



## Grand Admiral Karl Dönitz: Last President Germany

**HIS SUCCESSION, HIS GOVERNMENT, THE NUREMBERG PROCEEDINGS,  
PERSONAL OBSERVATIONS AND EXPERIENCES**

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On the afternoon of 30 April 1945, with Berlin engulfed in flames and besieged by the Second World War [1] took his own life in his cement bunker beneath the chancery act, perhaps the ultimate act of courage, represented the termination of the heretofore Western Civilization, a civilization and culture nurtured and developed in Europe for many centuries. The death of this last natural leader of Europe represented a military-political victory over Communism and Russian Nationalism on the one hand, and Jewish Bolshevism on the other. The United States, England, France and their multitude of last-minute vassals and hangers-on "victors" of World War II were already at each other's throats, and would enter into a state of conflict beginning in 1945, and continuing unabated even today. But at that moment in time the Allies, jubilant in their economic-military victory, were not much concerned with the political error in failing to be magnanimous towards the defeated Axis powers. The Jewish spirit of Hebraic revenge would motivate their every action in the days and years following, as demonstrated in the doctrine of "unconditional surrender", which cost the lives of millions of citizens and soldiers, Axis and Allied as well.

For a few brief weeks during late April and May of 1945, another leader of Europe was in command, man, respected even within the military councils of the Allies. That man was Grand Admiral Dönitz, commander-in-chief of the German Navy, in overall command of German military operations that tense moment engaged in arranging sea and other transportation for the evacuation of the eastern areas.[2] To his overwhelming astonishment, Dönitz had been designated as the new head of state. In his last political testament executed at 4:00 a.m. on 29 April 1945, he named Goebbels, *Reichsleiter* Martin Bormann, and Generals Wilhelm Burgdorf and Hans-Joachim Fretter-Plak as his successors. Grand Admiral Dönitz as "President of the Reich and Supreme Commander of the German Armed Forces" in my statement in the Reichstag on September 1st, 1939 ..."[3] To capture the spirit of his statement I cite the following excerpts:

... I die with a happy heart, aware of the immeasurable deeds and achievements...

the front, our women at home, the achievements of our farmers and work in history, of our youth who bear my name.... From the sacrifice of our sol  
unity with them unto death, will in any case spring up in the history of Ge  
radiant renaissance of the National Socialist movement and thus of the re  
community of nations.... I beg the heads of the Armies, the Navy and the  
by all possible means the spirit of resistance of our soldiers in the Nationa  
task, that of continuing the building of a National Socialist State, represen  
coming centuries, which places every single person under an obligation a  
common interest and to subordinate his own advantage to this end. I den  
National Socialists, men, women and all the men of the Armed Forces, th  
obedient unto death to the new government and its President ... [4]

At Ploen on the evening of 30 April 1945, Dönitz received only the following me  
appointed you, Herr Admiral, as his successor in place of *Reichsmarschall* Görir  
follows. You are hereby authorized to take any measures which the situation de

In his Memoirs, Dönitz describes his reactions:

... This took me completely by surprise. Since July 20, 1944, I had not spok  
at some large gathering. ... I had never received any hint on the subject fro  
assumed that Hitler had nominated me because he wished to clear the wa  
the Armed Forces to put an end to the war. That this assumption was incor  
until the winter of 1945-46 in Nuremberg, when for the first time I heard th  
will.... When I read the signal I did not for a moment doubt that it was my  
... it had been my constant fear that the absence of any central authority v  
the senseless and purposeless sacrifice of hundreds of thousands of lives ..  
darkest moment in any fighting man's life, the moment when he must su  
was at hand. I realized, too, that my name would remain forever associate  
hatred and distortion of facts would continue to try and besmirch my hon  
that I pay no attention to any such considerations. My policy was simple  
many lives as I could ... [6]

Dönitz moved forcefully. He met with Heinrich Himmler at Ploen and politely c  
become the "second man" in the Dönitz government. Dönitz ordered Field Ma  
come to Ploen so that the military situation could be assessed. [7]

On the morning of 1 May, Dönitz received the following radio message, classifie  
Bormann at the chancellery: "Will now in force. Coming to you as quickly as po  
should in my opinion refrain from public statement." [8] Dönitz was left to pres  
dead but he knew none of the circumstances. Some public position had to be ta  
in his Memoirs that he felt that the announcement of Hitler's death should be c  
To denigrate him ... as, I felt, many around me would have liked me to do, woul  
mean and cheap thing to do ... I believed that decency demanded that I should  
manner in which it was, in fact, worded. Nor, I think, would I do otherwise tod  
1945 Dönitz made the following announcement on North German radio:

The Führer has nominated me as his successor. In full consciousness of my duty I therefore assume the leadership of the German people at this fateful hour. I will protect German men and women from destruction by the advancing Bolshevist enemy. My sole purpose alone that the military struggle continues. For as long as the British and Americans continue to impede the accomplishments of this task, we must also continue to fight ourselves against them. The British and the Americans in that case will not fight for the interests of their own peoples, but solely for the expansion of Bolshevism.

Dönitz also issued his Order of the Day to the Armed Forces on 1 May, covering the entire German territory in different language. And, to counter a growing lack of discipline in the armed forces, he issued a declaration to the military services: "I expect discipline and obedience. Chaos and disorder will be met by the swift and unreserved execution of my orders. Anyone who at this juncture fails to protect German women and children to slavery and death is a traitor and a coward. The oath of loyalty taken to the Führer now binds each and every one of you to me, whom he himself has appointed as his successor." [11] It worked. As Dönitz relates: "The next few days showed that the German military still respected authority; and that was all that mattered." [12]

On 1 May 1945, Dönitz received a third and final radio message from the Berlin command. It carried a "Personal and Secret" classification but signed this time by Goebbels and Bormann:

*Führer* died yesterday, 1530 hours. In his will dated April 29 he appoints you as Reich Chancellor, Reich, Goebbels as Reich Chancellor, Bormann as Party Minister, Seyss-Inquart as Reich Minister. The will, by order of the *Führer*, is being sent to you and to Field Marshal Keitel out of Berlin for safe custody. Bormann will try to reach you today to explain the content and timing of announcement to the Armed Forces and the public is left to you. Please Acknowledge. [13]

