



Swing Verboden!

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SO, JURGEN-- IS IT TRUE?



IS WHAT TRUE?

"...Jazz is Negro music, a political weapon of the Jews."
--Joseph Goebbels, Reich Minister of Propaganda.

1940

...AND THE WAR IS GOING WELL FOR THE THIRD REICH...



...NAZI GERMANY KNOWS THE WAY TO THE INEVITABLE CONQUEST OF BRITAIN WILL BE PAVED BY THE LUFTWAFFE...

THAT YOU BROKE CURFEW TO GO TO THAT MONTMARTRE BOÎTE LAST NIGHT?

OF COURSE IT'S TRUE...
...AND MISS HEARING DJANGO LIVE?



La Tristesse d'Saint Louis

NOW BACK TO RADIO SILENCE, WULF.



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CHATACHATTACHATA CHATACHATTACHATA

AND LOVE WE KNOW IS IN BLOOM...!

KRUMPF!

WHUMPH!

...AND AMONG THE TEUTONIC KNIGHTS OF THE LUFTWAFFE ONE MUST INCLUDE HAUPTMANN JURGEN ALTBUSSEER...

...AS ARYAN A PRINCE OF THE SKIES AS HIS FUHRER COULD EVER IMAGINE OR HOPE FOR.

BUT HAUPTMAN ALTBUSSEER HAS A SECRET...

...A SECRET THAT, SHOULD IT GET OUT, WILL GET HIM ARRESTED...

...BROUGHT UP ON CHARGES...

...STRIPPED OF RANK...

...AND POTENTIALLY EXECUTED.



CHATACHATTACHATA

KRUMPF!



FOR, DESPITE THE REICH'S STRICT AND OVERPOWERING EDICTS AGAINST IT, JURGEN ALTBUSSEER WAS, IS AND WILL REMAIN A FANATICAL JAZZ ENTHUSIAST...



CHATACHATTACHATA

KRUMPF!

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...AN AIR ACE WHO SPENDS HIS BOMBING RUNS LISTENING TO HIS SWING BAND IDOLS ON THE BBC.

WHUMPH!

1944

...AND WHAT A DIFFERENCE A FEW YEARS MAKES.

THE TIDE HAS INEXORABLY TURNED IN THE ALLIES' FAVOR...

...WITH A SOUND-TRACK PROVIDED BY ALL-AMERICAN SWING.

I APPLAUD YOUR EAGERNESS, CAPTAIN MITCHELL.

BUT THE ANSWER IS STILL NO, AM I RIGHT, GENERAL THIBERT?



'FRAID SO.

BUT, SIR--

TUT, TUT-- AT LEAST GIVE US A CHANCE TO GET A TOE HOLD ON EUROPE, CAPTAIN, TO MAKE WAY FOR THE U.S.O.

NO MATTER WHAT YOU HEAR, OVERCONFIDENCE IS OUR FOE UNTIL WE REACH FRANCE AND LIBERATE PARIS.

THANKS FOR YOUR TIME, GENERAL THIBERT...

...AND THANKS FOR YOUR PATIENCE WITH A GUY WHO JUST WANTS TO ENTERTAIN THE TROOPS.

WE BOTH KNOW YOU JUST WANT TO BEAT BOB HOPE TO THE FRONT.

DON'T LET THAT GET AROUND.

YOU AND YOUR BAND ARE A REMINDER OF WHAT THE BOYS ARE FIGHTING FOR...

I THOUGHT THAT WAS BETTY GRABLE, RITA HAYWORTH AND DOROTHY LAMOUR.

SOMEONE'S GOT TO PLAY THE MUSIC TO GET THOSE GALS IN THE MOOD, RIGHT?



THIS IS THE BBC HOME SERVICE...

...THIS MORNING, JUNE 6, 1944, ALLIED FORCES...

...UNDER THE COMMAND OF GENERAL DWIGHT EISENHOWER...

...HAVE CROSSED THE ENGLISH CHANNEL...

...TO BEGIN THE LIBERATION OF EUROPE.

ALLIED FORCES HAVE MET WITH FAR MORE RESISTANCE...

...FROM GERMAN UNITS THAN WAS ANTICIPATED...

...AS WE HAVE ENGAGED HITLER'S ARMY IN THE ARDENNES FOREST...

