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Else Some Day They'll Plan Another World War

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Although everything written by Erich Maria Remarque, from »All Quiet on the Western Front,« to »Arch of Triumph,« his new novel, seems automatically to reach an enormous audience, there is one document of his that has not been seen by the public eye.

This German author, whose books were burned by the Nazis, wrote a report at the request of the U. S. army's office of strategic services, on methods of re-educating the Germans. Unless this is done properly, he believes it likely that Germany will attempt some day to wage a third world war. Prime objective of Remarque's re-education plan would be to destroy the belief, which he says is still prevalent in German minds, that the guilt of war rests upon the Allies.

»It is more important to show them that Hitler started the war,« he says, »than to show them pictures of concentrations camps, which they only shrug off as ›falsifications‹ anyway.

»They can't shrug off Hitler's own action if, at last freed from Goebbels' propaganda, they are permitted to see them truthfully for the first time.«

First measure advanced by Remarque would be to point out the ways in which Hitler exceeded his program. »Most Germans were with him in the move to return German minorities to the fatherland. But they must be made to see that when he took all of Czechoslovakia instead of just the Sudetenland, that when he invaded Poland he was not reclaiming minorities, but departing completely from the program they sanctioned.« Point No. 2 would be to deglamorize the »invincible German soldier,« showing that the German superman myth arose simply because no one else at the time was ready to fight.

»Thirdly,« says Remarque, »they maintain that the German soldier was never beaten, that Germany was beaten only by a superiority of material and production. By pointing out their own limited resources, it can be demonstrated to them that the German general

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