In a melodramatic series of events, Martin Bormann was killed in Berlin en route to the west. High-ranking officials failed to arrive, and no copies of the pertinent documents ever made it. It never occurred to the officials in the beleaguered chancellery that the entire text of the will could have been radioed to Dönitz. At this point, he did not even know of the situation in Berlin on 1 May. Dönitz correctly felt that he must make his own governmental appointments. He could not logically appoint officials whose whereabouts he did not know (he did not know if they were alive or dead), or whose prominence in the Hitler government might be known to the Allies. Of this fateful date, 1 May 1945, Dönitz summarized the situation in his Message to the German People: "The transports filled with wounded, with refugees and with troops hurried westward. The convoys overland pressed on towards their salvation and the armies in Pomerania, in Brandenburg and in the East continued to retire in the direction of the Anglo-American demarcation line." [14]

It was the plan of Admiral Dönitz to accomplish a partial surrender in the west. The German Navy, commanded at Hamburg was ordered to dispatch an officer with flag of truce to the Allies to announce the surrender of Hamburg and to inform them that a general delegation under Admiral Dönitz was en route to confer with them. [15] Meanwhile, because of British advances, Dönitz ordered the German Government to Muerwik near Flensburg. There he conferred with representatives of the British and American forces and advised them to take such action as would enable them to surrender their forces. He had developed a healthy respect for the American Navy, and it for his part.

forces were something else again, their officer corps consisting in large part of Junkers. Dönitz had not yet met political generals of the Eisenhower stamp.

There were many acts of heroism at this difficult time. I cite but one here. As Dönitz put it, "Karl Hermann Frank, Protector of Bohemia-Moravia, concerned with Czech welfare, thought their nation should it fall into Russian hands, sought the agreement of Dönitz to surrender to the Americans. Dönitz thought it unlikely to succeed but worth trying, and he accepted it regardless of his own personal safety and with but the slenderest chance of success. His return to a country which he knew to be on the brink of revolt in order to secure the solution of its problems should be noted to his credit." [16]

On 4 May, Dönitz gave to Admiral von Friedeburg the full authorization to accept the offer offered by Field Marshal Bernard L. Montgomery, and von Friedeburg was flown to London for further instructions to then proceed to General Eisenhower at Rheims to offer a separate German American sector. As Dönitz put it, "The first step towards a separate surrender to the Americans was accomplished without our having been forced to abandon German soldiers and officers to the Russians." [17]

Eisenhower proved to be contentious and difficult. On 6 May, Dönitz sent Col. Hans-Joachim Fieseler, the American martinet, who rejected any separate surrender and informed Jodl that the Americans had ordered to fire upon any German troops approaching American lines with the intention of capturing them unarmed. This, of course, was a direct breach of the Geneva Convention but that was the attitude of the Americans who took his political orders from the Washington regime. Eisenhower demanded a separate German American sector by 9 May, but Jodl was able to win the concession of 9 May as the date for the termination of hostilities enabling Dönitz to continue moving troops and refugees out of the eastern area. The signing of the instrument of surrender at Rheims on 7 May 1945 is well known. Jodl signed for Germany on the first capitulation document. Dönitz authorized the German representatives -- Keitel, Admiral von Friedeburg, and General Stumpff -- to sign for the German American sector. These were repeated in Berlin-Karlhorst on 8 May at the demand of the Russians. As it turned out, during the surrender negotiations the German representatives were treated courteously by the Americans with hostility and child-like contempt by the Americans. This conduct was exemplified by the fact that who later censured and otherwise hounded an American brigadier general, Robert Patch, who rebuked General Patch, commander of the 1st Army, for treating German prisoners of war decently. See Leonard Mosley's book, *The Reich*.

The final order of the German Armed Forces, issued on 9 May 1945, stated in part:

... By command of Admiral Dönitz the Armed Forces have given up the heroic fight that has lasted for nearly six years thus comes to an end ... the German people have succumbed to overwhelming superior strength ... Every German soldier, sailor, and airman therefore lay aside his arms with justifiable pride and turn to the task of ensuring the life of our nation ... To show obedience, discipline and absolute loyalty to the Führer, from innumerable wounds, is the sacred duty our dead impose upon us all.

As noted by Dönitz in his *Memoirs*: "I thought then, and I still think, that those who were just." [19]

The surrender accomplished, and the cessation of hostilities being secured at the time, Dönitz turned his efforts to the processes of the government which he headed, and to the fact that the German government had, in fact, lost its legal status from the Allies by their dealings with it. The legal complexities of the situation are discussed in the book *Die Regierung Dönitz*, by W. Luedde-Neurath, a work published in 1950, but even then it was clear that, in the face of the repressive political conditions in the western zone of Germany in 1950, the nomination of Dönitz as Head of State was unquestionably legal, and that its legality was not affected by the loss of German sovereignty occasioned by Allied occupation. Under German law, a state is possible only when a successor is named at the same time. This would, in the case of the German state, mean the termination by a head of state (i.e., suicide). When this measure is not taken, the president of the Reich Supreme Court (Article 51 of the Weimar Constitution). A head of state is therefore legally excluded.

The Act (law) of 1 August 1934 combined the offices of president and chancellor and the German people gave its electoral approval to this in the plebiscite of 1 August 1934. Hitler found general recognition as head of state both in his domestic and international relations. The same law expressly gave to Hitler the right to name his successor. This he did in his Reichstag declaration of 1 September 1939, naming Göring and Hess in that capacity. The instruments eliminated Hess (following his flight to England) and Göring (by Hitler's attempt to take over Hitler's leadership in late April of 1945). Therefore, Hitler's declaration of 1945 (naming Dönitz as president and Goebbels as chancellor) took precedence over the authority for the Dönitz government. (See special note [67])

To his everlasting credit, Eamon De Valera, Prime Minister (later President) of Ireland, was the German ambassador to Ireland to offer his condolences on the death of Hitler and to represent the German government headed by Dönitz. There is no doubt that, had time permitted, the German representatives with neutral nations could have been achieved. Dönitz headed a new German government in every sense of the term. He wrote: "... it was essential to have the requisite state departments within the framework of a central government. It was our intention that we should gather together all our best experts in these various spheres, in order to secure their cooperation to the occupying powers. Our primary task was to ensure for the German people a bare survival..." [20]

