Hitler Dead

Adolf Hitler, for 12 years the master of Germany and the man who set out to conquer the world, died yesterday afternoon, the German radio at Hamburg announced last night. Declaring that Grand Admiral Karl Doenitz, commander-in-chief of the German Navy, was Hitler's successor, the radio stated: "It is reported from Der Fuehrer's headquarters that Der Fuehrer, Adolf Hitler, has fallen this afternoon at his command post in the Reich Chancellery, fighting to the last breath against Bolshevism and for Germany."

Death Is Not Explained

The announcement did not explain how Hitler, who was 56 years old 12 days ago, had "fallen." Russian forces in recent days have been battling toward the massive Chancellery that Hitler built in the Wilhelmstrasse, in the center of Berlin.

The broadcast reported that on April 15 Hitler named Doenitz as his successor. Then Doenitz came on the program with a fiery promise to keep up what he termed "the struggle against Bolshevism." He said the Germans would fight Americans and British forces to the extent that they hindered his fight against Russia.

There was no indication as to the whereabouts of Hein-
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Wednesday, May 2, 1945

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A world horrified by the purges learned in the years that followed that such disrespect for human life was imagined by the commanders. Hitler grew bold and spoke publicly of his desire to kill them all.

"We are obliged to depopulate as a part of our mission of preserving the future generation," he said. "We shall have to develop a technical mechanism of mass depopulation—mass removal of all racial units."

He continued to make promises to the German people and to the Allies, but they were not delivered. His words were empty promises, and his actions were those of a man who had lost all sense of honor.

In the end, his speeches filled the air for almost ten years, but the world thought of them as nothing more than abstractions. The Austrian Americans came, the Munich municipal government dissolved, and the war ended. Hitler himself was captured and killed by the Allies.

Promoted Victories

His promise to the German people went unfulfilled, but his words endured. He continued to promote the ideas that he once espoused, and his legacy lived on.

She would look after wearing them continuously for 18 days.

You don't have a picture of that, do you?

—S. Samuel R. Russell

Louis Commission

I see where Rep. A. Clayton Powell jr. thinks T-Sgt. Joe Louis should be in the Air Force. I don't know. I can't say.

Does Louis deserve one for his work when the guys who do the fighting to make our nation free can't rate any higher than PFC?

—Disgraced PFC

Wants Check Up

As Jay sergeant of a front line rifle company I'm interested in knowing where all the wrist watches, fountain pens, lighters and other nice items contained in our PX ration are going.

I understand the front line troops are supposed to get them but I think a check up would show that they don't. True, we get lighter full Richard and Riches, but what good are they without the lights?

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**EARNINGS**

- National League: $25,000
- American League: $20,000

**474,332 Fans See Sunday Twin Bills**

A total of 174,642 fans—largest crowd ever to attend a day game—passed through the major league turnstiles and $22,246 was collected for two doubleheaders, cashing in on the $75,000 advertised by the National League club. The attendance was 74,332. The American League club had 10,911 fans in attendance. The record for the American League was 70,111 fans in attendance for the previous season's total of 140,655. The opening day figure was 91,043. The Monday game set a new attendance record at 140,655.
rich Himmler, Gestapo chief and leader of the German home defense forces, who has been reported offering to surrender. Neither was there any word of Propaganda Minister Paul Joseph Goebbels or other Hitler henchmen.

The announcement of Hitler's death was preceded by the playing of solemn Wagnerian music, including "Twilight of the Gods." The southern German radio kept up a program of light music all through the program from the north, indicating communication is broken down between the two German pockets.

Doenitz came on the air immediately after the brief announcement of Hitler's death, saying:

"German men and women, soldiers of the German Wehrmacht:

"Our Fuehrer, Adolf Hitler, has fallen. The German people are in mourning and travail.

"My first task is to save the German people from destruction by Bolshevism. It only for this task, the struggle will continue.

"Adolf Hitler recognized beforehand the terrible danger of Bolshevism and devoted his life to fighting it. At the end of this, his battle, he stands as a hero in the battle of the capital of the Reich.

"We Shall Fight"

"The Fuehrer has appointed me as his successor. Fully conscious of the responsibility, I take over the leadership of the German people at this fateful hour.

"It is my first task to save the German people from destruction by Bolshevists, and it is only to achieve this that the Fuehrer's cause continues."

"As long as the British and the Americans hamper us from the day this, we shall fight to the last man and to the last moment against ourselves as well. The British and Americans are not fighting for their own interests, but for the spreading of Bolshevism."

Doenitz, whose appointment came as a surprise, called on the German people to help him to the utmost and urged them to keep order and discipline.

Only by complete fulfillment of every German's duty, he said, could the country avoid collapse.

Hass Order to Troops

Doenitz also issued an order of the day to the Reich's armed forces in which he repeated the same determination to "save" the Germans from Bolshevism. Assuming supreme command of all the armed forces he said Germany would continue the fight to keep "hundreds of thousands of German families from slavery and destruction."

When this picture was taken, Hitler and Mussolini were riding high as Europe's Fascist chiefs. Now Adolf has joined Benito in death, the German radio reported last night.

