

British and Germans Give Versions, Reasons for Flight of Hess

Churchill to Face No. 3 Nazi Party Calls Deserter Deluded

Purge Idea Is Scoffed By Berlin

BERLIN, Wednesday, May 14 (AP)—Adolf Hitler called all high Nazi figures and government leaders to a conference late Tuesday soon after the disclosure of Rudolf Hess' flight to Britain, which aroused the German people as they had rarely been aroused in this war.

The assembled party leaders, said the Nazi news service, "gave the Fuehrer—who spoke to the gathering—an impressive demonstration of a determined will for victory." The official announcement said nothing of the Hess incident in connection with the conference.

Hess himself, who had suddenly abandoned the third place in party power for the status of a war prisoner in England, was officially labeled by his Nazi party associates as a deluded seeker of peace. They put him down as a sick, deranged and muddled idealist ridden with "hallucinations" traceable to World War injuries, and the party declared in a formal statement:

"This will not interfere with the continuation of the war against England (which was) forced upon the German people."

Hess, who had stood in the high leadership behind only Hitler himself and Reichsmarshal Hermann Goering, was described as a once-brilliant man reduced by poor health to the status of a superstitious nostrum seeker and patronizer of "various aids, mesmerizers, astrologers and so forth."

Any suggestion that he had fled in fear was ridiculed.

"Intimations abroad that there is to be some shakeup or purge are idiotic," a spokesman declared. "There was no persecution complex involved in Hess' conduct and the gesture isn't on the scent of anything."

Not until late Tuesday did the Germans learn from the newspapers and radio that the deputy Fuehrer had landed in Scotland from a flight which started last Saturday in Augsburg, Germany, but his "fateful delusion" overshadowed even interest in the war.

Reports that his wife and small son also had left the country were strongly denied; it was said they were wholly free and had the sympathy of all party members. Specially denied was a report that Frau Hess had gone to Ankara, Turkey; it was added that she was at her home in Germany.

In speeches made over the last year Hess had said on one occasion that there could be no peace "until England is definitely struck down." Again he said that "divine justice" had turned against Britain.

It was declared emphatically that his flight would in no way affect internal or foreign policy; that it would not interfere with the pursuit of the war.

It was conceded that the extra-

War Mystery



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RUDOLPH HESS



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ordinary affair would be a great boon to British propaganda, but a spokesman remarked: "Any use made of him will be completely disregarded by the German people because there is no way of knowing under what circumstances he may be forced to talk." It was emphasized, too, that if the British had "any idea he is coming with a peace plan they are doomed to disillusion." A qualified informant thus

English Say Hess Reveals Nazi Disgust

LONDON, Wednesday, May 14 (AP)—Rudolf Hess shortly will be faced by Prime Minister Winston Churchill himself in a private interview affording him the chance to tell the story of his aerial runaway from Germany and to give up vital secrets that might conceivably affect the future course of war.

Whether Hitler's long-time friend and turncoat deputy will describe the real inside story of Germany to the veteran journalist, Churchill, was a matter of high speculation.

But highly placed Britons already were declaring that the beetle-browed German's almost incredible flight to Britain had given this country more military advantage "than a major victory on the battlefield."

The effect on German morale of his flight alone was worth that much, they said, and Churchill himself was quick to seize upon this point when he declared on learning of Hess' arrival:

"The maggot is in the apple."

When and where the prime minister and the surrendered prisoner of war will meet was not disclosed, but the London Daily Mail said Hess already had been moved from a Glasgow hospital to "a place nearer London."

Hess has described to these questioners real conditions in Germany and amid the Nazi hierarchy, the paper said, adding:

"He spoke freely and frank-

ly and is said to have indicated his personal disgust with the Nazi party and its policy. The tension between party leaders appears to have reached a state of considerable acuteness in recent weeks."

The Daily Herald warned against overestimating the effects in Germany of Hess' flight, saying "there is no reason to think of Hess as the leader of any widespread revolt against the Fuehrer."

Authoritative British sources declared, however, that the desertion of the No. 3 Nazi was concrete evidence that Hess "and others in the inner councils of the Nazis" had decided Germany could not beat a Britain backed by full United States aid.

Members of commons speculated even that Hess quarreled with other Nazis because he already knew that Hitler had abandoned his plan for invasion of England.

"Hess would not have come to Britain if he believed Hitler had a chance to stage a successful invasion of England in the near future," reliable informants said. "For he'd then be in the power of those with whom he so elegantly has fallen out."

The British short wave radio already was spreading the news of his desertion far and wide. Today it quoted this Cairo comment:

"The first rat to leave the ship."

The house of commons, meeting in temporary quarters because of

the destruction wrought to its chamber by Saturday night's Nazi raid, heard from Prime Minister Winston Churchill that he had worked, on the case personally most of last night.

Officials understandingly were loath to divulge what specific military advantage Britain might gain from the 800-mile flight of Hess to Scotland, although there was one report he had brought definite and vital information concerning Germany's air force.

