

Who Then Is to Blame?

Germans have been killing, jailing, exiling and otherwise persecuting Jews ever since Hitler came to power. Now the Nazi government chooses to deny it inspired this latest pogrom, though it threatens the Jews with new and harsher official restrictions. But if the Nazis did not order what was done, then it must be true that they approved of it or that the mobs were uncontrollable.

The Nazis, sneering at America as "a country of gangsters," have boasted of their ability to maintain order and discipline among their own people. Certainly, the idea of uncontrollable mobs is inconsistent with such boasts. Unless the German Government wishes to admit that it cannot maintain order, it must stand convicted of responsibility for these recent frightful outrages against the Jews.

And of course the German Government is responsible. The Nazis talk of their "kultur." But their claims don't stand up in face of their brutality to helpless people in their own country and their bullying threats to the people of other countries.