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What they [the Nazi political party] want to do however, definitely, is to make Germany the most capable instrument of war that there has ever existed. The Minister of Education, speaking yesterday, said that a "Spartan spirit" must be developed among the German youth. Wherever one goes in Germany one sees people drilling [and training], from children of five and six on, up to those well into middle age.

I wish it were really possible to make our people at home understand how definitely this martial spirit is being developed in Germany. If this [Nazi] government remains in power for another year, and it carries on in the measure in this direction, it will go far toward making Germany a danger to world peace for years to come. With few exceptions, the men who are running the government are of a mentality that you and I cannot understand. Some of them are psychopathic cases and would ordinarily be receiving treatment somewhere." ~George S. Messersmith

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