



This German photograph, depicting Norwegian children “Getting Acquainted with the Invaders,” reportedly appeared in American newspapers following Germany's invasion of Norway (which began on April 9, 1940).

The description of this image includes these words:

*These Norwegian boys [are] in Nazi-held Trondheim ... the German-censored caption on this picture says [the boys] lost their fear [of the] green-grey troops and got acquainted with German soldiers. A soldier explains the mechanism of a light machine gun and one boy (bespectacled) reaches out to touch the death-dealer [in other words, the weapon]. (Picture by Clipper mail May 2, 1940.)*

A scene, such as this, would likely not occur in the Soviet Union, Poland or other such German-occupied countries. Norway, however, had an Aryan population. Because of this, Hitler believed that Norwegians could become his allies.

That is why, for example, Heinrich Himmler wanted his Lebensborn program to apply in Norway. If German soldiers had children with Norwegian women, then “the master Aryan race” could expand in that country.

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