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History may be on the verge of repeating itself and the results could be horrendous if good people do not recognize it and stop it. In the first photograph are Trump supporters saluting the former President, with their arms extended at a rally in Youngtown, Ohio in September 2022. Special thanks to Reuters News Agency for allowing the Jewish Post to show their photograph taken by Gaelen Morse, to help bring attention to this critical issue. In the second photograph Adolph Hitler receives the Nazi salute from his supporters, with their arms extended at the Kroll Opera in Berlin in October 1935. Photo courtesy of Shutterstock. For the rest of the story see page 12.

Armed And Dangerous!

By Henry Levy, Publisher

There are all kinds of salutes, from those used in the military to saluting a person's act of bravery.

The salutes shown in the photographs on the front page are however none of these. They are deadly serious.

Salutes are a way of pledging allegiance to a person, or to a cause, or both and are, or can be, fanatical in nature.

It is sad to say that far too many of our young people, "Gen Z" and "Millennials" have little or no knowledge of World War II, the Holocaust and people such as Adolph Hitler and Benito Mussolini. Allow us to address a few words to that readership.

After Germany was defeated in World War I in 1918 its economy was in ruins and the morale of the German people were at a very low point. Adolph Hitler became a political power by promising to make Germany great again. He earmarked an enemy to blame for all of Germany's troubles and by using the most extremely hateful language rallied the German people to blame the Jewish people for keeping Germany down. The "Heil Hitler" or Nazi salute of the outstretched raised right arm elevated Hitler beyond being the Chancellor of Germany to being its savior. Rounding up citizens of Germany and surrounding countries it conquered who were Jewish, Romani (Gypsies), homosexuals, people with disabilities and others and sending them to concentration camps and to their deaths became Hitler's "Final Solution" to having an all-white Aryan race represent Germany. That is what the Nazi salute signified and to this day still signifies.

The other photograph has striking

similarities to a Nazi salute but also some differences. Some say it was a Q Anon gesture related to a song echoing in the background called "WWG1WGA" (Where we go one, we all go). The one-finger salute would supposedly relate to that song.

Either way it is a pledge of support to a cause, a person, or both and is very troubling by its implications and should not be, and hopefully will not be, ignored.

The United States of America came to the rescue of Europe and the entire world to defeat Adolph Hitler but if a dictator like Hitler or Mussolini were to take control of our country today there is no United States of America to save us and the world. We can only rely on ourselves to keep our country free and we do that by seeing danger signs and reacting to them by taking appropriate action before it is too late.

For those who ask if the possibility of losing control of our country can happen in America, we must sadly point out it already happened. The January 6th attempt to overturn the election of President-Elect Joseph R. Biden was formulated and instigated by the then President Donald J. Trump.

Mr. Trump called his followers to Washington, D.C. and he told them to "stand up and stand by". He told them that he will be with them as they march to the Capitol where the election results were being certified, in order to "Stop the Steal." Mr. Trump opted to watch on TV as the angry mob of his supporters, who he summoned to Washington, pummeled law enforcement officers guarding the Capitol, killing one of them, smashed doors and windows and breeched the building where the elected Representatives of our country were doing their duty, ransacked offices and searched for Vice President Mike Pence and House Speaker Nancy Pelosi to kill them.

If this is what the people in Youngstown, Ohio and the gatherings at other Trump rallies were, and are saluting then we have great cause for concern for our freedom, our democracy and our very country as we know and love it.

Make no mistake, Mr. Trump did this to keep himself in power and there is every reason to believe that he would do it again if he runs and loses the next election.

Why would Mr. Trump do such a thing? What makes a man like Donald J. Trump tick?

To understand Donald Trump one must know that he appears to be afflicted with Narcissistic Personality Disorder.

What is Narcissistic Personality Disorder (NPD)?

NPD is a personality disorder characterized by a long-term pattern of exaggerated feelings of self-importance, an excessive craving for admiration and struggles with empathy. It was first discovered in 1925 by psychoanalyst Robert Wieden and coined NPD by Heinz Kobert in 1965.

The Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, Fifth Edition indicates that a person with NPD possesses at least five of the following nine criteria, typically without possessing the commensurate personal qualities or accomplishments for which they demand respect and status:

- Has a grandiose sense of self-importance (e.g. exaggerates achievements and talents, expects to be recognized as superior without commensurate achievements).
- Is pre-occupied with fantasies of unlimited success, power, brilliance, beauty, or ideal love.
- Believes that they are "special" and unique and can only be understood by, or should associate with, other special or high-status people (or institutions).

•Requires excessive admiration.

•Has a sense of entitlement (i.e., unreasonable expectations of especially favorable treatment or automatic compliance with their expectations).

•Is interpersonally exploitative (i.e., takes advantage of others to achieve their own ends).

•Lacks empathy: is unwilling to recognize or identify with the feelings and needs of others.

•Is often envious of others or believes that others are envious of them.

•Shows arrogant, haughty behaviors or attitudes.

A person exhibiting five of these nine criteria has NPD. Donald J. Trump appears to have all nine symptoms

The causes are unknown. Duration long term. Treatment difficult.

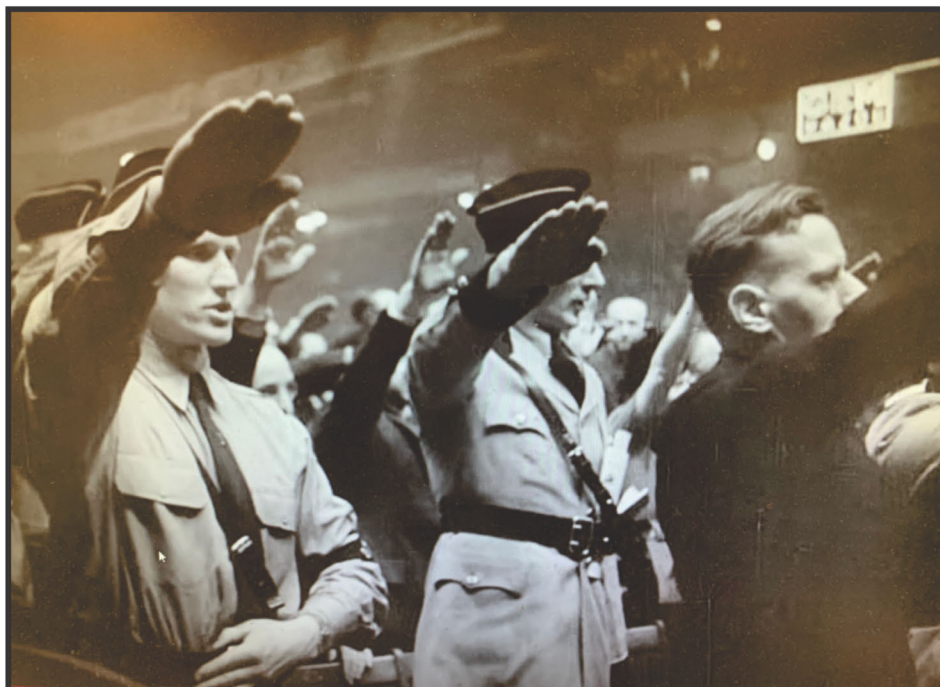
We are living in perilous times. We must see the danger signs. We must understand the story of WWII, Adolph Hitler and the Holocaust. We must know what drives people who want to lead our country, especially if there is a tendency towards wanting dictatorial powers.

After Benjamin Franklin left the Constitutional Convention in 1787, someone shouted, "Doctor, what have we got, a republic or a monarchy?" Franklin supposedly responded, "A republic if you can keep it."

Let us be sure to heed Benjamin Franklin's warning and when we salute, let it be to our flag and the men and women of the armed forces who since 1776 fought and died for our freedom.

It is our hope that the January 6th Committee hearings will expose the truth beyond a shadow of a doubt and result in bringing all the perpetrators to justice.

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A Night at the Garden, February 20, 1939. 20,000 Americans at Madison Square Garden in New York supporting the Nazis seven months before the Nazis invaded Poland. Photos: Internet generated.