

MILITARY GOVERNMENT—GERMANY
SUPREME COMMANDER'S AREA OF CONTROL

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*** Law No. 2)**

GERMAN COURTS

It is hereby ordered:

ARTICLE I

Temporary Suspension of Ordinary and Administrative Courts

1. The following German Courts and Tribunals are hereby suspended and deprived of authority in the occupied territory until authorized to re-open:

- (a) The Oberlandesgerichte, and all courts over which said courts exercise appellate or supervisory jurisdiction;
- (b) All subordinate courts over which the Reichs Verwaltungsgericht • exercises appellate or supervisory jurisdiction;
- (c) All other courts not dissolved under Article II.

2. The Reichsgericht and the Reichsverwaltungsgericht have until further notice no authority over any court or otherwise in the occupied territory.

* 3. Every decision, judgement, writ, order or direction issued by any such court or tribunal after the effective date of this law and during the period of suspension shall, within the occupied territory, be null and void.

ARTICLE II

Dissolution of Special and Party Courts and Tribunals

4. The jurisdiction and authority of the following courts and tribunals in the occupied territory are hereby "abolished:

- (a) The Volksgerichtshof,
- (b) The Sondergerichte,
- (c) All courts and tribunals of the NSDAP and of its organizations, formations and connected associations.

*) For Amendment No. 1 of Law No. 2 see under C!