

to put the war in its proper light. On the other hand, though it was known that Germany had long maintained a regular organisation of propagandist schools throughout the world, it was not until July, 1915, that steps were taken by the Government of India to intern or repatriate the enemy aliens in India who were engaged in school work, when such schools were handed over to other agencies.

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