The Dönitz government took form, then, to prevent famine; to restore communications; to rebuild housing and obtain temporary quarters for the homeless; to try to hold together the remaining re-establish banking systems, and to aid the refugees and absorb the additional Germans fleeing the Russian-occupied areas. The Dönitz Cabinet took office: Goebbels (Foreign Minister, Minister of Finance, and presiding officer of the Cabinet), Dr. Winter (Minister of the Interior and Minister of Culture), Albert Speer (Minister of Industry and Production), Dr. Goetz (Minister of Food, Agriculture and Forests), Dr. Franz Seldte (Minister of Labor and Social Affairs), and Dr. Dorpmueller (Minister of Posts and Communications). All had held secondary jobs in the Third Reich but all were essentially non-political men with bureaucratic experience and technical skills. The choice of Speer was an unfortunate one as the man was a self-seeking character who was not although able in his technical fields. Speer at once initiated an internal campaign to get the government to resign. As Dönitz put it: "Speer was emphatic in his opinion that the government should resign. But he thought that, as far as he himself was concerned, the Americans would not do anything with him." [21] Schwerin-Krosigk took a sounder view—that only the Armed Forces could be expected to state continuing to exist with Dönitz as its legal head. As Dönitz remarks: "... The

recognized the fact when they insisted on my conferring plenipotentiary powers on the German representatives, who were to sign the instrument of surrender ... I and my provisional government resigned. If we did, the victors could say with justification: since the properly constituted German government had fled away, we have no option but to set up independent German governments in the areas under our military government to exercise authority over all. of them ... I should stay in Germany. If I had not done so, then ... I should have supplied the political pretext for the division of Germany."  
"[22]

An Allied Control Commission under the American Major General Lowell W. Rooks arrived on the scene shortly after the capitulation, and they were later joined by the Soviet Major General Nikolai Trusov. This commission conferred with the Dönitz government but gained little cooperation. Dönitz observed: "The attitude of the Allied representatives was reserved, but correct. The courtesies of normal international usage were observed. The attitude of my government should have shown a like reserve and reticence was only natural. Despite the fact that no progress was made regardless of the non-cooperation of the Allied representatives, the German government continued food procurement and communications. The Cabinet met regularly and worked on the economy, often lives- a life of its own, and some of the administrative offices of the Hitler government continued their work. An SS "think tank," engaged in producing reports on the German economy in business as of August 1945, and some Nazi intelligence operations were taken over by the services of the Allies, notably that of General Reinhardt Gehlen, who had special knowledge concerning the Russians.

Next, a campaign against the Dönitz government was orchestrated in the Allied press. Dönitz observed:

The enemy press and particularly the Russian radio began to get busy about the "German Government" ... The cooperation between the provisional government and the American representatives in Muerwik had aroused their envy ... Churchill wanted my removal. He wanted to use me as a "useful tool" ... if I proved to be useful, he would be reckoned against my "war atrocities in command of submarines" [Churchill's attitude was exactly the coldly calculating attitude that I expected of British policy]. Eisenhower demanded my removal in the interests of friendship with Russia.

The arrest of the Dönitz government is described in a cynical article by one Communist correspondent, in Yank, "The Army Weekly," terming the Dönitz government "a puppet government." The Allied command to permit him [Dönitz] to attend to the interior reorganization of Germany coupled with the disarming of German forces under the very direction of the OKW (OKW), to "keep intact the nucleus of a new Wehrmacht and a new war-minded German leadership." In 1945, Dönitz, Jodl, von Friedeburg and others were summoned aboard the steamer USS T-3, Rooks, wasting no time on protocol or courtesy, communicated Eisenhower's command to the Soviet High Command ... today the acting German government and the German High Command, several of its members, shall be taken into custody as prisoners of war. Thereby, the German government is dissolved ... Troops of the 21st Army Group are taking the several members, citizens, and records, into custody..." [26] Asked by Rooks for any comment, Dönitz replied, "I have nothing to say, it is superfluous." [27] The members of the Dönitz government and the high command were taken off, hands behind their heads and at machine-gun point, to a prisoner of war camp. Many of them chose suicide over Allied detention.

I have discussed at some length the brief tenure of the Dönitz government because the opposition of the Soviet Union was to be expected. Had the western Allies, with foresight, the history of Europe might have followed a quite different course. A nation "dissolved" by military order of an external enemy, nor by taking its members forcibly into power, and having been recognized by the very forces which were to overthrow it, the Dönitz government remains in history as the last *de jure* and *de facto* German government. The establishment by the Allies of their own puppet regimes in West Germany (the Federal Republic) and in Central Germany (the so-called German Democratic Republic) merely under the occupation of the German nation almost 40 years after the military conclusion of the war is pointed up by the maintenance of the prison at Spandau in West Berlin, containing the last German prisoner (Rudolf Hess), and administered in rotation by the governments of the United States, France, and the USSR. Despite some opposition exhibited by the Western puppet regimes, their claim to genuine independence by either the western or eastern puppet regimes is nullified by the continuing military presence in both those countries of the forces of the former German Reich.

Grand Admiral Dönitz then, on 23 May 1945, became another prisoner of war, and his responsibilities for the German nation were taken from his shoulders by the Allied forces. At the Allied detention center at Bad Mondorf, Luxembourg, Dönitz had time to reflect on the events which had brought him to the situation which then faced him.

Dönitz, not born into the class which then provided officers, joined the Imperial German Navy in 1905, commanding the light cruiser *Breslau* in the Near East, 1914-1916. Thereafter he entered the submarine service as a senior lieutenant on *U-39* and in command of *U-68*. After the sinking of his submarine, he was a prisoner of war until 1919. He continued to serve in the navy of the Weimar Republic, and continued to rise through the grades as a surface officer. Bound by the chains of the Versailles Treaty, Germany had no submarines again until 1935. Dönitz commanded a destroyer, a destroyer leader, and the Baltic naval forces, and commanded the cruiser *Emden* in the South Atlantic. In 1935, he was selected to build the new submarine service. He became senior lieutenant, and an expert on strategy, developing the tactics used by the U-Boats in World War II, which devastated Allied shipping early in the war. He rose through the flag ranks to become a vice admiral, and, in 1942, became a full admiral. On 30 July 1943, Dönitz was named Grand Admiral (the equivalent of fleet admiral, a five-star rank), and became commander-in-chief of the German Navy under Admiral Erich Raeder. This has been an extremely abbreviated summary of the career of Dönitz. To say that he was, without a doubt, the most brilliant U-Boat tactician of all time is not an exaggeration. To play the major naval role they played in World War II. The American Admiral Thomas C. Bligh (commander of the U.S. Asiatic Fleet at the outbreak of World War II, and later a U.S. Senator) was

