

NAZISM BOOMS AGAIN

Hitler's Spirit Lives Today In Germany, 'Tho He Is Dead

(Editor's note: Hitler alive? The evidence is all against it. But the Hitler spirit is alive in Germany, and getting livelier every day. That's what Lyle Wilson, manager of the United Press bureau in Washington, found on a swing through Europe after his British election assignment in London. Here's his Hitler report.)

By LYLE C. WILSON

Berlin, March 15 (AP)—Soviet guards have been withdrawn from the site of Adolf Hitler's air raid bunker, and the place where he committed suicide has become a storage area for scrap metal.

The soviet army has blasted the bunker to junk and rubbish. The heavy upper blockhouse lies pitched on its side. Around it is neatly piled scrap metal salvaged from the nearby ruins of a madman's dreams.

All the front of the great reichschancellery building beside which Hitler dug his hole has been blasted away. The massively beautiful palace of old

red, a ragged German workman said, "we do not know, but it is verboten."

Perhaps the Russians fear there might be pilgrimages or mourners to Hitler's suicide spot. If so they do not believe armed guards are warranted to prevent it. Even if the mourners came, the pitched blockhouse scarcely identifies for the uninformed the place where Hitler died.

Or did he? The story persists in Germany that he still lives. A great many believed it at one time. Now the Germans seem to agree that he is dead. Certainly all the evidence is to that effect.

But dead or not in body, Hitler's spirit is alive in Germany, and becoming livelier every day. It is the spirit of nationalism sparked by resentment against defeat, poverty and the self-invited indignity of occupation by the armed forces of foreign powers.

There are no professed "nazis" in Germany now. That

would be against the law. But in the east, Russia encourages a brand of nationalism not much different from Hitler's.

The greeting taught to children in the eastern zone of Germany under Russian occupation is "be ready." When the Russians established headquarters of their German government in Berlin, there were torchlight parades, bonfires, goose-stepping marchers in hobnailed boots—all in the old nationalistic spirit.

The Russians have dropped all pretense of punishing or reforming nazi offenders. They ended denazification in 1948, giving small timers full citizenship rights. In 1949 full civic rights were granted to all former nazi party members.

Under a variety of names nazism is beginning to boom in the western zone, where the American, British and French are trying to teach democracy.

The extremists or "new nazis" are organized in about one-fifth of western Germany. They polled 700,000 votes in the last

election, but have only five of the 402 seats in the west German bundestag at Bonn.

There is an in-between group of splinter parties, all nazi or communist fronts.

Franz Richter is the extremist leader seeking to organize former nazis into a powerful political force within his German reichs party. His program is to restore Germany to her position after September, 1938, when the Munich pact gave Hitler the Sudeten area of Czechoslovakia and by implication okayed his seizure of Austria.

Richter teaches that only the German army was defeated in 1945. That the German nation never was licked and never will be. His party needs a martyr and may get one soon. His name is Wolfgang Hedler, a bundestag member, who was acquitted last month of charges of anti-semitism.

Socialist and communist bundestag members said there would be trouble if Hedler returned to take his seat. He did last week. The chairman ruled

him out of the chamber because the verdict had been appealed to a higher court. He withdrew to an anteroom.

A band of socialists found him there, beat him badly, and threw him out of the building. Now he seeks to join Richter. He will be welcome.

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Korean Solons Go to Prison

Seoul, Korea, March 15 (AP)—Thirteen members of the Korean national assembly were sentenced to prison Tuesday for terms as long as 10 years for violating national security by having contacts with communists. Assemblyman Ro Il Hwan and Lee Moon Wun were sentenced by presiding judge Sa Kwang Ook to the longest terms—ten years.

At the long trial from November 17 to February 10 before a three-judge panel without a jury—Ro and Lee were declared to have admitted they had received money from al-

leged communists. Both men testified that purported confessions were taken from them under torture.

Prosecutor Oh Che Do said before the trial all 13 assemblymen had made written confessions. He introduced no others after Ro and Lee testified they were tortured.

The prosecution spent hours asking the 13 defendants why they supported an assembly resolution of February 4, 1949, asking the withdrawal of foreign troops from Korea. At that time President Syngman Rhee was urging that American troops remain in South Korea as a protection against North Korea's communist troops.

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By Dick Eckley

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