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EDUCATION

School for Monsters



Future Gauleiters: GI's exposed the curriculum of a goosesteppers' college

Many German political leaders, army officers, and SS officers are graduates of the six *Ordensburgen* (schools for higher leaders) directed by Dr. Robert Ley, Reich Organization Leader of the Nazi party. These schools are not for youth but for men chosen for such offices as Gauleiter. The course is three years, with each year spent at a different school. Last week the American Ninth Infantry Division captured one of the six, Ordensburg-Vogelsang, and with it a pamphlet by Ley, "Der Weg zur Ordensburg" (The Way to the Ordensburg). The pamphlet gives these pointers on training for leadership in the New Order:

☐ For admission, students must have an "inner calling." There are no examinations for "we believe we can read one's mind and soul by looking straight into one's eyes and face."

☐ The schools teach race history, art history, philosophy, economics, social science, drawing-room procedure, and sports—mainly sports. All students are required to dive from a 30-foot board, whether or not they can swim. All students must learn "how to ride a horse, to rule the living animal with their iron will."

☐ "These men, to whom the National Socialist party now gives everything that a real man can hope for from life, must realize and keep in the bottom of their hearts that they are now dedicated to the order for life and death and that they must obey it without question."

☐ "These men must know and realize that from now on there is no road back for them. When the party takes the Brown Shirt away from anybody, the person involved will not only lose the office he holds, but he, personally, and his family, wife and children, will be destroyed."

☐ "Every National Socialist leader must know that he is climbing a steep grade. You can walk here only if you have the sleepwalker's sure touch. You can have this assurance only if you are inspired by an absolute belief in and unshakable loyalty to Adolf Hitler and his idea."

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