

Goering Leads Bizarre Parade to Witness Stand

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court before, but for the last time he was speaking to Germany and calling on it to approve his motives. He reminded German posterity that the tremendous world powers together with other nations had been required to defeat the Third Reich.

His plea was a perpetuation of the legend fostered after the Kaiser's debacle when a defeated Germany was kept hoping and working for "rebirth" by the Nazi argument that the First Reich had stood off 27 nations and its armies never had met defeat in the field.

Goering could not argue Germany out of disaster this time but he made one final effort to keep the "herrenvolk" legend alive by telling Germany's future generations that man for man they are still the world's best soldiers.

Contrast to Former Role

The brief statement was a strange exit line for the flamboyant reich-marshal who had dazzled Germany with his uniforms and his appetites.

Almost exactly eight years ago this correspondent heard Goering bring a howling Nazi audience to its feet with violent attacks on Czechoslovakia in which he warned the world that the half-completed Siegfried Line was already impregnable, that Germany could fight the whole world and then add an indelicate pun to

the effect that "the Germans are shooters, not bullwhackers."

Goering spoke in the court building which is one of the few undamaged structures in Nuremberg. He addressed the black-robed or uniformed justices in a somber, intent courtroom. He was going out with no crowds, no pomp, no roar of applause. He was just a tired man in a baggy, fawn suit making a last statement to the world and the remains of his reich. "The prosecution," Goering charged, "in the final plea handled the defense evidence as though it was completely worthless. The statements made under oath by the accused were accepted by the prosecution as absolutely true when this prop could be made of service to them, but they immediately characterized as perjury those utterances which refuted the prosecution."

Hess Babbles

Hess came next. He gave a weird performance. He spoke sometimes with excitement, from a few scribbled notes. Sometimes he stopped, panting for breath. In a long rambling description of his confinement in Britain he several times referred to "the glassy dreamy eyes" of men whom he saw while a prisoner.

Goering grimaced when Hess reiterated the phrase.

Hess asked permission of the court to remain seated because of his illness when he started to testify at 10:20 a.m.

He described his own speech as "mad and glassy-eyed oratory."

"I'm happy to know that I've done my duty to the fuhrer, to my people, and to National Socialism," he said. "I've no regrets. If I was once more at the beginning I would act in the same way, even if I knew that I would meet death in a bonfire. No matter what humans do I shall one day be at the judgment seat of the almighty and I'll become his responsibility—and I know he will find me innocent."

He recalled that Hitler's facial expressions and his eyes in his last years "contained something cruel—not quite normal" and suddenly raised his right arm and demanded to make the remainder of his statement under oath. The court gravely told him he had already spoken 20 minutes and asked him to conclude.

Goering seemed fascinated by the Hess performance. Ribbentrop scowled and one defendant leaned over and tapped Hess' shoulder, to indicate to him he was not doing too well.

Speaking of the British "concentration camps," Hess said the guards were "glassy dreamy eyes" and they fed the prisoners ground glass. "It is an historical fact that

26,000 poor women and children died in the British concentration camp," he said.

Ribbentrop Nervous

Ribbentrop reached the microphone at 10:50 a. m. for his eight minute speech. He displayed signs of life for the first time in months when he told the court in loud and vigorous tones that the western allies faced the same Russian problem he once did.

Using his last statement for a typical Nazi anti-Communist attack of which the late Paul Joseph Goebbels would have been proud, Ribbentrop said: "Today the nuclear problem is who will dominate Europe and Asia. Will the influence of Russia be held back at the Elbe and the Dardanelles?"

Ribbentrop was extremely nervous. He recalled his own negotiations with Russia and said: "Britain and the United States stand today before the same dilemma as Germany at the time of my negotiations. For the sake of my people I hope with all my heart they have more success than I."

He said that when he saw Generalissimo Stalin in 1939 the Russian leader did not discuss a peaceful settlement of the German-Polish conflict. He said Stalin demanded in addition to the Baltic states "the harbor of Lithuania."

He said Stalin told him if he didn't get that "I might as well go home."

Kittel Seems Dull

Field Marshal Wilhelm Keitel spoke next from a prepared statement, as Ribbentrop, acknowledged full responsibility "within the limits of my position" but sought to correct some errors in the prosecution's conclusions.

Once a perfect Prussian general, Keitel was singularly unimpressive in a plain green uniform without insignia. He spoke slowly in a voice which sometimes rose to his old military tones as he denied his guilt of war crimes. He insisted that the armed forces of the high command had been isolated from operations on the Russian front, that these were Hitler's personal concern and that even army commanders on that front were not responsible to the high command.

He never "delivered the army to the party," he insisted, and could not have led the army "in the accomplishment of criminal intentions" since "the British and American brief stated I had no authority to give orders."

Ernest Kaltenbrunner, Reichard Heydrich's successor as the chief henchman of Heinrich Himmler, disclaimed responsibility for concentration camp excesses and extermination of Jews. He said he took office in 1943, and as soon as he heard of the Gestapo's crimes he protested to Hitler. He said that Hitler promised him that "Oswald Pohl, head of the concentration camp administration would be tried and punished."

