

CONTROL COUNCIL

Order No. 4

CONFISCATION OF LITERATURE AND MATERIAL OF A NAZI AND MILITARIST NATURE

Bearing in mind the danger presented by the National Socialist doctrine, and in order to eradicate as soon as possible National Socialist, Fascist, Militarist and Anti-Democratic ideas in all forms in which they found expression throughout Germany.

The Control Council orders as follows:

1. All owners of circulating libraries, bookshops, bookstores and publishing houses to hand over to the Military Commandants or other Representatives of the Allied Authorities within two months of the date of publication of this order:

a) All books, pamphlets, magazines, files of newspapers, albums, manuscripts, documents, maps, plans, song and music books, cinematographic films and magic lantern slides (including everything intended for children of all ages), the contents of which include Nazi propaganda, including Nazi "racial" theories and incitements to aggression, as well as those containing propaganda directed against the United Nations;

b) Everything which contributes to military training and education or to the maintenance and development of war potential, including school text books and teaching material for all types of military educational institutions, as well as various, instructions, directions, statutes, maps, diagrams, plans, etc. for all types of troops and branches of the Services.²

2. All former state and municipal libraries, directors of universities and heads or directors of other higher educational establishments and secondary schools or all institutions for scientific research, presidents of academies, all scientific and technical societies and associations, and also directors of elementary and partial secondary schools and gymnasia, to remove in the same period from the libraries in their charge all Nazi and military literature enumerated in paragraph 1, and having collected it in complete order in specially allocated places, together with the relevant cards from the card index system of the library, to hand them over to the representatives of the Military Kommandatura or other Allied Authorities.