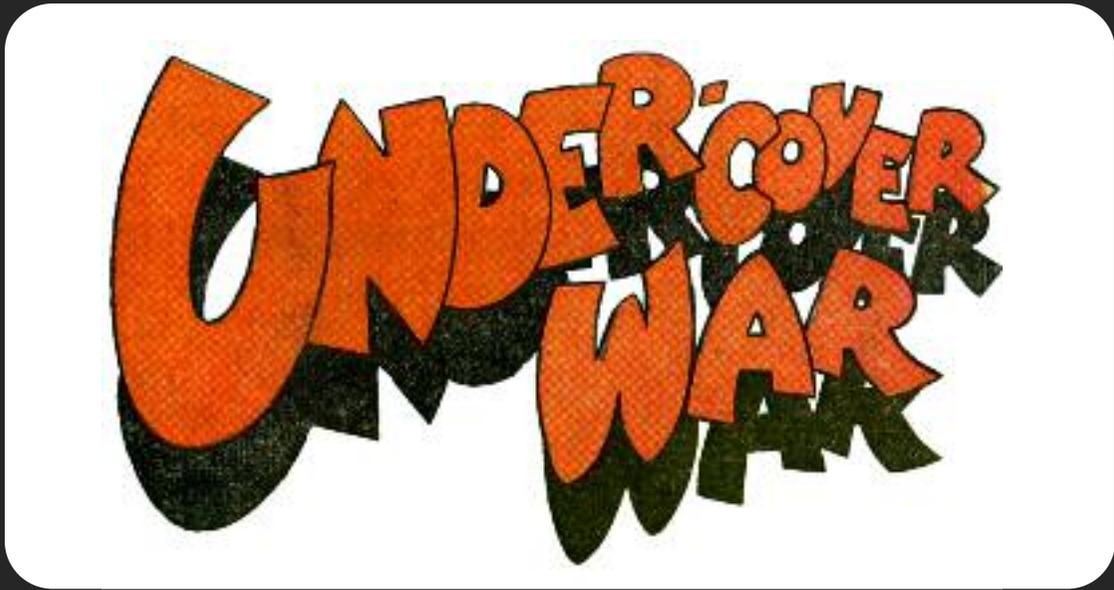


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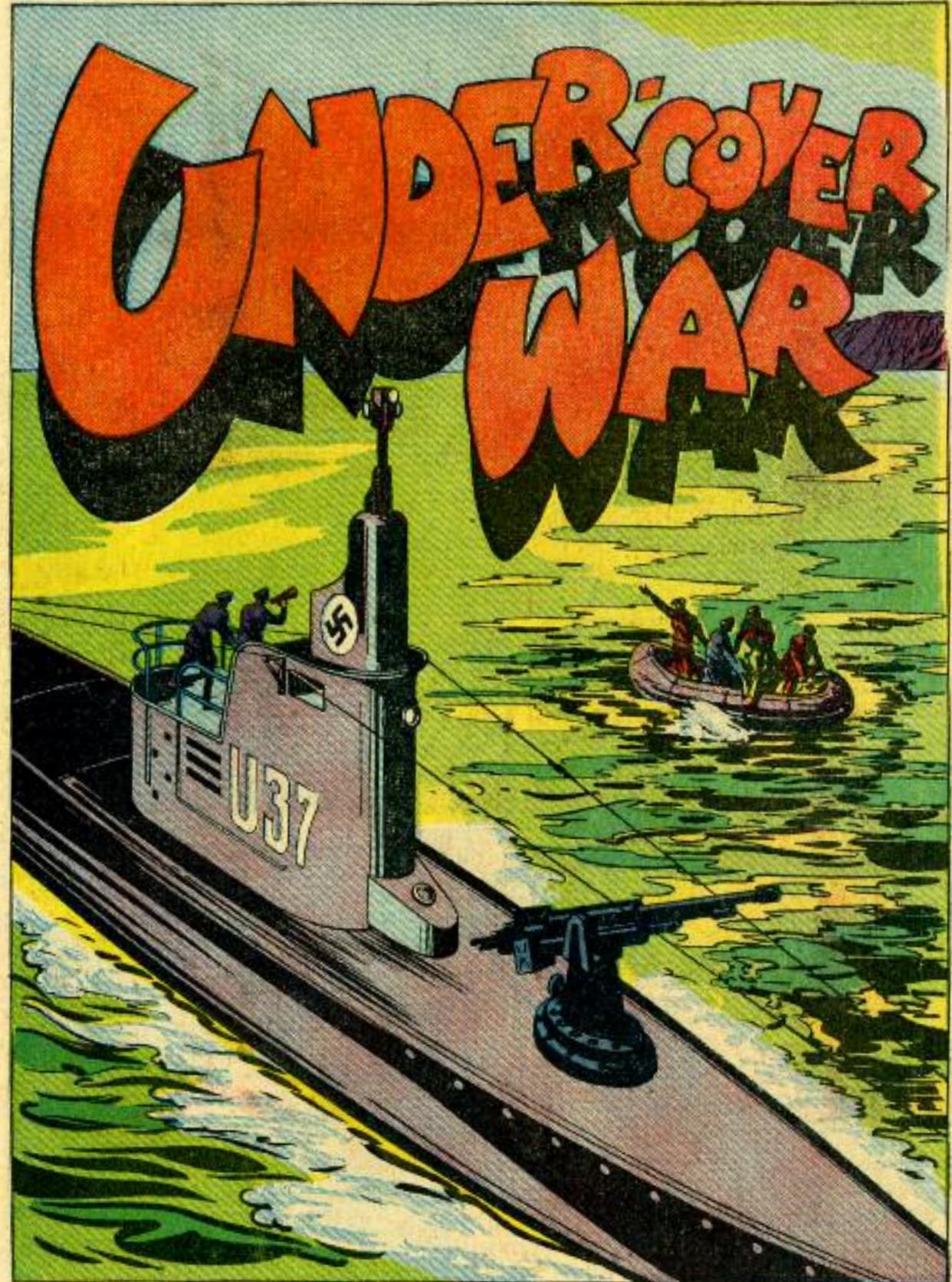
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IN BERLIN... AN EMERGENCY MEETING OF THE GERMAN HIGH COMMAND



