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THE WAR STORY OF THE YEAR

Any way you want to take it, the flight of Rudolf Hess into Scotland is "the war story of the year"—barring of course, the death of Hitler, surrender of the German cause or other happy endings of this war which are still highly improbable.

The circumstances of Hess' amazing exploit seem to indicate a serious quarrel between Hitler and Hess, flight from Germany to escape the familiar vengeance of "the purge," or worse the concentration camp with its slow tortures.

On the other hand, the Hess flight might be a "Trojan Horse" stunt, a trick to mislead the British into some trap on the theory that Germany is breaking down internally. The British seem to be approaching the friendly Hess with appropriate caution. Nothing is too fantastic in Nazidom.

It is a thrilling and absorbing mystery, but we may not get all the answers till this war is over. It may not be wise till then for the British to reveal all they know or think about the Hess exploit. But it would seem to be fairly certain they have taken their most valuable prize of the war, a prize worth many times the value of miles of strategic strong-holds.

For unless the Hess venture is some super-fiendish plot, here is a story which even the ingenuity of Goebbels may not explain. Unless there is some swift and dramatic German triumph, the world is going to stop believing in Nazi invincibility.

It may have profound effect on Vichy France and Turkey and Russia and on the course of the war. For the British—until otherwise demonstrated—the flight of Hess to Scotland is magnificent propaganda.

Really very little is known about Hess outside Germany, except that he is a World War Veteran, a satellite of Hitler's, the secretary who shared Hitler's prison cell and transcribed much of Mein Kampf and the man who is supposed to have had complete charge of Nazi party organization, all of which tells us very little about the man or his character.

But the world has not forgotten that memorable night when the German legions were launched upon Poland and Hitler named first Goering and next Hess to take his place as "fuhrer" and carry on, should anything happen to the "first soldier of Germany." Hess has been the No. 3 Nazi.

Berlin intimates that Hess is insane. The British say the man who has landed in Scotland is entirely sane, and the evidence seems to support the British.

An insane man does not equip himself with photographs for identification; he does not carry along his medicines; an insane man does not of necessity head straight for the land of the enemy; parachute to earth instead of risking gunfire on hostile landing fields.

David McLean, the Scot farmer who rescued Hess, relates that the man spoke with feeling of his little son:

"I fear I may never see my little boy again." And he begged permission to keep his parachute: "To it I owe my life."

Hess has sometimes been described as the intellectual of the Nazi regime, and perhaps the pleasantest theory is to suppose that the man has taken this desperate step, not to save himself but to try to save Germany from her follies.

Berlin reports are brief and rather glum. There is no word of sympathy or sorrow for the "insane comrade." On the contrary there is the suggestion that Hess' adjutants are to be arrested and punished for letting him get out of the country.

This suggests that Hess might have been under Nazi arrest just before his flight, or at least under open surveillance. Or in accord with tradition in some continental armies, he might have been offered that quaint alternative of facing the firing squad or taking his own pistol and retiring to his own room to shoot himself.

The young son left behind suggests some interesting possibilities. Many a German has accepted death or untold suffering rather than expose his loved ones to Nazi vengeance. Hess may have fled to Scotland in a moment of abject cowardice; on the other hand the reported conversations with the Scot farmer indicate a man who has "thought it out" and followed his own notion of duty.

Finally, there is the possibility that the Germans, for once in this war may be telling the precise truth, that Hess may be merely what they say, a man unbalanced by the old street-fight wound on his head or by the

tubercular infection of his World War leg wounds.

But that still leaves them in a very embarrassing position. It verifies the picture of a great nation ruled by madmen. It indicates the vital weakness in Nazi armaments—a mental and moral weakness. It is safe to say there will be no top-flight British leader cracking under war strain and flying off to Germany.

The war is not over! Millions may have to die and suffer (including Americans) before it is over, but here is the first real "break" for the valiant British. It will be interesting to see how smartly they can make use of it.