I rate Admiral Dönitz as the best of them all, land or sea. He was unique in the history of the German submarines and they were our most dangerous enemy. His performance in the war he did most of it himself-was the most outstanding Axis performance of the war. He succeeded to command all German Navy Forces. It was too late for real action, but he made no mistakes and no one could have done better. Then he succeeded in his performance from there on seems to me to have been perfect. So I think [28]

Karl Dönitz was never a political man, and he took but little interest in the various political parties during the Weimar era. But he was an anti-Communist, a conservative,

all, a patriot. The principles of National Socialism were bound to appeal to him biography in *Encyclopedia of The Third Reich*, "Dönitz was one of the few convicted high officers in the Navy. He praised Hitler in speeches to his sailors: 'Heaven help the Führer!' On one occasion he told a cheering crowd in Berlin that Hitler foresaw his misjudgments ... Hitler, on his side, had the utmost confidence in Dönitz ..." [29] Dönitz's relations with Hitler were always formal and courteous: "I myself never thought about revenge against Hitler ... he only called me 'Herr Grossadmiral,' and never by any other name. In my Memoirs, Dönitz discusses Hitler's influence on other people, pro and con.

I myself had often been conscious of this influence, and after spending even months at the headquarters, I generally had the feeling that I would have to get away from it. I felt the influence if I were to free myself from it. Further, to me he was not only the appointed Head of the State, the man to whom I owed obedience, the state leader, the fighting man, but also a man of high intelligence and great energy ... [30]

What was Admiral Dönitz like as a person? A gentleman of the old school, he was reserved, few words. He would reply to questions directly but briefly, and seldom expressed a wry sense of humor, but was far from jocular. He had the ability to immediately deal with it, without preliminaries. It was his natural tendency to find only good in the absence of such, to say nothing. Dönitz was a family man who did not care for dogs, often expressed his fondness for dogs and children. His submariners, officers and crew were of his eye, and he felt closely bound to them. He knew personally as many of the U-Boat commanders. Naval personnel uniformly respected him and referred to him as "Lion"). British Admiral of the Fleet Sir George E. Greasy wrote of him: "... As a superior officer to be held in the deepest admiration and respect by Officers and Men of the U-Boat arm in respect myself, and there is no doubt that he handled his U-Boat arm with maturity. In return he was served with great loyalty." [32]

Dönitz, with the members of his government and other high-ranking members of the Wehrmacht, was held at Bad Mondorf until mid-August of 1945. Conditions there were far from luxurious. German historian Werner Maser, in his book *Nuremberg: A Nation On Trial*, mentions that the prisoners of war at Bad Mondorf were under the misapprehension that any trials for "war crimes" would be insignificant, and that defendants would surely be protected by the fact that they were legally-constituted superiors in a chain of command. Only after their transfer to Nuremberg "Palace of justice" did they learn that Chapter VIII of the governing law stated that a defendant acted pursuant to order of his government or of a superior shall not be held responsible if he may be considered in mitigation of punishment if the Tribunal determine that he was obeying orders which he to say, the tribunal never made any such determination. An all-encompassing indictment was charging, as criminals, not only virtually every official of any rank in the Hitler government but also every party and military organization of consequence, including the Wehrmacht, the SS, the SD, and even the General Staff and High Command of the Armed Forces. With these indictments, the status of the prisoners of war became that of accused criminals, held in severe conditions, without any provisions for bail, even though unconvicted, at their own rank.

Before touching on the Dönitz case at Nuremberg, some general evaluation of the trials is in this purpose, I quote from an analysis of the trials in general written by a disting

... The tribunal involved was created ... by what is known as the London Charter of August 8, 1945 by and between four nations-The United States, the Soviet Union, France and Great Britain-victor nations of World War II, for the purpose of designating and prosecuting crimes committed in the course of the war as war crimes and the prosecution of officers and men of the conquered Germany charged with the commission of such crimes.

The Charter designated and defined three classes of crimes. Class A under which the defendants were charged and tried, defined the crime as follows: "The planning, initiation or waging of a war of aggression, or a war in violation of international agreements or assurances, or participation in a common plan or conspiracy for the accomplishment of any of the foregoing" ... Under the heading of "Aggression," the Chicago Tribune, under date of October 2, 1946 ... carried an editorial which stated in part: "The matter is that no one of the victors was free of the guilt which its judges at Nuremberg have vanquished." Measured by the Code and standards applied in these trials, we can only contemplate how the officers of our American forces might have fared had they been held accountable for their conduct in letting loose the devastation which practically wiped out Hiroshima and Nagasaki on August 9, 1945 the former two days before and the latter two days after the adoption of the London Charter to which the United States was a party.

In my judgment, the procedure by which the Nuremberg Tribunal was created and the trials thereunder conducted, was completely fraught with illegality ... America has invariably taken the position that an individual forming a part of a nation's army or navy and acting under the authority of his government, cannot be held answerable as a trespasser or criminal for acts committed under such authority. Such acts are the acts of the state and not those of the individual..." [34]

Here, Justice Hart discusses in some detail the legal precedents, notably *Dow v. United States* (1840), in which Daniel Webster (then Secretary of State) held that an individual acting under the authority of his government could not be held answerable as an individual for acts performed in his official capacity, being "a principle of public law sanctioned by all civilized nations, and which the United States has no inclination to dispute." [35] Justice Hart also deals at length with the opposition to trying Kaiser Wilhelm II for alleged "war crimes," and the opposition thereto by the Lansing administration, and Dr. James Brown Scott, an eminent American authority on international law, and Charles Cherry Hyde in his work on international law that no demands may be made on individuals "to be punished criminally on account of acts which were not international in character." [36] The discussion continues:

Furthermore, these four national powers instituting the Nuremberg Trials do not jointly possess any sovereign power to create a special court to try alleged war crimes committed outside the territorial jurisdiction of any one of them- a sovereign power to create systems of law to exercise authority over the life and liberty of its subjects and to exercise jurisdiction. Nor did it possess sovereign authority to convict officers of the

called criminal offenses not committed within such jurisdiction. It is true made that under international law there exists certain "common law" crimes created by legal enactment, which crimes existed and were recognized at the Nuremberg Tribunal. But this position was belied by the fact that the power was necessary to specifically define the crimes in the same joint charter which was The London Charter defined the offenses for which the defendants were tried heretofore quoted.

