

Hitler Prophesied His Spirit Would Return

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will see that I have been right." Regretted War With U. S. Of the war with the United States, the letter said: "Hitler regretted the war with America because we had no possible divergencies with this big nation. We had always regretted this war from the beginning and have done everything we could to prevent it, even when our ships were being attacked."

The letter continued: "About one point on which there has always been entire agreement between the Fuehrer and myself and that was a strong and united Germany as a preliminary condition, for a stable flourishing Europe could only exist in the long run by close collaboration with Great Britain. That England declared war on Germany over the Polish question, a war which we both wanted to avoid by all means and which I tried and almost succeeded to prevent at the last minute, came lastly as a great shock to the Fuehrer."

Receding Flood Leaves Big Damage to Lowlands

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families in Marion County would need rehabilitation and relief, and nearly 1,000 in Lane County. Applications for help were beginning to pile up as residents returned in growing numbers to inspect damage.

Nearly 90 per cent of West Springfield homes were destroyed or damaged, the Red Cross said. Grace Jackson, general field representative, from the San Francisco office, arrived on special disaster duty for the Red Cross.

Farmers Lose Heavily

Damage to farm homes, barns, and livestock will run into hundreds of thousands of dollars, agriculture spokesmen estimated. Hop yards in the lower valley were reported hard hit. Scores of poultry flocks are gone; many sheep lost, and cattle strayed. Damage to farm machinery may seriously cripple crop production or delay farm work this year, county agents reported as they began checking farmers' losses.

Highway crews were busy re-

pairing bridges or erecting temporary spans. Power companies said all lines would be restored within a day or two.

Hirohito Seen in Bold Move to Hold Throne

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turbid that mythology. Ordinarily, such a harsh repudiation of centuries' old teachings would mean immediate resignation of the cabinet and probably numerous suicides among officials who thus would have lost face. This rescript doubtless was a shock to many devout Japanese but the psychology of the people that it was accepted calmly. Court officials who wrote the rescript, bearing Hirohito's name, obviously were gambling on the change.

The stakes were big. The Emperor's advisers evidently were convinced that the biggest international doubt over retaining the Mikado was the question of "divinity." They moved quickly in an attempt to nullify it. In doing so, of course, they refuted rumors that the Emperor would abdicate.

The rescript was accompanied by a campaign in the Japanese press to portray the Emperor as a human being. Newspapers carried numerous pictures of the Mikado dressed in an ordinary civilian suit and of the Empress sewing.

Hitler Slaughter Order Disclosed at Trial

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individuals, when found, should apparently be prepared to give themselves up, no pardon is to be granted them on principle."

Dissenters Warned

The order demanded that individual commando soldiers or paratroopers be handed over immediately to Heinrich Himmler's Security Guard. Apparently foreseeing objections among German soldiers to the brutal murder of all such prisoners, Hitler added: "I will hold responsible under military law for failing to carry out this order, all commanders and officers who either have neglected the duty of instructing troops about this order or acting against the order where it was to be executed."

In an effort to justify his action Hitler charged that captured orders showed that commando

units were directed both to shackle prisoners and also to "kill defenseless prisoners on the spot" when the prisoners would prove a hindrance. Slaughter of Jews Told

The prosecution also read to the tribunal a vivid eye-witness account of how Nazi SS troops and Security Police massacred 5,000 Jews in one night in the Ukrainian town of Rovne.

The story of the slaughter of helpless men, women and children in the Rovne ghetto—after an SS commander had given assurances that no program was planned—was given in an affidavit by a German contractor, Hermann Graebe.

The 20 defendants in the prisoners' box, all looking refreshed after the 12-day court recess, listened with intense interest as the prosecution unfolded the account of the bloody night of July 13, 1942.

Ernest Kaltenbrunner, chief of the Security Police, who was reported to be recovering slowly from a second cranial hemorrhage he suffered two weeks ago, was the lone member of the 22 original defendants not present, with the exception of the missing Martin Bormann.

(A Reuters dispatch Monday quoted Czechoslovakian reports as saying Bormann had been arrested by the British in Germany, but there was no official confirmation of this. An Exchange Telegraph report from Copenhagen said the report apparently was a case of mistaken identity, arising from the arrest of a farmer who somewhat resembled Bormann.)

The prosecution completed its case against the Gestapo Security Police and the S. D., a branch of the S. S. which function as another set of Security Police, during the morning session.

Col. Robert G. Storey, assistant U. S. prosecutor, summed up the case against the secret Nazi police organizations by noting that Hermann Goering created the Gestapo in 1933 with the avowed purpose of eliminating any real or suspected enemies of Nazi conspirators.

Pig Crop Estimated

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—(AP)—A spring crop of 151,800 pigs is forecast for Oregon by the Agriculture Department's crop reporting board.

Reports indicated 22,000 sows would be farrowed in the state next spring. The average litter last spring was 6.9 pigs.

Drunken Driver Fined, Jail Term Suspended

A fine of \$100 was paid in the Roseburg justice court today by Robert I. Doyle, 26, Oakland, who pleaded guilty, Judge Thomas C. Hartfield reported, to a charge of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of intoxicating liquor. Departing from his pledge to enforce 30-day jail sentences in connection with drunken driving cases, Judge Hartfield suspended a 30-day jail term, conditioned upon Doyle's attendance at a school in which he is registered. His driver's license was suspended for a period of one year.

Wayne Daniel Norris, 29, Sutherlin, paid a fine of \$25 on a charge of being drunk on a public highway, Hartfield reported.

Traffic fines paid included Forrest M. McKay, \$30, speeding; and Henry C. Moore, \$15, overload.

Packinghouse Unions Scheduled to Strike

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or by-products such as soap, fertilizer, bone meal and hides, would be handled by the CIO strikers.

Clark asserted the packinghouse worker is "one of the lowest paid workers in American industry" and has not received a general wage increase since before Pearl Harbor. He said cost of living has gone up more than 40 per cent since 1941, but the 25 cents an hour increase demand constituted only a 30 per cent increase. Union spokesmen said a November strike vote was 20 to 1 in favor of a walkout.

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