Write your own version of the mystery. We see it as shattering the myth of German invulnerability.

PUNTS AND PARACHUTES

That parachute-troop business in the army is rough stuff. Asking extra pay for officers of that branch of the service, Major W. M. Miley, commander of the First Parachute Battalion, summed up its casualties thus far as follows:

- 1 death
- 7 broken legs
- 4 broken ankles
- 1 broken toe
- 1 broken rib
- 1 sprained leg
- 1 sprained back
- 2 sprained shoulders
- 25 sprained ankles
- 8 sprained knees
- 1 dislocated hip

The college men ought to take to this service like ducks to water. The whole summary sounds like the results of one football season.

A famous detective says that women are poor investigators. Our guess is he's not married.

WASHINGTON LETTER

By JOHN W. KELLY

WASHINGTON, D. C. May 13—Nothing much has been said about it, but the navy transport plane in which Rep. James W. Mott was to fly from Salem to Washington showed evidences of sabotage. An investigation is now in progress, out of which nothing may come either now or later.

What happened to the plane was similar to other planes which have gone to a crash. It has occurred to planes on the Atlantic coast and to some on the Pacific. Someone (it has occurred too frequently to be an accident or oversight) places old rags and waste material in the gasoline tank in one wing and these foreign substances get into the feed line, cuts off the gas.

When the plane arrived at Salem the gas tank in one wing was leaking severely. The pilot thought the tank was too full. Ready to leave the next morning, the tank was empty. The pilot suggested that Mr. Mott climb aboard and they would fly to California and have the tank looked after, presumably a matter of an hour or two. The congressman declined, suggested the pilot go and look after the wing and return to Salem to pick him up. It was on the check-up in California that the rags were found and holes in the wing tank. The job, instead of requiring a few hours, took a week.

At Washington airport two years ago the ace flier of South America started for home at dawn. He had been on a good wild tour and had been entertained royally in the national capital. His wife and army officers went to the field to see him off. Before the plane was out of sight it plunged into Potomac river and the flier was dead before rescuers could reach him. The plane was inspected. Rags were in the tank.

Senator Charles L. McNary wishes to prevent crabs from being exterminated on the Oregon coast, in particular, and on all coasts in general. Newspaper reports say that as many as 4,000 dozen crabs are being shipped to California at one time and such raiding of ocean waters on the Oregon shore can not go on indefinitely, contends the senator. The subject was taken up with the fish and wildlife bureau (formerly biological survey) and the scientists were enthusiastic about the plan, except that they confessed they do not have sufficient data on the life and habits of the crab and two more years will be necessary to increase their store of knowledge. Crab catchers now, in Oregon, instead of catching them in shallow waters go out in steam vessels and use nets let down several miles off shore on a sand ridge parallel to the coast. Interest of the fish and wildlife bureau in crabs has been a study of the destruction of oyster beds by the crabs; the McNary proposal to salvage the north-west species is another matter.

Report of the military board assigned to select a cantonment site in the Pasco area for 30,000 men—a \$5,000,000 job—has been tossed out, for reasons not disclosed. There was a jangle of some sort which upset the program; possibly the cost of site was considered too high. Another military mission was assigned the task of finding something suitable, at least suitable to the high command of the 9th corps area.

Reclamation Commissioner John Page is delighted with the Owyhee project, for which he asks \$100,000 for completion of some of the drainage work. He informed the appropriation committee that when the people went on the land they lived in tents or dug cellars and put roofs over them until they could construct houses. The permanent homes are now appearing and the project is getting under way, three years from the time water was available. The settlers are high class citizens and ambitious, says Commissioner Page.

