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EUROPE.

GERMANY.

CHRISTMAS 1941 finds the German people bewildered and perplexed. Hardly anything has turned out for them as had been expected—as the *Westdeutsche Beobachter* itself admitted on the 7th December. A year and a half after the spectacular fall of France, when the war seemed all but over, Britain remains undefeated and uninvaded, while in Africa, at sea, and in the air over Germany itself, she is striking back with interest. After six months of the most bloody land war in history, the Russian armies in the east, whose annihilation has so many times been announced by Hitler and Goebbels and celebrated with flags and fanfares, have not only turned at bay, but have turned the tables on the invincible *Wehrmacht* and are advancing almost everywhere. In subject Europe the boasted “New Order” is nowhere in evidence; a few miserable Quislings work for and co-operate with the Germans, but the mass of the population everywhere openly loathes and covertly obstructs them. In the Balkans, and in occupied Russia and Poland at least, patriot groups are in organised revolt; elsewhere assassinations and sabotage are sporadic, and the passing of information to and propaganda from Germany's enemies is epidemic. Outside Europe, the entry of Japan into the war has brought the vast resources and immense war potential of the United States of America openly into the field against the Axis Powers. It is a far cry from the 18-day walk-over victory in Poland in 1939, from the six weeks' campaign against France in 1940 and from the seven-day smothering of Yugoslavia in 1941. After two years and four months in the west, and half a year in the east, the end is not in sight.

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