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## President's Ordinance to Protect Nation and State. From 28 February 1933.

On the basis of Article 48 Paragraph 2 of the Constitution, to combat communist violent acts endangering the state, the following is ordered:

Section 1: The Articles 114, 115, 117, 118, 123, 124, and 153 of the Constitution are suspended for the time being. Therefore, restrictions on personal liberty, of the right to free speech including the freedom of the press, of the freedom of association and assembly, infringements of the secrecy of communication by letter, mail, telegraph, and phone, authorizations of search and seizure as well as limitations of property rights are also permitted outside of the limits generally set by law. [...]

Section 5: Punishable by death penalty are the crimes which the criminal code under Sections 81 (high treason), 229 (poisoning), 307 (arson), 311 (explosion), 312 (flooding), 315 Paragraph 2 (damaging railways), 324 (poisoning dangerous to public safety) so far penalizes by lifelong prison. [...]

Section 6: This ordinance enters into force on the day of its publication.

Berlin, on 28 February 1933.

The President v. Hindenburg The Chancellor Adolf Hitler The Minister of the Interior Frick The Minister of Justice Dr. Gürtner Berordnung des Reichspräfidenten jum Schut von Bolf und Staat. Bom 28. Februar 1933.

Auf Grund des Artifels 48 Abs. 2 ber Reichs, verfaffung wird zur Abwehr fommunistischer staats. gefährbender Gewaltafte folgendes verordnet:

Die Artifel 114, 115, 117, 118, 123, 124 und 153 der Berfaffung des Deutschen Reichs werden bis auf weiteres außer Kraft gefett. Es find baber Beschränfungen der perfonlichen Freiheit, des Rechts der freien Meinungsaußerung, einschließlich der Presseriheit, des Bereins und Bersammlungs. rechts, Gingriffe in bas Brief-, Post-, Telegraphenund Fernsprechgeheimnis, Anordnungen von Saussuchungen und von Beschlagnahmen sowie Beschranfungen des Eigentums auch außerhalb der fonft hierfür bestimmten gefetlichen Grenzen julaffig.