Oregon may as well begin to plan for the entertainment of 45,000 new troops, collected from all parts of the United States. One group alone will be practically equal to the population of Salem. . . . Electro-Metallurgical Company is negotiating for 37,000 kilowatts from Bonneville for this year's delivery. . . . Senator Holman discovered a sub-committee on public lands was planning a trip to the west but did not intend going to Oregon, for Oregon so far as they were aware, had nothing to offer in the way of natural wonders. Holman collected data on Crater lake, gave it to them, and Oregon has been placed on the itinerary. The average member of congress is completely ignorant of the northwest. . . . Tommy the Cork has been seeking a million dollar loan for a client who wants to sink an oil well in Alaska. First, however, an effort has been made to have the navy agree to take the oil. . . . Maritime commission is arranging to increase its training school for young men as junior officers for the ugly ducklings.

Elmira Graduation Program Wednesday

ELMIRA, May 13—(Special)—Eighth grade graduation exercises will be held at Elmira High School on the evening of May 14. Elmira graduates will be Coquella McClain, Thelma Rees, Duane Brooks, Darrel Nichols, William Hewitt, Raymond Rausch and Elmer Smith. The class colors are old-rose and blue. Class flower is the pink carnation. Flowers are the only gifts acceptable at the exercises. Pupils from the Elmira, Veneta, Walton, Fairview, Jeans, Fir Grove and Evers schools will take part. Kenneth Shumaker of the school of education of the University of Oregon will be the speaker.

Grade School Out

Closing exercises were held at the Elmira grade school on May 9. The primary room directed by Mable Schmid dramatized several plays, sang, and gave readings. The upper grades directed by Lily Montgomery, presented a program of songs, piano solos and readings by members of the graduating class. Piano solos were given by Carol Inman, Edna Lee Hamlin, Ruby Johnson, Eva Sturdevant, Wilma Neuremberg and Bonnie Thompson. Eighth graders participating were Coquella McClain who gave the class history, Duane Brooks who cast the class prophecy and Billy Hewitt who read the class will.

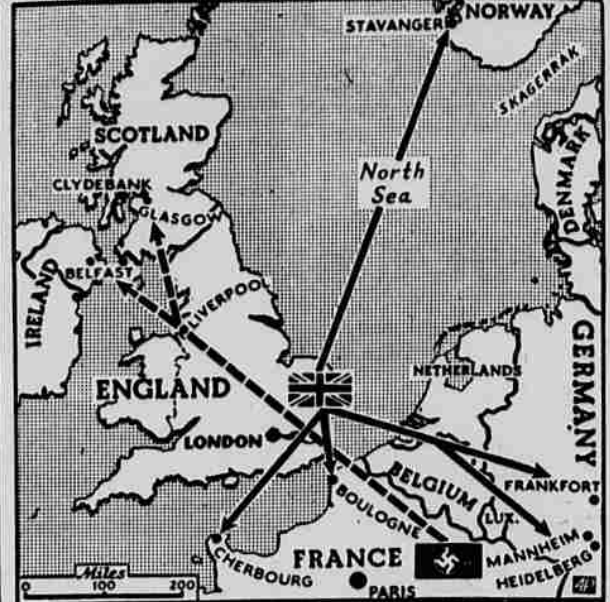
The program was followed by a community picnic held in the playground. More than 100 attended. The final event was a baseball game between the grade school team and former students of the school.

