

Thursday, May 10, 1945

Dr. Jung Says Germans Must Realize Guilt

Acknowledgment of Misdeeds Vital to Reform, Psychologist Declares

May 10.—Dr. Carl

PM's Bureau

Gustave Jung who, with Freud, is one of the founders of modern psychology, declares here: "Ten per cent of the German population today are incurable

psychopaths." Jung, in an exclusive interview

with the leading Swiss weekly, Die

Weltowche, said: "Today, the German resembles a drunkard awakening with a hangover, not knowing or not willing to know what he has done.

"He will try frantically to rehabilitate himself in the face of the

world's accusations and hate—but that is not the right way. The only right way is his unconditional acknowledgement of guilt. Correct Method "The American therapy of conducting the German population to

concentration camps and making them see all the atrocities committed there, is thus quite correct. But such object lessons must not be combined with moral instruction instead German penitence must

The psychologist, said Jung, can-

"I am treating two staunch anti-

not make a distinction between the

mentality of the Nazis and of the regime's opponents.

come from within."

Nazis, yet their dreams reveal that behind all their decency, there swells in them a most pronounced Nazi psychology with all its vio-

they knew them." Jung said, "Let us not forget that

lence and cruelties. Glib distinction between decent and not decent Germans is absolutely naive. They Knew "All, consciously or unconsciously, actively or passively, are concerned in the atrocities. They knew nothing of these things-yet

the victor nations have the same fatal disposition to collectivity as the Germans," naming particularly the U.S. A. and the USSR, and he sees the sole salvation of mankind in minute individual education work. "It is not so hopeless as it may

appear," he declared. "Christianity asserted itself against a supremely strong opponent not by grand propaganda and mass conversionsthese only came later and had little value—but by man-to-man persuasion. This is the way we, too, must go."

OldMagazineArticles.com