

Then, he said, one day an American Red Cross truck came through and they gave out cans of lard. He said, I took a spoon full of that lard. He said it tasted to him better than ice cream ever tasted. Oh, he said, it was delicious. But my stomach was soo compressed as a result of those weeks of having practically nothing to eat that I was deathly sick for several days after that, and so were most of the other people around trying to get accustomed to ~~get~~ having some fat after having none at all. Our system of organization, our system of distribution is so very complex, There in Germany they went through that situation and there were the people after the first WW. They had no money. All their money had been spent for the war. What little was left was taken in so-called reparations, and the governemnt had to keep ~~to~~ things going or everything would disintergrate and so the government simply produced more money. They did ~~w~~ exactly waht we've done for the last 30 years. We have supposedly borrowed millions of dollars. That simply means we have increased the amount of money. They simply printed paper money. The result was that by 1924 prices in Germany were going up at the rate of 100% or more^a/day. A man told me that one day he got a check/ ^{in marks} and ~~in~~ he said if he cashed that check in an spent it he said he would have enough to buy a suit of clothes. But he said Maybe the things will improve by tomorrow so he kept it. The next day all it was good for was to buy one meal. So he kept it further thinking it might improve and the following day it was enough to buy one necktie. That is the rate at which things were going in 1924 in Germany. They were spending what was nominally millions of marks for what would have cost a fraction of marks in normal times.

Well, they were able to come out of that situation. They were in a situation where for one thing their people were trained to be orderly and obedient to government. In my opinion the nicest, most orderly people in the world are the Germans and the Japaneese. There is less violence, there is less~~d~~ danger, there is less meanness in those those two countries in