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4. A second feature of the period is the refusal of the highest authorities in the Nazi Party to face the real possibility of defeat. To mention such a possibility in the Fuehrer's entourage was to court execution. The inhibitive effect of this unreal atmosphere has been mentioned by several competent sources. SCHELLENBERG has stated that Maj. Gen. von GEHLEN drew up careful plans for resistance based on a study of the Polish Resistance Movement, and that these were rejected out of hand by HIMMLER as evidence of defeatism. SCHELLENBERG further states that in February 1945 general staff officers received a circular reminding them of the severe penalties for defeatism, and naming three general staff officers who had been shot for this crime. To plan resistance after defeat is a large and difficult task; to do so when the conception and vocabulary of defeat are forbidden under pain of death is impossible.

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14. ....SCHELLENBERG goes further and says that both KALTENBRUNNER and SKORZENY sabotaged PRUETZMANN'S work from the start.

15. ....SCHELLENBERG states that the organization of the Dienststelle corresponded to the mental capacity of its members - it was weak; and he says that he personally reproached HIMMLER about the whole Werewolf enterprise, calling it 'criminal and stupid'.

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