...AND THE FINAL GREAT ATTACK ON OUR NAZI FORTRESS, EUROPE, IS WAITING FOR BUT ONE THING...

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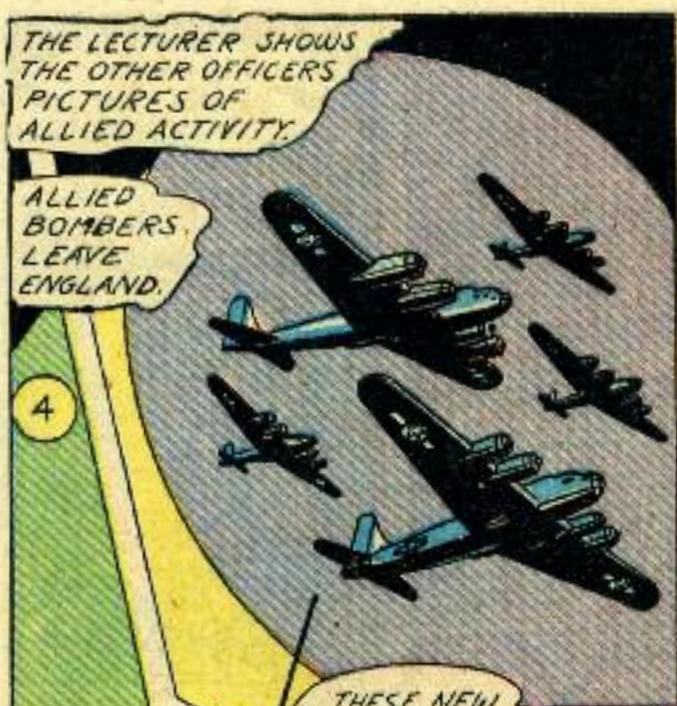
ENOUGH 100-OCTANE AVIATION FUEL TO KEEP THE VAST ALLIED AIR ARMADA FULLY SUPPLIED!

