to prove that Germany was not headed for self-sufficiency. Yet the craziest speculations between Ilgner and Lee lay below this answer. Ilgner, fighting to keep Farben's export business, should have been the last man in Germany to theorize about a possible economy that would eventually prevent all Farben exports. Yet theorize he did. It had made sense four years before, when he had been preoccupied with whether Europe could exist without imports from America, Africa and Asia; for then Farben could have exported at least throughout Europe. But now that the question was narrowed to Germany, was he thinking of cutting off his export -nose to spite a nationalistic face? No, one would say rather that he had still not outgrown his Doctor's degree, taken not in Economics but in "Political Science," - - except for his next move, a fantastic reorientation that ignored Europe altogether. When Lee died, Ilgner was on his way to East Asia. Articles by the thousands were being shipped ffom his office to the United States, explaining to the American businessman that the German Government recognized the ultimate moral, spiritual and profit-making value of private enterprise, and that the German exporters were merely sensible businessmen who wished to sell abroad while helping their government in its ~~efforts~~* efforts to secure a little more stable ~~plan~~ place in the world economy. Under the productive, ~~efficient,~~ skeptical surveillance of industry, the Reich Government was growing more moderate every day. Did he honestly believe this? Yes, for not until he went to Asia did he himself, let alone anyone else, have any consistent notion of what "German economics" really were. Even later, he would express himself vaguely on that subject. But during his travels in China, Japan,