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### Not All Germans Are That Despicable

An *Associated Press* dispatch from Berlin regarding the outbreak of anti-Jewish attacks contained this significant sentence: "A large section of the German population seemed thoroughly ashamed at the exhibition of mob rule."

This sidelight of the anti-Semitic disorders yields a grain of comfort to those persons who would like to believe that not all the Germans fall in with the worst phases of the Nazi regime. To know the Germans as individuals is to know that, like all peoples, there are good and bad among them, but that the majority are kindly and well-meaning and peaceful.

The reporter who wrote the sentence quoted above may well have been minimizing the truth. Or it may be that the German censorship would not permit the true picture. The truth may well have been that most of the Germans disapproved of this wholesale plundering and pillage and destruction and personal assault.

One of the worst aspects of the whole affair, however, is the evidence that the German government was at best negligent in

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seeking to end the lawless actions of the mobs. Apparently the German government sympathized with the mobs and stepped in at last only as a face-saving proposition.

If Hitler and his leaders want to prove to the world that they genuinely stand for law and order, they lost one chance when they neglected to put the full force of their armed police against the mobs. But they have another chance in the opportunity to punish those Germans who participate in the plundering.

It is open to Hitler and his aids now to place themselves with the majority of the German citizens who were "ashamed" at the exhibition of mob rule, or to align themselves with mobsters.

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