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The Krupp Puzzle

Very few persons outside the Krupp family and some employees can be happy at news that the Krupp industrial empire in West Germany is apparently being put back together and even enlarged. Yet several very practical questions are in-volved in whether the World War II Allies can or should hold Alfried Krupp to a postwar agreement to break up and dispose of his coal and

armoref to Hitler is not easily for gotten. But today the most serious threat of dictatorial rule comes not West Germany.

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Heff Krupp boints out factually that, there is no one in West Germany with money enough to buy him out. The smaller Mannesmann syndicate has already been reorganized, The sit parts of the former L G. Farbert chemical combine are thely to be reintegrated, soon. The Krupp indus-

tries, of course, have made their post-war recovery without armament manufacture.

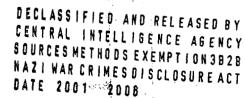
There is a certain irony in the United States assenting to the recon-centration and expansion of Krupp holdings while its Department of

Justice carries on an antitrust investigation of General Motors.

But the West German Government now has its own laws against the Two views of the matter are presented on this page. To those still
sented on this page. To those still
seared by memory of Nazi cruelty,
the role of Alfried Krupp's father as
armoref to Hitler is not earlier.

The misgivings raised by imminent irom a revival of Hitlerism but from pire are that it will wield monopoly proper and of communism. Against that it part of a remilitarized Germany. As others, the West needs atrength in to both these hazards the best hope west Germany. tevival of the Krupp industrial emgovernment and a peace serving sense of European unity. Unless these can really be depended

upon, this newspaper believes there is ground for the deepest reservations against permitting a revival of far-fluing power in the Krupp industrial empire.



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