THE DEATH OF GERMANY: France Steals the Rhineland as the World Watches

Our nation left to starve, the Treaty of Versailles becomes a true weapon of war against the Fatherland

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BERLIN, 1920 It is well known across the nation that the Rhineland is our most crucial sector, constituting most of our production. With the goods and services in the Rhineland we are able to conduct the majority of our trade, improve our international relations, and ensure that our people are adequately fed, housed, and employed.

Delegations listening to a speech

It is with utmost disappointment that I announce the annexation of the Rhineland. In the committee session, a representative of our incredible country spoke their pleas to the council, begging for the area not to be given to France. They were, however, then followed by a French representative demanding the exact opposite. Most of the committee has chosen to side with France, wanting to completely incapacitate the Fatherland. The result? Complete destruction of our livelihood.

We have already been forced to endure a housing crisis, extreme hyperinflation, unemployment, poverty, famine, limited access to clean water, and the spread of disease from lack of sanitation. How much more can we take? There is no end to the misery and anguish this treaty has put us through. The Treaty of Versailles is no treaty of peace--it is a treaty of war. A war against the innocent, the forsaken, the dead and dying. I urge and beg this committee to rethink their decisions, look introspectively and seek good in their hearts, strive for true peace and the recovery of a regretful and tired nation.

To my fellow Germans: persevere. There is no better resistance than staying hopeful, hopeful for a Germany that is unified, just, and free. Godspeed.