Authorized statements stressed that Hess had no specific message, that he carried no peace plan, and that his desertion was dictated by purely personal motives.

But they did say that Hess had quarreled with "others in the Nazi gang" and that his flight showed clearly "the core of Germany is rotten."

Some conclusions were made available to the press on the basis of an interview which Ivone Kirkpatrick, former counsellor of a British embassy in Berlin, had with Hess in Scotland. Kirkpatrick, while in Berlin, was a close acquaintance of the deputy Fuehrer.

This material made these points: Hess is sane and healthy, except for a leg injury.

He is being treated as a prisoner of war at a secret place of confinement. No reporters may see him.

He brought no special mes-

age to Britain, no "peace plan." If his flight was a trick, "it was a very, very strange one."

He flew to Britain in uniform, and as far as is known, alone, a distance of about 800 miles. Apparently he bailed out when he ran out of gasoline. Officials presumed he flew to Scotland because there would be less air activity there.

As to why he chose Britain rather than one of the few remaining neutral countries, a spokesman said "it is supposed he knew that in any neutral country he would be in imminent danger of being bumped off by the Nazis."

Portlanders Hurt In Auto Mishap

R. F. Kelso, 55, of Portland, received a fractured pelvis and possibly other injuries when his car crashed into an abutment of a Pacific highway bridge over Miller creek ten miles south of Salem during a heavy rainstorm early Tuesday afternoon.

Kelso was driving northward when the accident occurred.

Emergency aid was given by Salem first aid men and Kelso was brought by the Salem Taxi ambulance to the Deaconess hospital, where his condition was reported as "fair."

Willamette Valley Briefs

Visit Jefferson

JEFFERSON — Recent guests at the home of Dr. J. O. VanWinkle and son Richard were Mr. and Mrs. Frank VanWinkle and Mrs. Thomas, mother of Mrs. VanWinkle; Dr. VanWinkle's sister, Mrs. Caroline Patterson of Portland. They were enroute to San Francisco.

On Week's Vacation

TURNER — Mrs. H. S. Bond and Mrs. Hallis Endicott left Monday for a week's trip to southern Oregon, where Mrs. Endicott plans to visit her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Thomas, Ashland, and Mrs. Bond will visit friends in Grants Pass and at her old home at Riddle.

Pupils Entertained

ZENA — Mrs. Ben McConnell entertained at the Zena school for all of the pupils Thursday.

Falls From Tree

TURNER—Paul Regier, young son of the John Regier's, broke his arm last week when he fell from a maple tree back of the Odd Fellows building.

Hail Storm Hits

FOX VALLEY — An electric storm accompanied by large hail stones visited this locality Sunday afternoon, cooling the sultry atmosphere. At noon Sunday the temperature was 82 degrees. At 3:30 p. m., after the hail storm, it dropped to 55 degrees, something very unusual for this season of the year.

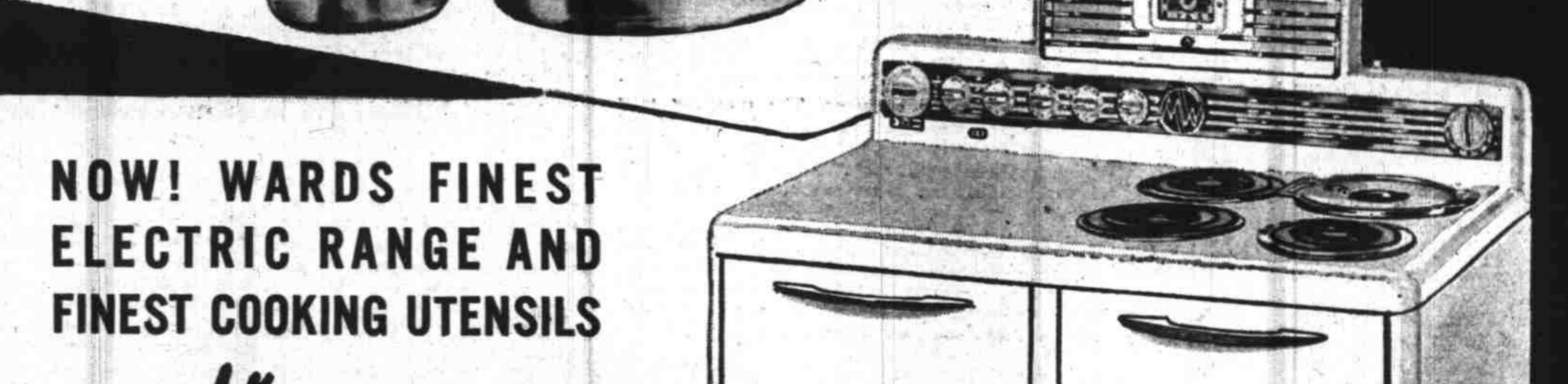
Back From Trip

HAZEL GREEN—Mr. and Mrs. Earl Johnson returned from a wedding trip to southern California and Mexico. They were welcomed by a big charivari. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson will be at the home of Mr. Johnson's father, F. O. Johnson, until their home at Lincoln is redecorated.

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