



1 DPA SERIES: THE NAZI HOLOCAUST - SERIES II — "It is truly a miracle to trace this development of our movement. To posterity it will appear as a fairytale . . . History will record it as one of the most wonderful, one of the most remarkable happenings in the history of the world." — Adolph Hitler, Nov. 8, 1935. In 1835, the poet Heinrich Heine may have envisaged the shape and character of the Nazi revolution. He wrote: "Christianity — and this is its fairest merit — subdued to a certain extent the brutal warrior-ardour of the Germans, but it could not entirely quench it and when the cross, that restraining talisman, falls to pieces, then will break forth again the ferocity of the old combatants, the frantic berserker rage, whereof Northern poets have said and sung so much. The talisman has become rotten, and the day will come when it will pitifully crumble into dust. The old stone gods will then arise from the forgotten ruins and wipe from their eyes the dust of centuries, and Thor with his giant hammer will arise again, and he will shatter the Gothic cathedrals. When ye hear the trampling of feet and the clashing of arms, ye neighbours' children, ye French, be on your guard . . . German thunder is of true German character: it is not very nimble, and rumbles along somewhat slowly. But come it will, and when ye hear a crashing such as never before has been heard in the world's history, then know that at last the German thunderbolt has fallen." Above, Hitler wears the uniform of the S.A. (Sturmabteilung; Storm Detachment) in 1926.

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