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streets of Copenhagen, riding on horseback without escort or protection, took on deep significance for the people. When the Germans asked, "Who guards him?" the reply was, "We all do." Crowds always gathered along his route, and German sentries snapped to attention at his approach. But the King never acknowledged the saluting Germans. Christian X had developed a new Danish "secret" weapon (which the people employed to perfection during the occupation), the "cold shoulder."

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