It has been generally conceded that there is no recognition of sovereign power or creation of or operates within the jurisdiction of international law. That may be inferred from the provisions of the Charter of the United Nations, Article 11, which the General Assembly may "initiate studies and make recommendations - and recommendations - alia -- of encouraging the progressive development of international law and the codification of the provision makes it clear that the Assembly itself is not empowered to codify international law, but to encourage the development and codification by constituent nations or by international tribunals yet to be created.

There was also much valid criticism expressed in this country at the time of the trial to the effect that the nations involved in the prosecutions had seen fit to subject the defendants and punishment to a make-shift court created by the prosecuting nations for their purpose and which went out of existence immediately upon securing the trial which was organized. From a legal standpoint, there is no answer to this criticism which is justified. The fact is that there does not exist and never has existed any international tribunal having jurisdiction to try offenses such as those named in the London Charter.

The designation and definition by the London Charter of the so-called crimes for which the defendants were charged, after such so-called offenses were committed, constitute an established rule against ex post facto legislation in criminal matters. The general principle is expressed in the adage: "Nullum Crimen Sine Lege" - a person cannot be punished for a crime unless he had infringed a law in force at the time of the offense and unless that law prescribed the penalty. Courts in passing on the trial declared that: "It is to be observed that this maxim is not a limitation of sovereignty but a general principle of justice adhered to by all civilized nations."

In my opinion, there was no legal justification for the trial, conviction or sentencing of "war criminals" by the Nuremberg Tribunal. We have set a bad precedent which will be followed in the future. [37]

There are many other valid reasons, not touched upon by Justice Hart, why the trial was as they were improper. To enumerate only a few: day-to-day changing of the "rules" which effectively deny to the accused the right of cross-examination guaranteed to the accused; the manufacturing of evidence by the prosecution through the use of forged and/or false testimony; admission into evidence by the prosecution of testimony known by them to be false; denial of counsel to their counsel through delays and pettifoggery; physical and psychological abuse of the defendants, and demoralization through the systematic looting of their persons; denial of tooth powder; denial of a permissible defense in citing similar acts of Allied nations.

Revisionist historians have made some headway in arguments which may hope for the repudiation of the entire Nuremberg process. But it is at best an upstream fight against the establishment, manifest most particularly in the occupation of academia by many shabbosgoyim, and of the mainstream publishing industry operated head-to-toe by the same. It is particularly pleasing to see an establishment historian come to reason on the subject and get it into print. The British journalist-historian, Leonard Mosely, no friend of Germany, has authored 21 books, largely concerning World War II. In his biography of Hermann

The International Military Tribunal at Nuremberg was not a trial in the sense accepted in civilized countries. It had been officially announced before the trial that it would generally follow the practices of British and American courts of law, including the right to speak and to cross-examine. But even though the presiding judge, Lawrence, was a venerable British jurist renowned for the impartiality of his decisions, and his American, French, and Russian colleagues knew what was expected, there could be no question of the principal accused winning acquittal. They were doomed before the trial started, no matter what case they made for themselves. That three out of the twenty defendants were, in fact, acquitted. But most could have guessed their number and names from the start [author's note]. The purpose of the tribunal was not to give the accused a fair trial to the extent of introducing all kinds of relevant evidence in justification of their actions. That would have been embarrassing ... their lawyers were warned that all attempts to implicate themselves would be disallowed ... There are some jurists who still maintain that Nuremberg was a legal process ... But in fact it was just as much a political trial as any which could be held in Russia ... [39]

Some "liberal" elements in the U.S. continue to attempt to justify the Nuremberg trials, and are thereby defending and asserting the so-called "rights of humanity." But their efforts to justify them, will someday be looked upon by historians and the more enlightened population with the contempt which they so richly deserve. Nuremberg will come to be seen as a monstrous error, similar in degree to the fateful intervention of the United States in World War I. The World War I intervention was supposedly to "make the world safe for democracy." The first premise was undesirable, the second impossible. The equally fateful intervention in China, the "lend lease," "Bundles For Britain," and military-economic give-aways long before Pearl Harbor. It, too, was accomplished by fulsome slogans about defending the rights of humanity and mankind, and similar garbage. After all that saving and crusading, a new dawn of world brotherhood was supposed to follow. Take a look around you. The Nuremberg trials are a product of neurotic hysteria, hatred, and hypocrisy. Yet there was a small, secondary, component which purported to believe that "humanity" would somehow be nobly and idealistically served.

A study of recent U.S. government and Amnesty International reports on political repression, and "humanists" some food for thought. Half a million people have been exterminated in Cambodia, another half a million in Indonesia, and millions more in various African countries. In the name of religious idealism, executions multiply in Iran. And in the name of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam, the head of the beast-the killing continues in that unholy land, crazily called the "Middle East." The domestic U.S. legal front, liberals, "humanitarians," and so-called lovers of democracy,

endeavors to protect the "rights" of real criminals, such as murderers, rapists, and elements continually agitate for more "war crimes trials," for more hounding a country and throughout the world, many of them refugees from Communist tyrannies. The same "anti-Fascist" liberals, anxious to pursue and punish "Nazis," fail to show real criminals, real criminals, the perpetrators of violent crimes. On the contrary, they are obsessed with the punishment and obsessed with the rights of criminals.

Why this discrepancy? Something in the Jewish psyche requires that their media constantly renewed stories of more and more "Nazis" being hunted and brought to trial. Media mania requires constant feeding to keep it in bloom. An Eichmann trial, a Nuremberg proceeding every year would amply suit the professional, fund-raising Jews.

The Nuremberg "trials" and the numerous "war crimes", "de-Nazification", and followed them, are ideologically as ludicrous and deserving of contempt as American wars to "make the world safe for democracy" and to "save oppressed humanity." The massive human suffering caused by the pernicious meddling of the United States is the mass of its betters.