Italian Patriots Unmoved By Mussolini's Plea for Pity

ROME, May 1 (UP)—The broken and disfigured body of Benito Mussolini remained on exhibition in a Milan public square yesterday, as the story of how the former Italian dictator had met his death was given to the world he set out to conquer a decade ago.

A United Press correspondent established that 21 Duca had been shot and killed by an Italian patriot, executed Sunday, the night the village of Donge on Lake Como at ten minutes past the last Saturday afternoon. Mussolini cried "no, no," but a split second later his bullet-riddled body crumpled in a heap.

At least one bullet passed entirely through his head, entering at the left forehead and tearing out part of the skull above the right eye.

An Italian patriot tribunal had condemned Mussolini to death. He was shocked to think that his former subjects deprived him, criminal, and begged for mercy when the death sentence was pronounced.

"Let me save my life," Duca screamed, "let me save my life, and I will give you an empire."

From Donge, where he was tried for his crimes against the world and found guilty of them, the dead Mussolini was transported on a flatbed truck to Milan, where in 1921 he fathered the Fascist movement. As his body hung in a Milan public square, Mussolini's face wore a disdainful look and his brains were said to be on a plate.

Earlier, Mussolini's head had rested on the breast of his last mistress, 29-year-old Clara Petacci, who was tried and executed with him. His bloodstream showed up in a white wall, which some said had become the mud and filth that covered Mussolini.

Japanese Hit End of Day

The Japanese homeland was bombed for the fifth consecutive day Sunday night when at least 100 Superfortes attacked an arsenal near Tokyo and airfields on Kyushu Is., Army News Service reported.

About 100 000 hit the Tachikawa army air arsenal, 34 miles west of the capital, while another 100 split into two groups to attack the airfields which have been used to base Jap raids against Guadalcanal.

While this, in the Philippines American infantry troops are nearing Doug's outposts and already have captured sections of the outer defenses of the Mindanao port.

AMES, May 1 (AP)—Curtiss fighters were captured the Mindanao airfield in the southern sector. Resistance was still heavy at the Yosahara airport, farther north.

GERMANS IN DENMARK

And Norway Seen Ready to Surrender

LONDON, May 1 (CP)—Reliable sources today said Germany would surrender Denmark without a fight, when Germany's armies move into Norway as a prelude to the evacuation of Copenhagen already had begun.

According to this information, a deal was made a number of days ago whereby German troops would surrender to Allied forces once the latter reach Denmark. An Allied mission has been sent from London into Denmark and establish contact with King Christian X at the earliest possible moment.

Hill-Style Salute Banned for PW's

OMAHA, May 1 (ANB)—Ensign FIs in the country have been forbidden to use the straight-arm Fascist salute. Maj. Gen. C. H. Daniel, commanding General of the Youth Service Command, said a War Department order ordering German and Italian PWs requires that the U.S. salute be used.

He added that all German flags with the swastika will be confiscated.

Envoy Back; No Himmler Peace Offer

STOCKHOLM, May 1 (Reuters)—Concerning the Swedish Interpol who brought the origi- nal reports of Himmler, German, Gestapo chief, to surrender to the U.S. and Britain, denied today on his return to Sweden that he had seen Himmler on his latest visit to Germany or through a message back from him.

He said the newspaper at the Foreign Office, Bernadotte, who had just returned from Copenhagen, stated:

"I have not seen Himmler during my last visit to Germany and Denmark. I have met only an army from Himmler or another associated with him in this region."

Nevertheless, the newspaper Moog, that Himmlite had concluded exploratory conversations and the remaining mediation being Germany and Italy. And the Bernadotte was in the hands of the Swed- en's Foreign Office.

Foreman Christianian Quennelsen was reported to have seen Himmler in both and British ministers yesterday.

Chancellor Holds Go Hope

LONDON, May 1 (AP)—Falling to deny that peace negotiations were in progress, Prime Minister Churchell held out a definite hope in the news on today that an announcement of peace in Europe might come before Saturday.

It was suggested that Dr. was the one who gave up the defendant. He was asked whether it was "definitely more satisfactory" than it was five years ago.

British Link Up With Tito

ROME, May 1 (AP)—New Zealand troops have reached Mon- falcon and made contact with Marshal Tito's forces, it was anounced today, and British armor entered Udine, a town of northeastern Italy.

This is is of the agony along the Gulf of Genoa occupied Se- vona, Spoltro and Noli, while other British and American forces are within striking distance of Trento, 15 miles from the Brenner Pass.

Tibeiolo and two other towns in the region have fallen to the 10th Mountain Div. but Ger- man remnants which Gen. Vintin- hoff has been trying to marshalling in the mountains are putting up stiff resistance.

North of Milan, the American forces pushed on to the Ticino River, which flows from Lake Maggiore into the Po River, and three more German troops trapped in western Italy to break out into the Alps.

Allied Air Force Fortresses, oper- ating for the first time in five days in the north of Italy, targeted at Salzburg in Austria, vital com- munication centers for Hitler's Redoubt.