Tuesday Radio

KORE Eugene—1450 Kilocycles (Mutual-Den Lee Network)
5:00 p. m.—Lans Thompson's Orch.
5:15—Calvacade of Drama
5:30—News
5:45—Captain Midnight
6:00—Confidentially Yours
6:15—Fulton Lewis, Jr.
6:30—News
6:45—The Day
7:00—Your Defense Reporter
7:15—Serenade in Walttime
7:30—Wynne Williams Predicts
7:45—Popular Serenade
8:00—Dick Stabile's Orch.
8:15—Alvin Roy's Orch.
8:30—BBC News
8:35—Lawrence Walk's Orch.
8:45—Bernie Cumming's Orch.
8:50—News, Variety
9:15—Student Forum
9:45—Mel Marvin's Orch.
10:00—Just Quote Me
10:30—News
10:45—Freddy Martin's Orch.
11:00—Lighthouse Noble's Orch.
11:15—Henry King's Orch.
11:30—News
12:15—Night Owl Bandwagon
KOCQ Corvallis—550 Kilocycles
5:00 p. m.—On the Campus
5:30—Music
5:45—Vespers, C. W. Reynolds
6:00—Douglas County 4-H Broadcast
6:15—United Press News
6:30—Farm Hour
6:45—Spot Market Reports: Weather
7:00—Farm Crops Dept.
7:15—American Jersey Cattle Club
7:30—Music of Czechoslovakia
7:45—Consumers' Forum
8:00—School of Music (Eugene)
8:15—Neighborhood News (Eugene)
8:30—School of Music (Eugene)
8:45—Book Chat, Mrs. Marjorie Reynolds
9:00—OSC Cadet Band
9:15—Vocational Opportunities for Boys
KGIN Portland—970 Kilocycles (CBS Network)
5:00 p. m.—Second Husband
5:30—Invitation to Learning
6:00—Glenn Miller
6:15—Book Chat
6:30—Four Clubman
6:45—News
7:00—Voices in Song
7:15—Amos 'n' Andy
7:30—Lanny Ross
7:45—Circle of Missing Heirs
8:00—We the People
8:30—Hollywood Showcases
8:45—Paul Sullivan, News
9:00—Radio City Calendar
9:15—Bill Henry
9:45—Leon F. Drews, Organist
10:15—Nightcap Yarns
10:30—Red Tanager Orch.
11:00—Kenneth Stevens, Songs
11:15—Lanny's Strand Orch.
11:30—News
KQW Portland—620 Kilocycles (NBC Red Network)
5:00 p. m.—Speaking of Glamour
5:15—Johnny Johnston, Singer
5:25—Howard and Shelton
5:30—Fibber McGee & Molly
5:45—Bob Hope
6:00—"College Humor"
6:30—Fred Waring Pleasure Time
7:15—Wardman Park Hotel Orch.
7:30—Johnny's Presents
8:00—Musical Interlude
8:30—Palace Hotel Orch.
8:45—Battle of the Sexes
9:00—Faithful Stradivari
9:15—Palladium Ballroom Orch.
9:30—Caudate Zero
10:00—News Flashes
10:15—Songs by Marion Butler
10:30—Whitire Bowl Orch.
11:00—News
11:15—Bal Tabarin Cafe Orch.
11:30—Florentine Gardens Orch.
11:45—News
KEX Portland—1100 Kilocycles (NBC Blue Network)
5:00 p. m.—Allen Roth Orch.
5:15—Accordion Club Presents
5:30—Drama Behind the News
5:45—Ted Steele
5:55—The Nickle Man
6:00—New American Music
6:15—News Headlines and Highlights
6:30—Uncle Jim's Question Bee
7:00—Grand Central Station
7:30—Information Please
8:00—Easy Aces
8:15—Bel Pennsylvania Orch.
8:30—Portland Baseball Game
10:15—Hotel Sir Francis Drake Orch.
10:30—Behind the Headlines
10:45—Popular Dance Melodies
10:50—Portland Police Reports
10:55—Musical Interlude
11:00—The Savin' Way
11:15—Palladium Ballroom Orch.