What were the *real* origins of the Nuremberg proceedings? How did the U.S. fall and lend its offices and personnel to a victors' tribunal falsely represented as so-called international law? Some of the sinister background is well developed in the book by Professor Bradley F. Smith. Certainly no friend of Germany or of revisionism (whether knowingly or not, reveals the Jewish origins of the "trials" and shows that they were a production. Among the "cast of characters" in Smith's book are Henry Morgenthau, Sidney Alderman, Bernard Bernstein, Felix Frankfurter, Sheldon Gluck, Herschel, Sam I. Rosenman (adviser to F.D. Roosevelt), Herbert Wechsler, Frederick Bernadine White (Weiss, the Russian agent), as well as the American Jewish Conference, to name a few. Henry L. Stimson against the malicious influences of Henry Morgenthau, Jr., is a key figure. Stimson, Smith writes, "... Stimson was a social anti-Semite.... His diary entries reveal Morgenthau's 'race' and his 'Semitic' characteristics.... Stimson decried the fact that he had led in advocating harsh peace terms. Specifically, he believed that this could result in a disaster for those who would attribute all stringent controls on Germany to a mere 'Jewish'

In discussing the trials of Nazi organizations, Smith notes: "For the system to work had to convince a court, which was trying to appear legally respectable, that it was as well as its scruples, and condemn millions of organization members on the basis of a mere clue to the Americanization of the entire Nuremberg process, Smith writes, "After a long planning- filling the hallways with snide remarks-even most British officials ultimately the energy and determination had beaten the odds and turned Nuremberg into a mass trial had been thought possible." [42]

The influence of Morgenthau and his ilk in promoting the ill-conceived doctrine of harsh occupation terms, and trials of the defeated German leadership, in fact proved that Dönitz was well aware of this:

We knew of American Treasury Secretary Morgenthau's plan which, after

destroyed Germany to make it pasture land and an agricultural nation. If he succeeded, millions of Germans would have starved. For reasons decided at the Yalta Conference, the Allies would have made peace with Germany but only upon the condition that we surrender completely. That would have meant that German troops who stood at that time, lay down their weapons, and become prisoners of the Allies. There had been three and-one-half million soldiers on the Eastern Front which, in 1945, were located inside Russia, and it would have been impossible to provide these troops with food, even with the best organization ... These were the reasons why we did not insist upon unconditional surrender at Casablanca was a political mistake. [44]

Dönitz was magnificently defended at Nuremberg by *Flottenrichter* Captain Otto Thierack, a defense advocate. In a chapter on Dönitz in his book on Nuremberg, Werner Maser furnishes a detailed Dönitz defense, recommended for those interested in the details. Despite a recommendation by American Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, Dönitz was convicted and sentenced to a life term, a fight sentence compared to others meted out, but not light for an innocent man. As for it, and more. Of what precisely the Grand Admiral was convicted, we shall never know. Justice Smith, Professor of International Law in the University of London, held that "... this language [findings in the Dönitz case] perhaps indicate the embarrassment of the International Tribunal felt in dealing with the case of Dönitz, and it is not easy to ascertain from the record the precise facts upon which he was condemned." [44] Hon. S.A. Rahman, Chief Justice of the International Tribunal from the question of the validity or desirability of the Nuremberg trials, the guilt of Dönitz have been established beyond a reasonable doubt on the basis of the material before the Tribunal. Rear Admiral Dan V. Gallery, U.S. Navy, summed it up:

The outstanding example of barefaced hypocrisy at Nuremberg was the trial of Dönitz. He was tried on three charges: (1) Conspiring to wage aggressive war; (2) Waging aggressive war; (3) Violation of the laws of war at sea. Even the loaded court at Nuremberg acquitted him of the first charge, but convicted him of the other two. How in the name of common sense can an officer can wage any kind of war except an aggressive one without being a criminal? We never know.... Dönitz's conviction on charge three ... was an insult to our common sense. The only crime he committed was that of almost beating us in a bloody but "legal" war. The Nuremberg trials placed a solemn stamp of approval on a code of war at sea which we didn't follow ourselves in World War II but which may embarrass us in the future.

Here it should be noted that Admiral Gallery has employed the layman's definition of aggressive war, that of the international lawyer-which is absolutely permissible because the Nuremberg Tribunal has no any definition of "aggressive war" whatsoever. Dönitz himself covered the legal ground. See William Buchanan in *The Boston Sunday Globe*, 8 December 1963:

... The newly created principle of law does not define clearly what an aggressive war is, and whether a war is an aggressive one or not is purely a political question. Political considerations will try to prove that the other is the aggressor or that one's own country is the aggressor and that it was compelled to act in self-defense. So if ... the participation of an aggressor in an aggressive war will be punishable in future by this new Nuremberg proposal, every soldier of every nation would have to be accorded the right at the outbreak of a war for his government to account for its actions and to grant him access to all political information. He may form his own judgment as to whether he will be taking part in a war or not.

Following his sentencing on 1 October 1946, Admiral Dönitz served his time, by the old Spandau prison in West Berlin. Under any Western system, the conditions constituted "cruel and unusual punishment," and would have been ameliorated if his leadership was ill-treated, ill-fed, and ill-clothed, under monstrous conditions, and torture and indignity imposed upon the elderly prisoners. They knew little of this, but only a very limited and highly supervised contact with their families, and had but Dönitz maintained his dignity through his inner strength, and he never wrote columns or articles, unlike the little rodent, Albert Speer, who twisted facts and altered "his" contracts from the establishment publishers for his confessionals. Speer, anxious to avoid which the prosecutors might suggest, sought at Nuremberg to assume "moral responsibility" for what had transpired in Hitler Germany, even what the travelling salesman did to the poor, and those defendants who stood up to the court, including Dönitz. In his Spandau diary, Speer noted, however: "... Dönitz; abruptly and aggressively says to me that the Nuremberg trial is not all justice.... I cannot deny that Dönitz; is partially right in his rejection of the Nuremberg trial. On 10 December 1947, Speer recorded, "... For all his personal integrity and dependence on me, Dönitz has in no way revised his view of Hitler. To this day, Hitler is still his conscience." In an entry on 3 February 1949, Speer complained: "Schirach, Raeder and Dönitz are still in the same state. They disapprove of my consistent and basic rejection of the Third Reich." [50] In an entry of 20 January 1953, in which he quotes the reaction of Dönitz to the election of Konrad Adenauer as puppet West Germany: "... He [Heuss] was installed under pressure from the political parties, including the National Socialists, are permitted to function and my legitimacy remains. Nothing can change that one iota. Even if I wanted it completely, I had the office I would remain chief of state, because I cannot renounce it until I have appeared in public."

