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IS IT BACK TO YESTERDAY?

After 70 years out of print in Germany, *Mein Kampf* is back in print. The first edition sold out in one day.

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Can It Happen Again?

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In 1924, in a cell in Landsberg Prison on the River Lech about 60 miles west of Munich, Adolf Hitler spent 264 days writing his opus, *Mein Kampf*, after being convicted of treason following his attempt to take over the German government in a failed

coup in 1923. He published the book in Germany to wide acclaim in 1925. A second volume appeared in 1926. It was hard to imagine then, and it is difficult to comprehend even today, how the writing and subsequent publication of *Mein Kampf* predicted and outlined the Holocaust and

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Germany's ambitions to rule the world.

We wonder what might have happened to European Jewry had *Mein Kampf*, with its explicit anti-Semitism, been taken seriously in 1925. Would the outcome have been the same for the one-third of the world's population of Jews who were murdered by the Nazis?

We wonder about anti-Semitism today – Iranian anti-Semitism for instance. The Iranians don't have the equivalent of *Mein Kampf*, per se. But what if that country's vile, anti-Jewish and anti-Israeli rhetoric, largely pooh-poohed as a reflection of internal politics rather than a statement of intent, is that

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