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KORE Eugene—1450 Kilocycles (Mutual-Den Lee Network)
5:00 a. m.—News
5:15—Early Bird
7:00—News
7:15—Morning Varieties
7:45—Morning Devotional
8:00—Haven of Rest
8:30—Newspaper Melody
9:00—Breakfast Club
9:30—Modern Melodies
9:45—Fill Find My Way
10:00—News
10:15—Winger and Alexander
10:30—Cornelius News
10:45—Hits of the Day
11:00—News and Music
11:15—Milo Perez Orch.
11:30—Radio Camera Club
12:00—News
12:15 p. m.—What Lane County Thinks
12:30—Johnson Family
12:45—Refreshment Time, Singin' Sam
1:00—John B. Hughes
1:15—Adventures of a Corsair
1:30—We A Always
1:45—At Your Command
2:15—As the Twig is Bent
2:30—At Your Command
3:00—News
3:15—Here's Moran
3:30—P. T. Dindley
4:00—Corner Bookshelf
4:15—Ma Perkins
4:30—News
4:45—Shining Hour
KOCQ Corvallis—550 Kilocycles
5:00 a. m.—News
5:15—Neighbor Reynolds
5:30—Weather, Today's Programs
10:00—Music
10:15—Excursions in Science
10:30—Music
11:00—KOAC School of the Air
12:15 p. m.—Farm Hour
12:30—Weather, Today's Programs
12:45—Agricultural Review
1:00—Music
1:15—News
1:30—AAUW Half Hour
2:00—News
2:45—UP Feature Page
3:00—U. S. Navy
3:05—Music
3:15—Book of the Week
3:30—Music
3:45—News
4:00—Request Program
4:30—Stories for Boys and Girls
KGIN Portland—970 Kilocycles (CBS Network)
5:00 a. m.—Northwest Farm Reporter
6:15—Breakfast Bulletin
6:30—KGIN Clock
7:00—Great Time
7:15—Headlines
7:30—Bob Garred Reporting
7:45—Consumer News
8:00—Kate Smith
8:15—When a Girl Marries
8:30—Romance of Helen Trent
8:45—Our Gal Sunday
9:00—Life Can Be Beautiful
9:15—Woman in White
9:30—Right to Happiness
9:45—Songs of a Dreamer
10:00—Big Sister
10:15—Aunt Jenny
10:30—Tetcher Wiley
10:45—Kate Hopkins
11:00—Martha Webster
11:15—Golden Treasury of Songs
11:30—Hello Again
11:45—Woman of Courage
12:00—News
12:15 p. m.—Murt and Marge
12:30—The Story of Bess Johnson
12:45—Stepmother
1:00—Betty Crocker
1:15—Refreshment Time, Singin' Sam
1:30—O'Neill
1:45—Scattergood Baines
2:00—Young Dr. Malory
2:15—Hedda Hopper's Hollywood
2:30—Joyce Jordan
2:45—World Today
3:00—The Second Mrs. Burton
3:15—We the Abbotts
3:30—News
3:45—Newspaper of the Air
4:00—Eyes of the World
4:15—Bob Garred, News
KEX Portland—1100 Kilocycles (NBC Blue Network)
5:00 a. m.—Ed's Up
5:00—Western Agriculture
7:15—Breakfast Club
8:00—Amen Corner Program
8:30—Farm and Home
8:45—Newsweek Bookends
9:30—Homeplan
9:45—News
10:00—News
10:15—Art Baker's Notebook
10:30—The Morning We Live
10:45—Fantasy Melody
11:00—Orphans of Divorce
11:15—Amanda of Honeymoon Hill
11:30—John's Others Wife
11:45—Just Plain Bill
12:00 p. m.—Mother of Mine
12:15—Your Livestock Reporter
12:30—News Headlines and Highlights
12:45—Market Reports
1:00—Household Hints
1:15—News
1:30—Richard Brooks
1:45—Muston Soiree
2:00—Curstion Quiz
2:30—The Quiet Hour
2:45—Lost and Found Items
3:00—Rose City Calendar
3:15—Gasoline Alley
3:30—Count Your Blessings
3:45—Mr. Keen, Tracer
4:00—NBC
4:30—Kathleen Connolly
4:45—Paul Laval Orch.
5:00—NBC
5:15—Living Literature
5:30—Irene Wicker
5:45—Barons
KQW Portland—620 Kilocycles (NBC Red Network)
5:00 a. m.—Sunrise Serenade
6:30—Trail Riders Melody
7:00—News Headlines and Highlights
7:15—Music Salon
7:30—Novelty
7:45—David Harum
8:00—Sam Hayes
8:15—Stars of Today
8:45—Modern Meals
9:00—Listen Ladies
9:15—Bess Johnson
9:30—Elmer Randolph
9:45—Dr. Kate
10:00—Light of the World
10:15—The Mysterian Man
10:30—Valiant Lady
10:45—Arnold Grimm's Daughter
11:00—Against the Storm
11:15—Ma Perkins
11:30—The Guiding Light
11:45—Vic and Sade
12:00—Buckaroo
12:15 p. m.—Stella Dallas
12:30—Lorenzo Jones
12:45—Young Widder Brown
1:00—Home of the Brave
1:15—Portia Faces Life
1:30—Arthur Godfrey
1:45—Story of Mrs. Martin
2:00—Pepper Young's Family
2:15—Lone Journey
2:30—Reveries