During 1952-1953, a remarkable and fascinating plan was developed in West Germany, Spain, Argentina, and even the United States, for the liberation of the Spandau prisoners by military action, and the setting up of the Dönitz; government elsewhere as a legal alternative. Although the financing was available, and many dedicated men were involved, the plan was never carried out. Germany and the matter became a field day for Allied journalism, resulting in a flood of articles which were never known and never will be, even though most of those involved are now dead. I had the pleasure of burning a file on the subject which had been eagerly sought by the intelligence agencies for many years.

Rather, more legal attempts were made to secure the release of Grand Admiral Dönitz. In 1952, Franz Kranzbuehler requested the intervention of the West German regime with its Allies for the deletion from his sentence of 16 months spent in incarceration before and during the war. Under the systems of jurisprudence, this is a routine procedure. On 27 May the Allies denied the request, to make Dönitz serve every day of the Nuremberg sentence. The Allies regarded his release as they feared political repercussions should Dönitz attempt to resume his function as a leader. At that time, then, no small amount of support existed in West Germany among rightist groups, and among the large associations of World War II veterans, with their growing economic and political influence.

On 1 October 1956, Dönitz was released, and the event was widely heralded in the West. There were altercations between the police and the press. Various newsmen were told to keep them from the Grand Admiral. "Police told newsmen they were acting on West German orders. As a first reaction, either disclaimed knowledge of the incidents or attempted to lay the blame on the *New York Herald Tribune*, terming Dönitz as the "Least Repentant War Criminal."

regime "exercised pressure behind the scenes to discourage demonstrations on not only the political popularity of Dönitz; with "Right-wing groups," but claim reported to have maintained contact in recent years with active neo-Nazi elements himself commented sensibly: "You must remember I have been isolated and cut off for a year and a half years. Therefore I am not in any position to pass any judgment or have anything to say. I must feel my way back in the world." [56]

*Time* magazine, on 24 September 1956, in an article headed "The Lion Is Out," reported attributing to him remarks which he never made. On 22 October 1956, *Time* published their article "so much hogwash," I stated that "Dönitz, a capable professional naval officer, was tried at the illegal Nuremberg tribunal for exactly the same 'ruthless' acts committed by the victors. The only difference is that Germany lost the war." [57]

There were many other voices. *The Chicago Tribune*, in its editorial of October 6, 1956,

Grand Adm. Karl Dönitz ... has completed his 10 year sentence as a "war criminal" and has been released from Spandau prison in Berlin. He was sentenced by an international tribunal at Nuremberg, acting under ex post facto "law" invented for the occasion. The charges were never legislated by any lawmakers, but by representatives of the victors who took over the prosecution. The presence of Adm. Dönitz among the defendants was a source of embarrassment to the victors with an unforeseen embarrassment. He was charged with having conducted submarine warfare. The tribunal reluctantly admitted that, in assessing the actions of the British admiralty, dated May 8, 1940, directing that all vessels in the Skagerrak be sunk without warning, could not be disregarded. The tribunal was also obliged to admit as an undisputed fact that the United States, from the first day of the war, had a policy of submarine warfare ... Nevertheless, the blanket charges against the defendant were so broad that Adm. Dönitz was guilty of something- probably the crime of fighting, in the service of his country. He got 10 years -- a verdict proving once again that hypocrisy can surmount all obstacles. [58]

My own involvement with Admiral Dönitz was continuing and considerable. Dönitz maintained contact with Mrs. Inga Dönitz, a magnificent, patriotic woman who served in World War II naval service. The nullification of the Nuremberg verdict in the Dönitz case and the refurbishing of the Grand Admiral's reputation in world opinion were among the reasons for the release of Dönitz, an ad hoc committee had been formed in the United States under the leadership of Professor Henry Strutz, with the active assistance of a group of retired U.S. Navy officers of high rank, including T.C. Hart and Charles A. Lockwood, for the purpose of compiling a book of letters from Dönitz from military and other world leaders. Despite the active hostility of the intelligence and secret police agencies, Jewish pressure groups, the so-called Axis puppet, and others, the project was a notable success. The compilation of evidence and the efforts of the lawyers to force the Bonn regime to pay him a retirement pension commensurate with his rank had tried to pension him off as a lower-ranking officer, claiming that he owed his life to the Allies. bound volumes of the letters and documents were presented to Dönitz and used by him in his book, *The Encyclopedia of the Third Reich*, it is noted that "He [Dönitz] always kept well informed of the views of Allied naval officers who had written to him expressing their sympathy and unc

The public relations campaign for Dönitz gradually took root. On 28 August 1955, an article captioned "Dönitz Gaining in Public Prestige", it was noted that just 22 months after the war "Grand Admiral Karl Dönitz has emerged as a nostalgic public figure in West Germany, Germany's old spartan naval tradition. This role, modestly played, has restored Dönitz's place in the naval circles ... "[60]

While it had never been so intended, part of the Dönitz testimonial collection was included in *Nuremberg: A Re-Appraisal*, the first edition appearing in 1976 and the second in 1983 under the imprint of the Institute For Historical Review. I would like to cite the work which I consider particularly significant. Field Marshal Lord Henry Maitland, Allied Commander in the Mediterranean theatre, wrote: "During my period of command in the Mediterranean Theatres, there were no breaches of International Maritime Law on my part.... the Nuremberg Trials were staged as a political stunt." [61] And Tom C. Clark, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court (1949-1967) and U.S. Attorney General at the time of the Nuremberg proceedings, wrote: "The series of opinions expressed by executives, legislators, jurists, militarists, writers, and the gamut of concerned leaders of our time. These learned minds not only isolate the issues, but placing it in right perspective, but at the same time cite the able and devoted Admirals. I hail this anthology as required reading for all who are interested in equal justice for the vanquished as well as the victorious." [62]

Following his release from Spandau, Admiral Dönitz promptly went to work on the first edition of which (*10 Jahre und 21 Tage*) appeared in 1958, to be followed by an English edition (see bibliography). Getting the memoirs of Dönitz into print in Germany in 1958 would have been better to wait for some years, but of course the Grand Admiral did not want that. It was necessary to make undesired concessions. Thus the memoirs are largely concerned with submarine strategy. There is no discussion of the Spandau years (which, in any case, is a criticism of the Allies is limited, and any discussion of the Nuremberg proceedings is largely concerning the conduct of the naval war. There is some criticism of National Socialism, but to the "leadership principle," with a bone thrown to "democracy," and some criticism of the concentration camps Dönitz opposed in principle. He was of the opinion that the concentration camps employed by the British against the Boers in South Africa, and was amused to learn that the "concentration camps" were originated by the American patriarch, General George Washington, and troublesome Quakers during the American Revolution. Because of their opposition to the camps and herded them into camps where he left them to starve unless fed by other Quakers. The concept flowered again in the sinister mind of Franklin D. Roosevelt, who herded Japanese ancestry into such camps in the World War II era. All nations have had their share of concentration camps, even the Nazis, but it was an American concept pure and simple.