Dr. Wilhelm Frick, who was minister of interior and later protector of Bohemia-Moravia, spoke only two minutes and said he had a clear conscience, because "all my life was devoted to service to my people." He told the tribunal he was convinced "no patriotic American... would act differently than I in similar circumstances."

Dr. Alfred Rosenberg, the Nazi ideologist and philosopher, was the first defendant to ask for mercy.

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Air Show Set For Greece

ABOARD U. S. CARRIER ROOSEVELT IN NAPLES BAY —(AP)—This mighty carrier will send 123 planes roaring over Athens when she reaches Greek waters Sept. 5, only four days after the plebiscite on the return of King George.

Rear Admiral John H. Cassady said Saturday the "air show" would be conducted "at the request of the Greek government" and would last about thirty minutes. The planes will write "F-D-R" in the sky.

Cassady, commander of the American task force whose Mediterranean cruise has been the object of criticism from Moscow, did not exclude the possibility of visits to the Dardanelles and Trieste before the fleet returns home. He said, however, that such visits were not now on the itinerary.

Cassady smilingly told a news conference there was "no connection" between the visit to Greece and the plebiscite.

Asked point blank by an Italian newspaperman whether the Roosevelt had an atom bomb aboard, Cassady replied with a grin: "I knew you would ask that. I cannot answer that question."

Groups Unite On Restocking

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has contended that it would be too expensive to keep this stretch open, but the committees will attempt to convince the governor and commission that this expense would be justified.

Clay V. Fleet, chairman of the Chamber's McKenzie conservation committee, and Mert Folts, chairman of its fish and game committee, were spokesmen for the Chamber. President H. J. Cox and Manager Fred M. Brenne participated.

Dayton Thomson, president, Tom Powers, Carl Baker, Hay Taylor, and Clarence Belknap represented the McKenzie organization.

Will Invite Springfield

Speakers asserted there is a need for a more progressive game management program for fish and other game. The program to be drafted by Van Fleet will include such recommendations. It will be submitted to both groups for approval. The Springfield Chamber of Commerce will be invited to participate in the campaign.

"We will have facts and figures to back up our recommendations and prove that the McKenzie is not getting a square deal in the number of fish planted or the amount of money spent for restocking," Van Fleet said.

Van Fleet and other speakers pointed out that Eugene has a vital interest in the McKenzie, inasmuch as a great part of the new money left in the McKenzie by visitors ultimately is spent with Eugene business houses.

RECORD TRY NEAR

HONOLULU —(AP)—The superfortress "Dreamboat," which will attempt to break the world's non-stop record for a 10,000-mile flight early next month, arrived here Saturday from Sacramento, Cal.

The Dreamboat will take off from Hickam Field sometime between Sept. 1 and Sept. 10 for Cairo, Egypt, by way of the North Pole route in an attempt to cover the 10,000-mile distance in 42 to 45 hours.

Gambling Ship Opens After Lean Weeks

LONG BEACH, Cal. —(UP)—After three lean weeks of enforced idleness, the gambling ship Lux was reopened Saturday by "Admiral" Tony Cornero Stralla for the pleasure of weekenders.

As a result of Stralla's surprise move, City Attorney Albert C. Ramsey, Police Chief Alvin Slight and a representative of the district attorney's office scheduled a strategy conference Saturday night.

Release by authorities of 11 water taxis, which had carried crowds to the palatial craft, prompted Stralla's move.

They had been impounded since Aug. 8 when police cracked down on Stralla who had defied efforts to prevent him from operating. George Garvin, owner of the boats, and his crews were charged with soliciting gambling while Stralla and seven henchmen, now free on bail, were charged with gambling conspiracy.

Fifty Clowns In Cole Circus

Fifty of the world's greatest clowns doing stunts and cutting capers at the same time will make the youngsters scream and their elders roar with laughter, when the huge Cole Brothers Combined circus, comes to Eugene Sept. 5 for afternoon and night performances at the Fairgrounds.

A few of the most noted are Otto Greibling, Horace Laird, Freddie Freeman, "Brownie," Dick Lewis, "Huffy," Huffman, Bagonghi Gallifoglio, Alfred Burke, and Lawrence Cross.

With its 350 men and women stars and performers, its gigantic new big-top, 100 per cent flame-proof, said to be the most gorgeously decorated tent ever built, the 750 handsome horses and the three great herds of performing elephants, the big double-menagerie, and a multitude of other 196 attractions, the huge show this year offers the most imposing array of features in all Cole Brothers' history.

Performances will be given at 2:15 and 8 p.m. with the main gates opening at 1:15 and 7:00 p.m.

Barbara Hutton Gets Divorce from Grant

HOLLYWOOD —(AP)—Heiress Barbara Hutton was granted a final divorce decree Saturday from her third husband, movie star Cary Grant.

Superior Judge Walter S. Gates entered the final decree on application of Jerry Giesler, Miss Hutton's attorney. An interlocutory decree was granted Aug. 30, 1945, and under California law a year must elapse before divorce can become final.

The first state fair was 81 years ago. State Fair manager Leo Spitzbart asserts that this year's fair, with its flaming red-colored buildings, green lawns, fishponds, fountains and flowers, will be "biggest and best."

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