

Another Feather for Hitler In Abdication of King Carol

By Dewitt MacKenzie
King Carol of Rumania has lost his throne through a combination of circumstances, not least of which has been the shadow-rule of his titian-haired sweetheart, Madame Lupescu—but when all is said and done it represents another great victory for Adolf Hitler.

Rumania has entered nazidom, and of that there is but one master—the fuhrer. He has gained a new and important disciple for his teachings. He has gained access, hitherto disputed, to the agricultural wealth and oil of the country, thus strengthening his arm against Britain. He has erected a strategic barrier against Russia, and furthered his own politico-economic control of the Balkans.

Carol Served Well
I believe that Carol had the will, and some of the ability, to be a good king. From personal investigation in Rumania it seemed to me that he did in fact serve his country well in many ways.

So far as the records go he was an honest servant of his people. In fact, when I was in Rumania in the fall of 1938, the king was in process of trying to clean up his political house—to eliminate graft which was said to have weakened his regime.

Still, despite his good intentions and many excellent qualities he lacked the political acumen and diplomacy to enable him to deal with the strong forces surrounding him. Rumania was one of the earliest to feel the hand of the nazi fifth column. There were more than a dozen political parties, which more often than not were pulling against each other.

Iron Man Needed
The situation called for an iron man. Carol had the determination, but he was strong-willed to the point of extreme stubbornness, and his determination thus became a weakness. He tried to use, and indeed did use, a club when subtle methods were called for.

Perhaps his greatest fault was that he was unable to turn away from the whispered advice of the fascinating Magda Lupescu—one of the outstanding personalities of our time. Probably the advice of this hypnotic beauty was at times good. I don't know the answer to that. But we can say that through her he made the great mistake of clashing with his military leaders and army.

When Carol in 1930 returned from his exile with Madame Lupescu and, at her urging, engineered the coup which gave him the throne, the people received him with an open mind. He was far from popular with many because of his affair with the red-haired Magda, but they were prepared to forgive and forget.

They weren't prepared, however, to accept Madame Lupescu, and when Carol installed her near the royal palace the people began the murmuring which finally swelled into a great volume that should have warned the king. Undoubtedly

Bruno Studio Opening Here



Medford is the latest Oregon city to be entered by the Bruno Art Studio, which is established in several northwest cities and which has a wide reputation for its work. The Bruno concern will hold formal opening Saturday at the new studio now being prepared at the corner of Main and Central.

S. A. Bruno, Sr., of Portland, shown above, the founder, received training in art in Europe and became famous for his skill in restoring old, faded photographs and making them into excellent portraits. His son,

they did warn him, but he was stubborn and he was under the influence of his friend.

Private Reservation
Woodland, Calif.—(AP)—There are only 15 Indians left in the Rumsey tribe, but they are to have their own reservation. The Indian bureau is preparing to put them on 66 acres of good farm land near Guinda, Calif., where it is expected they will be able to support themselves.

MILITARY HIGHWAY NETWORK SLATED FOR IMPROVEMENT

Gaps of Poor Road Will Be Put in Shape for Use of Army's Mechanized Units

By Jack Stinnett
Washington—If you see a couple of gents measuring the width of a state highway, taking grade elevations, punching soil-test rods into shoulders and measuring the sag in old bridges, you'll know that the highway is a part of the 80,000-mile network of strategic military roads.

You probably won't see any such gents, because most of the state highway departments already have the information. In the next few weeks they will be pouring it into the public roads administration here for tabulation and assembly into a report to the army and the national defense commission.

Out of that report, with recommendations from the president and action from congress, network may be improved and repaired. But don't let anybody tell you that at the moment there is any wholesale plan to make super-highways out of every wagon track—or even any national defense plans to "super" highways that aren't already "supered."

Must Support Tanks
About the only military roads that will be built immediately are those which lead from the main arteries or cities to new military and naval establishments. In mileage, these roads probably will be negligible. It is likely they will be built with an eye to modern mechanical warfare—wide and strong enough to accommodate the heavy tanks and new heavy gun carriages.

The 80,000-mile network was worked out by the army and the public roads administration. It spiderwebs over every state, with east-west and north-south arteries tying together the coast lines and the borders and giving clear outlets from industrial centers to military cantonments and naval supply bases.

Bridge Boom Likely
Much of it, according to preliminary surveys, would be satisfactory for military use even now. The principal difficulties are gaps of poor road that link some of the better highways and about 2,000 bridges that are far from adequate for passage of new, heavier military equipment.

It looks to this unexpert eye as if the bridge building business is in for a boom. If there are 2,000 wobbly bridges that need reinforcing or replacement, that means a heap of new spans, even if some of them are no more than glorified culverts.

Not All At Once
What effect the survey and subsequent recommendations will have on the country's highway system cannot be predicted now. But you can skip the idea that we are going to have in the near future 80,000 miles of highways that will match the 1,900-mile four-lane, earth-divided autobahn of Germany.

We already have more autobahns here than that and we'll probably have still more, but it would take years to super-highway the whole network and make adequate feeders out of all the horse and buggy roads that lead into it.

To Study Pollution
Seattle, Sept. 6.—(AP)—An immediate start will be made on studying the pollution problems in the Columbia river, under the joint sponsorship of Washington and Oregon.

Gold Still Lures
Coloma, Calif.—(AP)—The scene of John Marshall's original discovery of gold in California is attracting so many tourists that a crew of 35 men is improving the site. Seats, picnic tables and camp stoves are being installed.

For Pete's Sake
Waldport, Ore.—(AP)—Mrs. O. V. Hurt has two young turkeys that

were hatched from eggs never laid. The eggs were removed from turkeys that had been in cold storage two weeks. Mrs. Hurt, curious to see what would happen, put them under a hen. The poult are healthy and normal.

Heap O' Livin'
Anacosta, Mont.—(AP)—The ages of the three sisters and two brothers age age of the five Spencers. Half of the Spencer family add up to 392 years and 10 months. The average age of the five Spencer "children" is 78.8 years. Youngest is Mary Spencer of Oberlin, Ohio, 70. Oldest is Mrs. Iva Hudson of Liberty Center, Ohio, 86. The others are Milton Spencer of Anacosta; Christina Spencer of Liberty Center; and E. H. Spencer of Ashland, Ohio.

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Dating the Depression?
New York.—(AP)—The world's diamond production last year broke all records with nearly two and a half metric tons of stones, says the Jewellers' Circular. Less than one-fifth were gem stones, the others being industrial. Even so, this made about 1,900 pounds, or half a ton of gems.

Way Out West
Topeka, Kas.—(AP)—An elderly, kindly appearing couple returned to the theater seats they just had vacated and began searching. A youth tapped the man, and pointed. There on the floor, in the aisle, was a pistol. The old fellow pocketed it and hurried out.

Coincidence
Winchester, Va.—(AP)—Bert Cochran and W. A. Leslie, who have worked 25 years in the same division of a rubber company at Akron, Ohio, left on their vacations. When Cochran arrived at a tourist camp here, he met Leslie. Neither had known where the other was going.

Strange Island Studied
Los Angeles.—(AP)—Scientific secrets of tiny Anacapa Island, off the coast of California, are being sought by an expedition of the Los Angeles county museum. The island was made a national monument in 1938 because of its unusual plant and animal life.

New Cotton Gin
Half Moon, Ark.—(AP)—The cotton belt has thousands of cotton gins, usually more utilitarian than decorative. But Raymond Sperr's is going to be different. He says the Half Moon gin, now under construction, is going to be a "streamlined" concrete gin with a spotless white exterior. Moreover the grounds are going to be landscaped.

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