BRITAIN, GERMANY TRADE BLOWS—Europe's warring powers surveyed the damage in the wake of a Royal Air Force raid on Germany's industrial Rhineland and a Nazi Luftwaffe attack on Britain's Clydeside shipyards from Glasgow to the sea. British announced a heavy attack on Mannheim and raids on Frankfurt, Boulogne, Cherbourg and Stavanger. Besides the shipyards, Germans attacked Belfast and Liverpool's Merseyside docks.



CAESAREAN OPERATION SAVES COLT—When a five-year-old mare was struck by an auto and so badly injured she had to be killed, a veterinary surgeon at Redwood City, Calif., performed a Caesarean operation to save this colt. Miss Zelda Perry feeds the tiny animal.

2:45—News
3:00—Shirley We Walls
3:10—Five Minute Show
3:15—News of the World
3:30—Hollywood News Flashes
3:45—News by Frank Bingham
4:00—Stars of Today
4:30—NBC
4:45—Cocktail Hour

FROM YONCALLA
YONCALLA, May 13—(Special)—A no-host shower was given at the home of Mrs. Byron Turpin recently honoring Mrs. Ralph Heatt. The gifts were presented by Janice Applegate and Barbara Woolman.

Church services and a basket dinner were enjoyed at the Crow home Sunday. Members were present from Roseburg and Eugene.

The Home Economics classes of the Yoncalla high school under the direction of the teacher, Miss Christine Jensen, gave their annual Mothers' tea in the home economics room Friday afternoon. Those in class I who worked in the kitchen were, Erlene Howard, Mary Wittmeyer, Edith Jobe, Betty Jackson, Betty Ann Gibson, Doris Kingery, Betty Joe Fulbright, Jaunilla Kelm, and Ruth Patrick. Those receiving the guests were Miss Jensen, teacher, and those in class II, Vera Thompson, Pearl Jobe, Clara Miller, Mary Handlip and Dorothy Schlin. A

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Study Meeting Held
BAILEY HILL, May 12—(Special)—The Bailey Hill Study Meeting will hold the last meeting of the year Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. E. H. Davis. Reports and suggestions for the year's program. The topic will be "Family Good Times." All members are invited to come early so the meeting can start promptly at 2 o'clock.

4-H Event
The Bailey Hill 4-H club held an Achievement day Friday evening at the Young Men's club hall. R. C. Kuehn, 4-H club leader, will be speaker. The program will include a number of new activities. Projects have been carried on in the following: health, sewing, I. H. Y. club, II. livestock, handicraft. The following leaders: Mrs. Mary E. Roberts, Harry and Carl R. Pfeiffer.

The two scholarships for the summer school at Corvallis annually by the Four Clubs and the Bailey Hill P. T. A. An outstanding boy and girl were awarded at the close of the program. The public is invited to attend.

TO WASHINGTON
SAGINAW, May 13—(Special)—Mrs. Myrtle Pollock and several days recently at Yoncalla, Seattle, Wash., on business. Also visited her sister in Seattle.

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