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| <p>Source: Political Intelligence Weekly</p> <p>(from page 24)</p> <p><u>"Civilian Participation in the German Conspiracy</u></p> <p>Dr. Goebbels' belated announcement that Karl Friederich Goerdeler was implicated in the unsuccessful coup of 20 July confirms earlier suppositions that the conspiratorial group included important civilians as well as key military figures. Without the assistance of civil servants and the support of big business, the conspiring generals could scarcely have hoped to establish a new national administration. Goerdeler was well qualified to give such aid, since he has held responsible political positions and maintained excellent connections with German business leaders.</p> <p>During the 1920's and the 1930's Goerdeler served in such distinguished positions as mayor of Koenigsberg (capital of East Prussia), Lord Mayor of Leipzig, and national economy commissioner under the Bruening Government. His efficient conduct of the last post strengthened the confidence already placed in him by Bruening, Schacht, and the nationalist General von Schleicher. Goerdeler, in the early years of the Nazi regime, neither actively fought nor actively supported the Nazis. Possibly through the influence of his close friend Schacht, he was able to retain his post as Lord Mayor of Leipzig until his resignation in 1936, and for a limited period continued to hold his position as economy commissioner with reduced powers. Goerdeler's excellent connections with business are evidenced by the fact that after his resignation he was offered a prominent position in the Krupp armament concern by <u>Alfred KRUPP</u>, an offer withdrawn at the insistence of the Nazis.</p> <p>...."</p> | | | | | | |
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