G.15, WAS WIR ÜBER DEN LUFTKRIEG SAGTEN

(OBVERSE)

WHAT WE SAID ABOUT THE AIR WAR

1941:

“All through these dark winter months the enemy has had the power to drop three or four tons of bombs upon us for every ton we could send to Germany in return. We are arranging so that presently this will be rather the other way round”.

Winston Churchill, 9 February 1941

1942:

“We are in a position to carry into German many times the tonnage of bombs which Hitler can send here, and this proportion will increase till the end. We have a long list of German cities in which all the vital industries of the German war machine are established. All these it will be our stern duty to deal with, as we have already dealt with Lübeck and Rostock”.

Winston Churchill, 10 May 1945

1943:

“Now, as the nights become longer and as the United States air force becomes stronger, our arms will lengthen both by night and by day. There is no industrial or military target in Germany that is safe from destruction. When the cities are disposed of, we will follow the war industry of Germany dispersed in the smaller towns”.

Winston Churchill, 30 June 1943

1944:

“The air offensive will reach a scale far beyond anything yet imagined”.

Winston Churchill, 22 February 1944

The following, written across headlines from German newspapers deriding the British air attacks:

But this is how the German people were being lied to.

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(REVERSE)

WHAT WE ARE SAYING ABOUT GERMANY'S FUTURE

1941:

“It is not our intention to cause the economic collapse of Germany or of any other country. I do not say this out of any special love of Germany, but because a hungry and bankrupt Germany in the midst of Europe would poison all of us who are her neighbours”.

Eden, 29 July 1941

1942:

“It is ridiculous to identify Hitler's clique with the German people or the German State. History teaches that Hitlers come and go, but the German people and the German State remain”.

Stalin, 23 November 1942

1943:

“The United Nations have no intention to enslave the German people. We wish them to have a normal chance to develop in peace, as useful and respectable members of the European family”.

Roosevelt, 24 December 1943

1944:

“The term ‘unconditional surrender’ does not mean that the German people will be enslaved or destroyed. It does not mean that the victors are entitled to behave in a barbarous manner, nor that they wish to blot out Germany from among the nations”.

Winston Churchill, 22 February 1944

The following, written across headlines from German newspapers warning against the terrible consequences that an Allied victory would bring:

This is how the German people are being lied to.