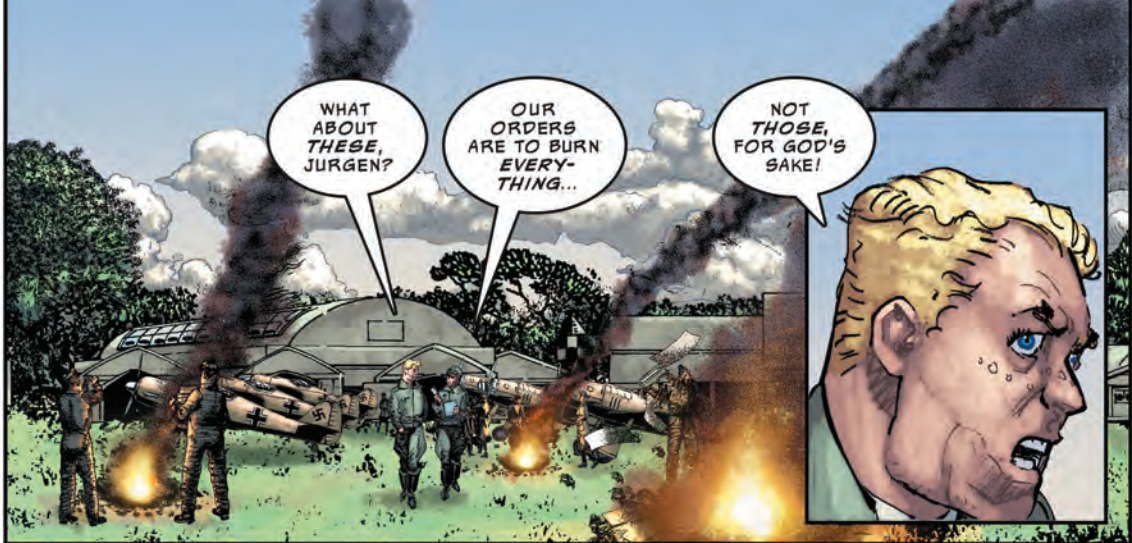
THE STREETS OF PARIS HAVE BECOME A MADHOUSE...

...AS GENERAL CHARLES DE GAULLE...

...COMMANDER OF THE FREE FRENCH FORCES IN EXILE...

...LED ALLIED TROOPS DOWN THE CHAMPS-ÉLYSÉES.

VIVE DE GAULLE



WHAT ABOUT THESE, JURGEN?

OUR ORDERS ARE TO BURN EVERYTHING...

NOT THOSE, FOR GOD'S SAKE!



THOSE RECORDINGS ARE ALL THAT HAVE KEPT ME SAFE THESE PAST FOUR YEARS.

BUT THEY ARE DEGENERATE-- AND FORBIDDEN--

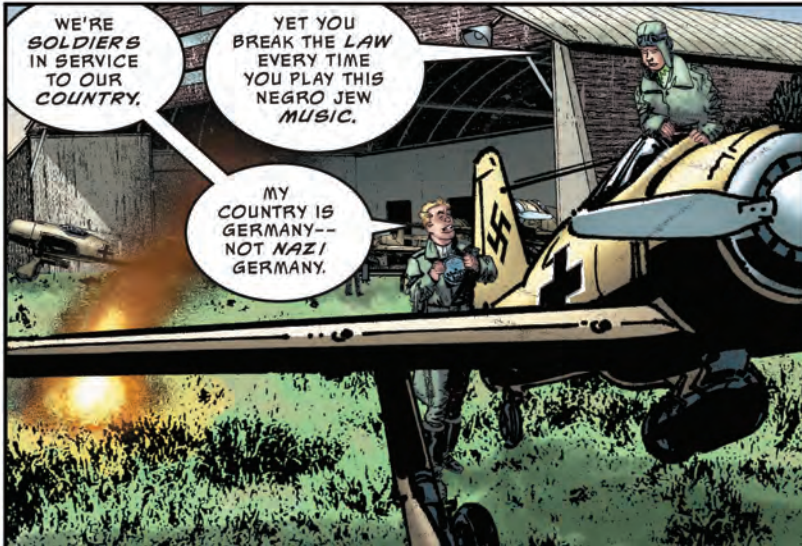


SO SAYS CLUB-FOOTED GOEBBELS.

HE ALSO INSISTS WE'RE WINNING THE WAR--

--AND WE BOTH KNOW THAT'S NONSENSE, TOO.

SO WHY DO WE CONTINUE TO FIGHT?



WE'RE SOLDIERS IN SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY.

YET YOU BREAK THE LAW EVERY TIME YOU PLAY THIS NEGRO JEW MUSIC.

MY COUNTRY IS GERMANY-- NOT NAZI GERMANY.



LET'S SEE HOW THAT DISTINCTION SERVES YOU IF WE LOSE THIS WAR.