

41	We should avoid close contact with the carriers of these poisonous bacilli.	S-II	1339
42	It is a ridiculous undertaking to try to introduce to Germany . . . the disease which we have driven out.	S-II	1358
43	State after state will either fall a victim to the Jewish-Bolshevist plague or must take measures for self-protection.	S-II	1601

Table 7 presents statements which indicate that Hitler believed that the national body was being threatened by an organism which wished to consume it. This organism, always identified with the Jew, is perceived as a "parasite in the body of peoples (4, 7; also 8, 17)" which wishes to "plunder the nation (19);" to cause it to be "sucked dry (18);" and to "break the framework of the people's lives (16)." It is perceived as a "blood sucker" which "attaches himself to the body of peoples (11; also 9, 10, 12);" as a spider (3); as a vampire (13); and as a "will-o'-the wisp" which is "eating like poisonous abscesses into the nation (2)." The Jew is perceived, finally, as wishing to "devour the peoples of the earth (14; also 15)."

Table 7. The National Body is Being Consumed

Statement Number	Statement	Source	
		Book	Page
1	The Jews (are) a people under whose parasitism the whole of honest humanity is suffering, today more than ever.	MK	150
2	Here we face will-o'-the-wisps . . . eating like poisonous abscesses into the nation.	MK	154
3	The spider was slowly beginning to suck the blood out of the people's pores.	MK	193
4	(The Jew) was . . . only and always a parasite in the body of other peoples.	MK	304
5	(The Jew's) spreading is a typical phenomenon for all parasites: he always seeks a new feeding ground for his race.	MK	305
6	(The Jew) is and remains the typical parasite, a sponger who like a noxious bacillus keeps spreading as soon as a favorable medium invites him.	MK	305
7	The Jew (is) a parasite in the body of other nations.	MK	305
8	The best way to know the Jew is to study the road which	MK	308

he has taken within the body of other peoples in the course of centuries.

9	The rage of the people sometimes flares high against the eternal blood sucker.	MK	310
10	(The Jew's) blood-sucking becomes so great that excesses against him occur.	MK	310
11	(The Jew is) a true blood sucker that attaches himself to the body of the unhappy peoples.	MK	312
12	Consider how greatly (the Jew) has squeezed and sucked the blood (of the masses) in the course of the centuries.	MK	313
13	After the death of his victim, the vampire sooner or later dies too.	MK	327
14	(If) the development we are going today . . . continued unobstructed . . . the Jew would really devour the peoples of the earth.	MK	452
15	The . . . heads of Jewry see the approaching fulfillment of their . . . prophecy about the great devouring of nations.	MK	639
16	Men will . . . fall a victim to those who as international parasites and wreckers only lie in wait for the time when they can break up the framework of the people's lives in order to transform the world into universal chaos.	S-I	411
17	(The) international parasite upon the life of peoples has spread itself over the world for centuries.	S-I	691
18	The nation is no longer willing to be sucked dry by these parasites.	S-I	720
19	Jewish parasites . . . plundered the nation without pity.	S-I	743

On the basis of the data presented in Tables 3, 4, 6 and 7, then, it would appear that Hitler identifies three distinct types of forces which threaten to destroy Germany: a force of disintegration; a disease; and an organism which wishes to consume the nation.

Given this conception of Germany's plight, and given Hitler's conception of the purpose of politics (see Table 2), Hitler's goal as a political leader follows logically: to defeat the destructive forces which threaten Germany, and thereby to "save her from death."⁷

⁷This goal is explicitly stated in the following passage: "The German people did not appeal to us in order that through us it might at last be thrust into the arms of Death—it asked of us that we should find a way into a new and better life (S-I, p. 881)."