The Dönitz *Memoirs*, in their various editions, were generally well received. In 1959, H.R.G. Whates, in an article captioned "A Formidable Antagonist of Britain," in *The Times*, wrote:

... From it emerges a picture of an upright, non-political naval officer with original ideas on the employment of U-Boats as destroyers of shipping. A man who would have fought the war for Germany if he had been given the three hundred U-boats for which he had planned. Dönitz quotes Nelson: "Only numbers can annihilate." He never had the

In 1962, Mrs. Dönitz died at age 69, and the Grand Admiral moved into a small house in Aumuehle, a suburb of Hamburg where, surrounded by his naval prints and silver and professional articles, receive old comrades, and correspond extensively with his views. The navy of the Bonn puppet ignored him in the main, but Dönitz took care of former servicemen, who always received him enthusiastically. By old navy tradition, foreign naval vessels visiting the port of Hamburg called on Dönitz as they would call on the Grand Admiral, much to the consternation of Bonn. Dönitz also remained active in aiding the cause of the still in Allied custody. I remained in close contact with the Grand Admiral, assisting him whenever I could.

On 27 July 1980, I received a warm letter from Dönitz, signed with an aged, shaky hand that we might meet again. This was not to be. On 24 December 1980, he died peacefully. The Bonn regime denied him military honors and a funeral at his services, which were crowded with former servicemen of high and low rank and respect. The obituaries were varied, generally favorable in Germany (with notable exceptions in England, and nasty, semi-literate hack jobs in the United States. As one might expect, I had access to the old World War II propaganda files and the Nuremberg garbage, with matters up to date. The *New York Times* was among the worst, which did not surprise me. I wrote to that so-called newspaper as "the Zionist rag." H.L. Mencken, I believe, called it "the most deleterious effect on the will to re-unification of the entire German people." At any rate, the story was over. Karl Dönitz passed into history.

With the death of the Grand Admiral, the controversy over his legitimacy as Head of State of the Reich. During the late 1970's the matter had been revived in an unfortunate way. A right-wing extremist, Manfred Roeder, sought to proclaim himself "Regent of the Reich" and issued, through the *New York Times*, a formal protocol bearing the forged signature of Admiral Dönitz, implying a regency proposition. On 22 September 1978, an editorial in the *Deutsche National Zeitung*, a newspaper in Germany, stated: "Errant spirits who pass themselves off as 'rightwingers' have given the impression that they were acting on behalf of Grand Admiral Karl Dönitz when they assumed the function of a 'Regency of the Reich.' The Grand Admiral has expressed himself as follows: 'I never declared that I continued to regard myself as President of the Reich. There followed a lengthy statement dated at Aumuehle on 2 July 1975, in which Dönitz stated that the passage of then some 30 years, the serious possibility of his claiming the office of Head of State to be ruled out. He continued:

In my statement of May 1, 1945, I did in fact very consciously characterize myself as Head of State of the Reich but as Head of State. I did so in order not to render more difficult the process of the exercise of the supreme power of government by complicating constitutional-legal problems. This de facto exercise of the supreme government function certainly came to an end decades ago. In this connection, I leave it to history to determine the precise moment when. After my release from Spandau jail in 1956, when I was asked to have done so, I never declared that I continued to regard myself as President of the Reich. Because of the political circumstances which have since developed, such a declaration could only have been of no consequence legally, but also politically unwise ... [it would have had] a deleterious effect on the will to re-unification of the entire German people.

There was disagreement among those who advised Dönitz as to the wisdom of his resignation. Some had sooner have seen a successor nominated, but, as Dönitz argued, who would be nominated? He mentioned *Generalmajor* Otto Ernst Remer, the exemplary patriot who had put down the

German radical who backed Dönitz into this corner now languishes in a West German prison, but the Bonn puppet has a long arm and no sense whatever of law or of justice. It seems certain: no future government of a United Germany can take office without the Dönitz government, the last government of the Reich.

When Admiral Dönitz emerged from Spandau prison in 1956, he re-entered an alien Germany after a prior ten years and more having in the main been withheld from him. He thought he would find the same people he knew in the 1930s and 1940s. But they were not. By 1960, the German people had become Americanized. The Coca-Cola culture had taken root, with its "hippies", its negroes, its unions, its put-down of patriotism, its rejection of race, of family and of cultural tradition. Gone was the American "re-education" policy in Germany. Like the American, the German had become merely to receive pay. Gone were quality and craftsmanship, gone were German values. The German woman had become "too good" to perform household tasks, for which African women were and are imported. Within a few decades, statisticians tell us, Germany will be dominated by alien races, run by leftist labor union combines. Admiral Dönitz has changed. He came to regret any favorable words written in support of "democracy" and finds solace in the strength of his own National Socialist spirit.

In conclusion, I would like to recall a line in Adolf Hitler's last political testament: "I am confident that all Germans, all National Socialists." Little can be expected from Germany in the future. But Hitler knew well that all National Socialists were not Germans. The National Socialist movement will take root, grow and flower among generations not yet born, in numbers not yet expected. This would please a man like Grand Admiral Karl Dönitz. Criticizing Dönitz's obituary cited a recent statement by him that he had nothing to apologize for and that, if given the opportunity to relive his life, he would have done everything the same way. Since the release of Dönitz in 1956, I joined with the writer and historian, George Sylvester Viereck, in the Grand Admiral:

On the day of the triumph of your steeled will over the plans of your vengeance, your American friends congratulate you and wish you a long, healthy life. Through your despicable Nuremberg proceedings -- brought about by the criminal co-governance of world Jewry -- your soldierly honor shone forth as the sole hope of those victims of the collapsing Western World.

Through your personal courage, you have triumphed over the calculated plans of the Western Culture, and you stand today as the personification of Honor, Loyalty, and Integrity. No considerations dissuade you from this position. You are unique in history!

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