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31ST PUBLISHED LIST OF GERMAN WAR CRIMINALS IS GIVEN
PROMINENCE IN BRITISH PRESS TODAY PERIOD FOUR NEWSPAPERS CARRY
EDITORIALS PERIOD MANCHESTER GUARDIAN DECLARES COLON QUOTE JUST
AS THE COMMON GERMAN SOLDIER WHO TOOK PART IN VIOLENCE AND
ATROCITY WILL BE TRIED AS DIRECT PERPETRATOR IN THE LAND WHERE
HIS CRIME WAS COMMITTED COMMA SO WILL THE HIGH NAZI LEADERS BE
TRIED FOR THESE SAME ACTS OF THEIR SUBORDINATES COMMA WHICH IT
WILL BE ARGUED THEY SANCTIONED AND ENCOURAGED BY THEIR POLICIES
PERIOD SO MUCH CRUELTY HAS BEEN LOOSED UPON EUROPE BY THE NAZI
LEADERS THAT ANY PUNISHMENT THEY ARE LIKELY TO RECEIVE MUST SEEM
TOO LIGHT PERIOD YET IT IS A SOLEMN MOMENT IN HISTORY AND GRAVE
PRECEDENTS ARE BEING SET PERIOD FOR THE FIRST TIME THE LEAD­
ERS OF A STATE ARE BEING TRIED FOR STARTING A WAR AND FOR BREAK­
ING TREATIES PERIOD WE MAY EXPECT AFTER THIS THAT AT END OF ANY
FUTURE WAR THE VICTORS DASH WHETHER OR NOT THEY HAVE JUSTICE ON THI
SIDE COMMA AS THIS TIME WE FIRMLY BELIEVE WE HAVE DASH WILL TRY
THE VANQUISHED PERIOD JUST AS THE NEW WEAPONS MAKE THE PRACTICE OF WAR MORE HORRIBLE COMMA SO DOTHESE TRIALS REVEAL HOW
FAR COMMA EVEN ON THE LEGAL SIDE COMMA WE HAVE LEFT BEHIND US
THE ATMOSPHERE OF EIGHTEENTHCENTURY WAR UNQUOTE PERIOD

DAILY HERALD ASSERTS THAT LIST SHOULD ALLAY FEAR EXPRESSED IN MANY QUARTERS THAT ALLIES ARE BEING TOO LENIENT IN TREATMENT OF NAZI LEADERS PERIOD IT WELCOMES AGREEMENT WHICH HAS BEEN REACHED BY MAJOR POWERS ON THIS FIRST LIST PERIOD NEWSCHRONICLE STATES THAT NEARLY ALL THE NAMES WHICH BRITISH PEOPLE WOULD EXPECT TO FIND APPEAR ON LIST COMMA AND ECLARES THAT QUOTE PUBLIC OPINION WILL EXPECT THE TRIALS TO BE RUTHLESS COMMA EXPEDITIONS AND OF SUCH A NATURE AS TO ROB THE CRIMINALS OF ANY ROMANTIC GLAMOR WHICH MIGHT POISON THE MINDS OF THE GERMANS OF THE NEXT GENERATION UNQUOTE PERIOD COMMUNIST DAILY WORKER ASSERTS THAT LIST WILL CAUSE GENERAL SATISFACTION COMMA REPRESENTING A TRIUMPH FOR SENS OF JUSTICE OF ORDINARY MEN AND WOMEN THROUGHOUT UNITED NATIONS OVER LEGALISM AND OBSTRUCTION OF REACIONARIES PARAGRAPH DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT OF GUARDIAN WRITES COLON QUOTE FAR MORE IMPORTANT THAN THE NAMES OF THE CRIMINALS ARE THE REASONS FOR WHICH THEY WILL BE TRIED PERIOD THEIR CRIMES ARE CATALOGUED AS WAR CRIMES COMMA CRIMES AGAINST THE PEACE COMMA CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY COMMA AND CRIMES COMMITTED IN DEFIANCE OF THE KELLOGG PACT PERIOD THIS GIVES A FAIR-
LY CLEAR PICTURE OF WHAT IS CONTEMPLATED COMMA BUT THERE IS STILL THE QUESTION OF WHETHER THESE BROAD DEFINITIONS CAN BE BROUGHT WITHIN THE METICULOUS RANGE OF LEGAL STANDARDS COMMA AT LEAST AS THE WESTERN DEMOCRACIES KNOW THEM PERIOD ASTERISKS THIS LIST IS MADE UP OF NATIONAL SOCIALIST MILITARISTS AND CONSERVATIVES PERIOD NOBODY WILL DISPUTE THAT PARTY LEADERS LIKE GOERING COMMA HESS AND RIBBENTROP SHOULD BE TRIED PERIOD THE JOB OF A TOTALITARIAN GENERAL HAS ALWAYS BEEN NOT ONLY TO PREPARE WAR BUT TO ASSAULT A PEACEFUL WORLD WITH WAR PERIOD ASTERISKS ARE THESE GENERALS THEN WAR CRIMINALS OR HAVE THEY MERELY STOOGES IN THE HANDS OF THEIR POLITICAL MASTERS QUESTION MARK PEOPLE LIKE SCHACT FALL INTO QUITE A DIFFERENT CATEGORY PERIOD HE UNDOUBTEDLY PERSONIFIES THE WORST TYPE OF POLITICAL IRRESPONSIBILITY COMMA A MAN WHO WAS PERFECTLY WELL AWARE WHAT WAS GOING ON UNQUOTE PARAGRAPH ONLY COMMENTATOR QUESTIONING WHO OTHER INDIVIDUALS WERE NOT INCLUDED IN THIS FIRST LIST IS A CORRESPONDENT OF DAILY EXPRESS WHO VOICES SURPRISE THAT IT DOES NOT INCLUDE VON BRAUCHITSCH

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