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GM Official Believes It Will Take Many Years to Democratize Germans

After four months this year spent in Germany, H. T. Gierok, 567 Chestersfield, connected with the labor relations department of General Motors, told Birmingham Post-Herald Monday noon that: "It will require many years of United States help to make even a fair impression upon Germans of the value of democracy; and that the drift of our own government into a bureaucratic and welfare state, copied from Europe, is making greater headway than most citizens believe—indeed, what we see in Europe can happen here!"

Gierok, who travelled extensively throughout Germany, France, Belgium, Holland, Switzerland, Italy and England, also declared that those nations, especially Switzerland, expect eventual war between the United States, western Europe, and Russia—with the latter only waiting for an "opportune moment to create a situation," however small, that can lead to conflict.

G. M. Property Destroyed
"In 1939 Hitler took over General Motors properties, and we were able to get them back from the U. S. Military Government in 1943," said Gierok. "During this interval our plants were 75 per cent destroyed, chiefly by the courage and ability of the American Air Force."
"Incidentally, within a few days

Southfield Schools Sponsor Appearance of Hillsdale Choir

Faculty members of the Southfield township schools will sponsor the appearance of the Hillsdale college choir at a Saturday evening concert at the new United Brethren church, Evergreen road between 8 and 9 miles roads, at 6 o'clock.

This is one of three scheduled appearances of the group in the Detroit area this weekend. Harold F. Brown, associate professor of music at Hillsdale, will direct the group.

Tickets may be secured from any of the nine elementary schools in the Southfield district or from members of Brace PTA. The latter group will sponsor a supper in the club basement, prior to the concert.

Community Council to Sponsor City Plan Study Group

A tentative program has been set up by the Birmingham Community Council to be used after the formation of a city planning study group. It has been done in accordance with the suggestion made by the board last year, in view of the increased interest in city planning by the general public.

The program would call for a course of study which will include a monthly meeting of the study group. It will be held in the city planning study group. It will be held in the city planning study group.

Outline Being Checked Over
The course outline is being checked at present, and a suitable bibliography prepared. It has been pointed out that in order to make such a program wholly worthwhile, 30 or 40 persons should be enrolled. It is estimated that about 12 meetings would be held to complete the course. Meetings are to be held in the Community House.

The committee working to form the group has stated that positive steps cannot be taken until some commitments are made. They ask that persons who are interested in it, contact some member of the Community Council board.

Enrollment blanks may be obtained from Mrs. John K. Ormond, president, Paul Frederick, Mrs. F. G. Garrison, Mrs. Warren Sumner, Mrs. W. F. Gossett, Mrs. Alice Parrie, Mrs. Harvey Foret, Miss Jeanne Lloyd, Samuel R. Bennett, Gen. S. E. Reinhardt, Harry M. Denyes, the Rev. Emil Kottz or Blair Swartz.

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