

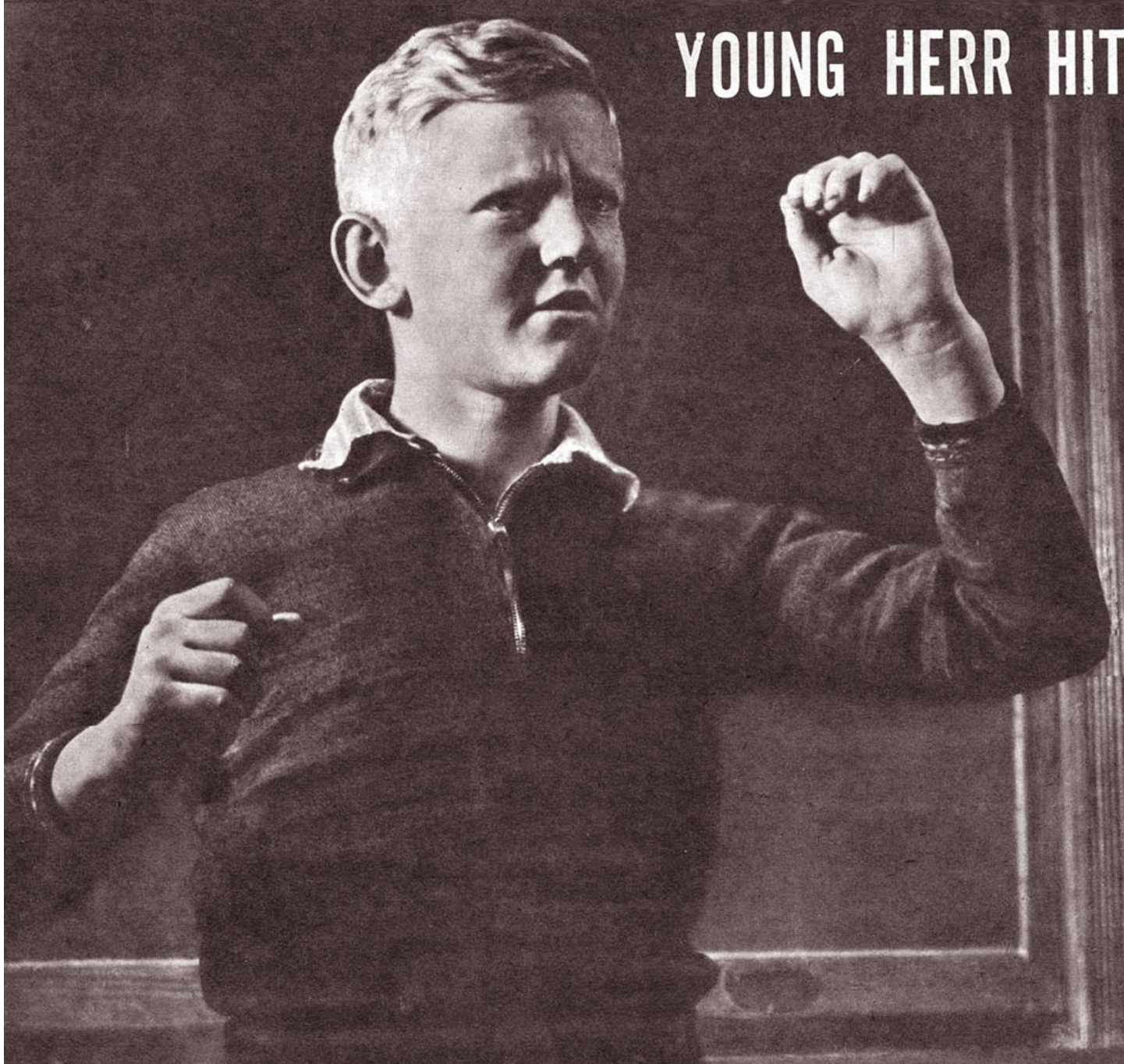
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GERMAN CREDO: EIN VOLK,
EIN REICH, EIN FUEHRER



ADOLF HITLER TEACHES in every German classroom, for the school teachers must present controversial subjects as though there were only one side. Even road programs are named after the Chancellor, as above.

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GERMAN schoolchildren in Bad Wilsnack as elsewhere look like American kids, study the same arithmetic, discuss the same current events in a regular "press period." But they sneer at democracy and tolerance, deliver serious, bitter, impassioned orations in regular Fuehrer style against liberty and freedom. What kind of education creates a Nazi boy or girl?

Prussian thoroughness in the schools is only one part of the answer. Giving students the National Socialist viewpoint on history, geography and sociology as though there were no other side is another part. Strongest part of the Nazi indoctrination program is the supplement to the schools, the *Hitlerjugend*—Hitler youth organization. Nearly every German youngster between 10 and 21 belongs—eight million members.

This disciplined army thanks its Fuehrer for a revolutionary creed, a brown-shirt uniform with a Sam Brown belt, a stag-handled dirk with a six-inch steel blade, and a chance to put its creed into action. The boys get the excitement of marching on hikes that are virtual military maneuvers, of smashing Jewish store fronts and pummeling dissenters.

The brightest, strongest, most fanatic and most authoritative boys are selected for the *Stamm H-J* or Elite Corps to be the future leaders of Germany. But despite their work in the labor corps (when they are eighteen) and their eventual chance in Army, Air Corps or the Nazi party, theirs is not a democratic opportunity. All orders come from Baldur von Schirach, Hitler's plump, aging youth leader. Youth is not youth, but the servant of the State.

For a story of education in a democracy and a test of what Young America thinks about war, turn the page.



GERMAN GIRLS between ten and fourteen belong to the *Jung-madel*; later, until they are twenty-one, they learn in the *Bund Deutscher Madel* that the duty of women is to bear future soldiers, that obeying orders is the essence of Naziism.

SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS for students to write topical reports for their classes are posted on this board. Military subjects are common, only National Socialist "philosophy" is allowed. These boys will know nothing but Naziism when they grow up.



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THE SAME NEWSPAPER for all young Nazis, the *Voelkischer Beobachter*, official party organ, repeats the same arguments in the same phrases. A virtual textbook on history, civics and economics, its reading in the "press period" is compulsory.