



# What Shall Be Done About Germany?



THE WORLD WAITS TO SEE HOW HARD OR HOW EASILY THE SPELL OF NAZISM CAN BE LIFTED FROM YOUNG GERMANY

A CORRESPONDENT from Milton, Otago, has asked us to find space for this very interesting questionnaire from the "Christian Science Monitor." According to the "Monitor" the U.S. Council of Democracy has already sent this questionnaire to America's National leaders. When the leaders will answer we of course do not know, but we pass it on to our readers partly as an intellectual exercise, but partly also to illustrate the difficulties involved in punishing Germany formally and legally.

It is hardly necessary to add that it is not printed in "The Listener" to encourage people to think that the task of so dealing with Germany is too difficult to be attempted. It is printed to help our readers to clarify their own thoughts.

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FOR practical purposes, the question "What Shall Be Done With Germany After the War?" has been subdivided into the following specific topics:

1. Punishment.
2. Reparations.
3. Form of Government.
4. Disarmament.
5. Re-education.
6. Relationship to rest of world.

It is urged that these questions be considered from a purely objective, unemotional point of view. The problem is—not what we might like to do to the Germans, or what the Germans deserve. It is—What treatment of Germany is most likely to produce the kind of world we want—10, 20, 50 years after the war?

## I: PUNISHMENT

(Considered always from the objective viewpoint)

### A. Why Punishment?

1. Effect on Punishers . . .
  - (a) Would quick blood-letting relieve pent-up emotions in invaded countries, thus permitting a calmer approach to the main problem of the Peace?

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