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WE NOW HEAR, THROUGH OUR SECRET OPERATIVES, THAT THE AMERICANS ARE BUILDING A NUMBER OF GREAT NEW 100-OCTANE AVIATION FUEL REFINERIES!

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THE LECTURER SHOWS THE OTHER OFFICERS PICTURES OF ALLIED ACTIVITY.

ALLIED BOMBERS LEAVE ENGLAND.

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THESE NEW REFINERIES WILL BE DESIGNED TO PRODUCE SUCH POWERFUL AVIATION FUEL THAT PLANES, USING IT, WILL BE ABLE TO TAKE OFF 18% FASTER.

ALLIED BOMBERS RETURN FROM A MISSION



...AND FLY 50% FARTHER THAN THEY COULD WITH THE FUEL THEY WERE USING PREVIOUSLY.

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ALLIED FIGHTERS STRAFE GERMAN AIR FIELD.

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AS WELL AS CLIMB 30% FASTER.

YANKES RAID PLOESTI OIL FIELDS.



WE, TOO, CAN MAKE A LITTLE HIGH OCTANE AVIATION FUEL BUT OUR REFINERIES ARE BEING CONSTANTLY BOMBED! REMEMBER THE YANKEE RAID ON PLOESTI, IN RUMANIA?

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DURING THE MEETING, GERMAN CHEMISTS STUDY A MODEL SHOWING THE HYDROGENATION PROCESS.

HENCE, WE MUST UNFORTUNATELY DEPEND MAINLY ON COAL FOR AVIATION FUEL... MADE BY A LONG COSTLY PROCESS.



IN VIEW OF THIS, I NEED HARDLY TELL YOU WHAT IT MEANS TO THE REICH IF WE ALLOW THOSE NEW AMERICAN REFINERIES TO BE FINISHED!



GIVE ME THE PLANES AND WE'LL BLOW THE VERDAMMT REFINERIES TO BITS... IF WE DIE IN THE ATTEMPT!

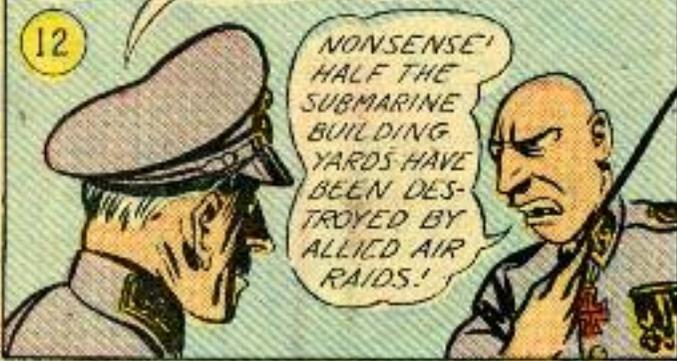


IMPOSSIBLE! MARSHAL GOERING... WE CAN SPARE NEITHER PLANES, MEN... NOR THE FUEL.

THE SITUATION IS DESPERATE... AND CALLS FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION!



WITH 250 MORE U-BOATS, I WILL SINK EVERY TANKER THE AMERICANS LAUNCH!



NONSENSE! HALF THE SUBMARINE BUILDING YARDS HAVE BEEN DESTROYED BY ALLIED AIR RAIDS!



EXCELLENCY... THERE IS ONE WAY... ONE SURE WAY TO DESTROY THOSE AMERICAN HIGH-OCTANE REFINERIES.

YES?



