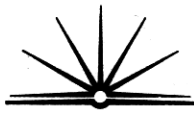


1.) Speer was very important to the Nazi war effort after 1941. His role as 'minister for armaments and munitions' meant he had a very important role to play in serving Hitler and the Nazis, however not everything he did contributed to the effort and therefore his effect and dedication were to some extent limited.

In 1942 Speer was given the job as 'minister for armaments and munitions'. He continued with a plan on T-42s for, the establishing an organisation for the construction of public works. He also established the central planning board which he called the "most important war economy measure of all". The board was in charge of allocating raw materials and finding locations for new factories. Speer also established the Ruhr staff, whose job it was to attend and repair recently damaged factories. In his first 6 months Speer's production increased slightly, a huge achievement considering Speer was constantly losing workers to the military. ~~Speer's~~

Speer ~~also~~ worked on a plan to standardise munitions and streamline production, and production rates increased dramatically. Production was up 60%, cannons



up 25% and Tank production up 27% while ammunition production increased an amazing 97%. According to Mason "Speer's efforts prolonged the war." By 1944 he had complete control of the German war economy. Through Speer's efforts as minister for armaments and munitions, Speer was very important to the Nazi war effort.

Despite this his effect was not as great as it could have been. Speer claims to have played no part in the 'final solution', in which thousands of Jews were persecuted. His only role was the 'exemption' of Jewish slaves. Speer also was unable to convince Hitler to allow women to enter the workforce, which made him less effective. His role was important but frustrated by his failure to take part in a major policy of the Nazi Party and failure to maximise his workforce.

Speer was not necessarily "unaware of anything else." He opposed Hitler's scorched earth policy in 1945. Hitler attempted to destroy Germany while Speer protected factories, roadways and institutions to make it easier for ~~Hitler~~ Germans to return. →



to be rebuilt in the future.

~~Hitler~~ Speer was a great contributor to the Nazi war effort, but his effect was diminished slightly. He - showed, although dedicated to Hitler and the war effort that he was concerned about Germany's wellbeing in the future.