

Necessity Knows No Law

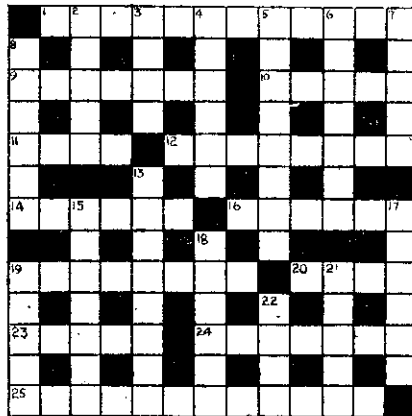
By WHIM-WHAM

[According to the Munich "Neueste Nachrichten," the German Minister of Justice (Otto Thierack), has announced that 9,000 German judges are being sent to the front or the war factories, in order to increase the authority of the remaining 5,000 judges.—Cable news item].

NINE Thousand Nazi Judges go
To help the Fuehrer fight the Foe;
The Fuehrer now can claim with Pride
That Justice fights upon his Side.
Five thousand Judges stay behind—
Enough to implement the Kind
Of Proclamations and the Like
That pass for Justice in the Reich,
The Justice of the Rubber Stamp,
The Whip and Concentration Camp.
What Duties are intended for
This new-formed Legion of the Law?
Will this Battalion of the Bench
Be flung into a front-line Trench
To learn—made human at the Last—
How Sentences of Death are passed?
Nine Thousand learned Conscripts! Well,
Some may, for All that I can tell,
Be upright Judges in their Way,
Although they draw a Tyrant's Pay;
Trying, though powerless, to maintain
Such Rags of Justice as remain.
But All alike are summoned for
The Prosecution of the War;
Their Lives are so much Evidence
The Fuehrer calls in his Defence—
More Proof, if any more were needed,
That Right by Force is superseded;
That Justice, in a Fascist Nation,
Is no Essential Occupation!

THE LISTENER CROSSWORD

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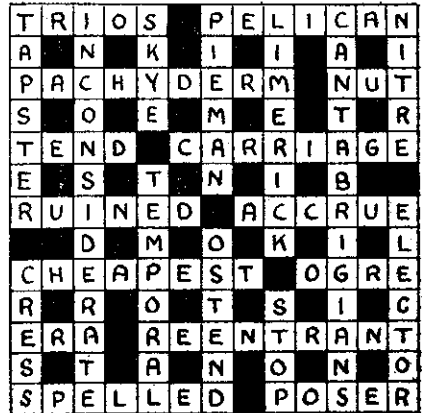
Clues Across

1. With a harp, Phil and Tony make a practice of doing good to their fellow-men.
9. Led near a ship.
10. Chesterton called this drink "a crawling cad."
11. Drive out.
12. Alternative to auction.
14. Posted to a tyrant.
16. It's mad (anag.).
19. Deft and neat, even if it's grown stout.
20. The wise men from the East.
23. Serve.
24. Just a second!
25. Animal with pocket who carries the "self-help" idea to excess.

Clues Down

2. Alternative to tails found in Hades.
3. The mother of Castor and Pollux.
4. This is war, Ron!
5. Each tomb reveals a great public sacrifice.
6. Arch and Rod provide fruit.
7. As yet used in baking bread.
8. Nut.
13. Is the colt ever found on the bed?
15. I sat over tea all confused, and became surfeited.
17. Craving for drink.
18. Models (anag.).
19. Pocket-bottle.
21. Fragrance.
22. A pin would give you this.

(Answer to No. 131)



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