

EUROPE speaks

[Heft 27,]
November 4th, 1943

[Seite: - 1 -]

Germany

Firsthand information has reached us of open strikes and riots of a wider character in Cologne and Hamburg. The riots broke out in September. Whether they followed Himmler's nomination as Minister of the Interior, or whether the nomination was the consequence of these strikes, has so far not been established.

Eye-witnesses report that Dutch and Belgian SS-troops have fired on striking and demonstrating workers and have in this way re-established "law and order".

The report brings out the point, that throughout the German opposition the belief is growing that it is necessary that the Nazi-system should be superseded by a broad and popular movement of a non-party character. This movement should build up again free and independent trade-unions which should go hand in hand with far-reaching social changes. Whether this conception of a non-party movement indicates a leaning towards a more or less syndicalist movement or is a mere popular front in which all parties are united, remains to be seen.