AS HEAD OF INTELLIGENCE, I AM PREPARED TO PUT A TRAINED OPERATIVE TO WORK IN EACH AMERICAN 100-OCTANE PLANT WITHIN TWO WEEKS!

GOOD! ARE THE MEN DEPENDABLE?



OBERLEUTNANT VON TEUFEL... HERE IS ONE OF THEM - HE KNOWS THE UNITED STATES WELL, AND SPEAKS THE LANGUAGE LIKE A NATIVE.



LET THEM START AT ONCE!

17 THAT NIGHT, VON TEUFEL AND HIS PARTY LEAVE FOR THE UNITED STATES.

WE'RE TAKING ENOUGH T.N.T. TO BLOW UP THEIR CURSED STATUE OF LIBERTY!

18 NEXT DAY...

A CONVOY! LOOK AT THOSE FAT TANKERS... PROBABLY FILLED WITH 100-OCTANE PLANE FUEL!

WE DON'T DARE GET CLOSE ENOUGH TO TORPEDO. OBERLEUTNANT VON TEUFEL! THEY'D BLOW US OUT OF THE WATER!

21 DISGUISED AS A WORKMAN, VON TEUFEL ARRIVES AT A REFINERY. HOW EASY IT IS TO GET ABOUT AMONG THESE STUPID YANKEE SWINE... AH! THIS IS MY DESTINATION!

19 THE PARTY LANDS...

AUF WIEDERSEHEN, HERR KAPITAN... YOUR CREW WILL BURY THE EXPLOSIVES ON THE BEACH!

YAI IN THE SPOT AGREED.

20 WE MUST NOW ALL SEPARATE... EACH TO ONE REFINERY... REMEMBER YOUR INSTRUCTIONS! HEIL HITLER! HEIL HITLER!

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20A HEIL HITLER!

22 POSING AS HARRY BROWN, VON TEUFEL APPLIES FOR A JOB AT THE REFINERY

AND BECAUSE OF MY UP-TO-DATE EXPERIENCE, I CAN DO NEARLY ANYTHING AROUND AN AVIATION FUEL REFINERY

23 PATRIOTIC, NATIVE BORN AMERICAN! WELL, THESE PAPERS SEEM TO BE IN ORDER.

YES, SIR! I'LL BE GLAD TO START WORK AT ONCE.

24 AND WHAT KIND OF WORK... YOU LITTLE SUSPECT!

AS VON TEUFEL WORKS, HE SEES THE SUPERINTENDENT, MR BUTTERWORTH AND HIS DAUGHTER, MARY.

25

HELLO! MARY! YOU LOOK AS THOUGH YOU'D HEARD GOOD NEWS...

I HAVE! JACK HAS COMPLETED 300 HOURS OVER GERMANY... AND HE'S ON HIS WAY HOME!

FIRST-THROW THIS RELEASE LEVER... SECOND-RUSH DOWN AND PRETEND TO SAVE THAT GIRL BEFORE THE GIRDER FALLS!

NOW'S MY CHANCE TO GET ON THE INSIDE!

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YOU SAVED MY DAUGHTER'S LIFE! HOW CAN I EVER REPAY YOU?

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THAT'S ALL RIGHT, SIR! I'M ONLY DOING MY JOB!



