

Hitler's V-3 Just Another Pocket, Using Alcohol As Fuel

ADRID, (U.P.)—A German citizen who arrived by plane from Madrid said Adolf Hitler was not from a second plot against his life recently when his private pilot stopped him as he drank a poisoned cup of coffee.

The informant, who also revealed that the fuhrer, once a potter, had started drinking and smoking cigarettes, said he got his information at a Gestapo office attached to Hitler's Bavarian home.

The details, as given by the Gestapo chief, were: Hitler is very fond of strong coffee, heavily sugared, drinking as many as 20 cups a day. After a long session in the "chamber of stars," installed in his

Berghof home, he called for coffee. As he lifted the cup his private astrologer, Ossietz, looked up from his book on hermetic sciences and shouted: "Mein fuhrer, don't drink that coffee! It is poisoned!"

An analysis revealed the coffee contained a potent but tasteless poison, the German said.

Investigation failed to disclose who poisoned the coffee but Hitler's Hungarian chef, Rudi Vanyor, formerly of the Adlon hotel in Berlin and an expert on vegetarian diets, has not been heard of since the incident.

The informant reported numerous details of the fuhrer's cloistered life, including his favorite pastime of pitching darts at targets centered by photographs

of President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill. He was said to prefer piercing the Churchill target.

He said Hitler spends much time at a small cottage, a little higher than Berghof, and also at the Bechtessgaden grounds where he goes alone to "meditate," often addressing the majestic Alps.

His fondness for music remains, the informant said. Recently he was reported to have become inspired with the idea of setting parts of "Mein Kampf" to music and suggested central themes to a number of composers.

At Berghof he was said to have vast rows of cages of rare birds which he often feeds personally. When a bird becomes sick he becomes sad and if one dies he becomes weighed down by grief and holds a special funeral service.

Hitler was said to have started venerating the memory of his father, Alois, whom biographers have said Hitler feared and hated as a youth. Numerous photographs of his father have been placed on the walls at Berghof.

The defense works at his home were described as formidable with special anti-aircraft batteries and machine gun nests and the grounds heavily mined. Heavily armed Gestapo agents were said to lurk behind every tree and bush and a fool proof alarm system protects every door and gate.

The informant said Hitler always wears a coat of mail, even under his pajamas when he sleeps.

He was said to have a special air shelter with an independent lighting system deep in a mountain and food supplies sufficient to withstand a six months siege.

When asked if he thought Hitler contemplated trying to escape abroad, the informant said:

"Hitler, despite his fondness for birds and astrology, is still madly in love with what he considers the real Germany. He will never run away but will always face the music. Whether he is caught dead or alive is another question."

Pearl Harbor Probe Report Awaited

WASHINGTON—The war and navy departments have declined to discuss the progress which their separate boards of inquiry have made in investigating the Pearl Harbor disaster, or to say whether reports were imminent.

Checks were made at the departments on the basis of a statement made 10 days ago by Sen. Ferguson (R-Mich.) that he had information indicating the reports would be completed "within two weeks." Ferguson demanded prompt publication of the findings.

The New York Herald-Tribune said Wednesday it had learned that the navy board had finished taking testimony, that both boards would soon issue reports, and that the impression prevailed in army and navy circles that the findings would be negative as to Rear Adm. Husband E. Kimmel and Maj. Gen. Walter C. Short, the navy and army commanders at Pearl Harbor when the Japanese made their surprise attack there.

The paper said navy circles be-

lieved its board would declare that so many persons were involved in events leading up to Pearl Harbor and in the happenings on the day itself, that there is no way of singling out any individual for blame.

At the war department it was said officially that any statement on the status of the investigation would have to come from Secretary of War Stimson. Stimson said two weeks ago the army board still was at work and gave no hint as to when or if its report would be published.

The navy department also met inquiries with the statement that it had no comment at this time.

Cranberry Pickers Scarce At Coos Bay

BANDON, Oct. 5.—Half the Coos county cranberry crop will spoil on the vines unless more pickers turn up at once, growers said here today.

They reported a manpower shortage so acute that bogs which normally employ 75 pickers have only 6—and some bogs have no help except the owner's wife and children.

Company Pays Bonuses To Former Servicemen

NEW HAVEN, CONN.—O.F. Mossberg & Sons, Inc., firearms manufacturers, have a soldiers' bonus plan that is working to everybody's satisfaction—particularly discharged soldiers who return to the company's employment.

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Paratrooper Tech. Sgt. John Dowling returned home recently and was presented with four \$100 bonds, plus \$57 in cash.

The largest amount accumulated

so far is \$537, put aside for a soldier who was with the company eight years.

Army Helps Traffic With Pontoon Bridge

AUSTIN, TEX.—Motorists who drive over a pontoon bridge instead of the regular highway structure across the Colorado river near Smithville, east of here, might have thought the army had taken over.

But truth of the matter was a truck collision had damaged the regular bridge so badly that traffic had to be routed. Army officials came to the rescue and loaned the pontoon bridge until the state highway department could have repairs made.

Before Hitler's rise to power, the Jewish population of Germany was numbered at about 500,000.

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