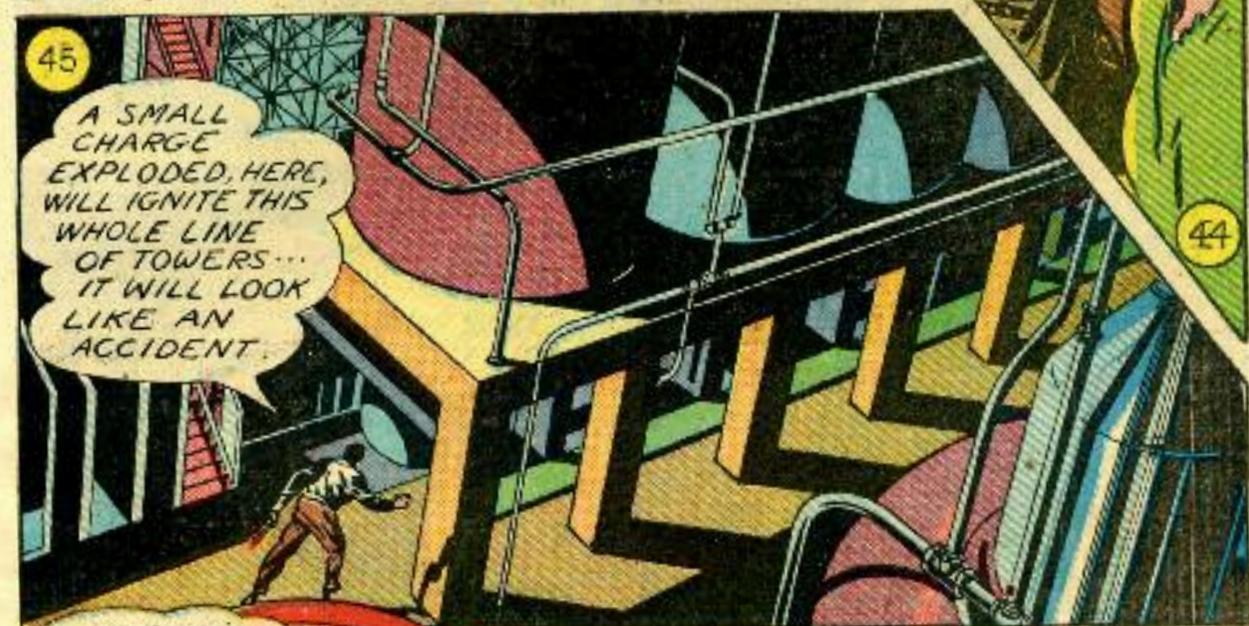
YOU HAVE SHOWN YOURSELF WORTHY OF A MORE IMPORTANT JOB... ONE ON WHICH THE VERY LIFE OF AMERICA DEPENDS!... WHAT IS YOUR NAME?

THANK YOU, SIR! MY NAME IS HARRY BROWN...

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WARNING from the FBI

The war against spies and saboteurs demands the aid of every American.

When you see evidence of sabotage, notify the Federal Bureau of Investigation at once.

When you suspect the presence of enemy agents, tell it to the FBI.

Beware of those who spread enemy propaganda! Don't repeat vicious rumors or vicious whispers.

Tell it to the FBI!

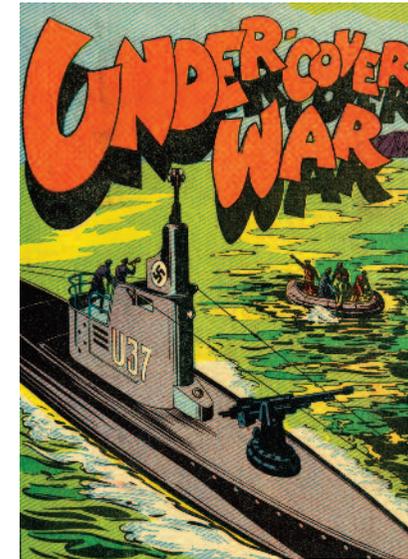


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J. Edgar Hoover, Director
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What's the Story Behind This Comic?

To win World War II, America needed war-plane fuel—much more than the country could produce. More high-octane refineries had to be built, and fast. But after a year of nonstop effort, refinery construction workers were tired. Morale sagged. So did the pace of construction. How to lift morale and productivity? Why, comic books, of course! The US government's Petroleum Administration for War (PAW) designed



its comic books to inspire refinery construction workers with the huge importance of their work. The first—*Comin' in on a Wing and a Prayer*—appeared in late 1943. It was so popular that PAW quickly followed up with *Under-Cover War*. Did the comic books do the trick? Hard to say—but America did win the war!

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