

HIMMLER VENTS SADISTIC FURY ON FRENCHMEN

Gestapo Chief Is Angered When French Youths Seen Enjoying Selves Bathing.

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Gerardmer, France, Nov. 28 (U.P.)—Gestapo Chief Heinrich Himmler came here Sept. 7 to confer with six generals and developed a sadistic fury when he saw French youths enjoying themselves.

That started a series of events which ended only when the Germans, with the methodical planning of a military campaign, burned and blasted 30 miles of the once beautiful Meurthe valley which was dotted with fine farms, homes and factories.

Sixty-year-old Mayor Andre Boucher told me about the crime today amid the charred ruins of the town.

Homes Destroyed
Nearly all of the houses, whether clustered in hamlets or isolated far up the mountain sides, were destroyed.

The residents returned later and combed through the ruins, finding a pan here and a dish there. But there was nothing that could not be put in a sack and trundled away in a baby carriage—practically the only vehicles remaining.

The Germans had taken all of the carts, horses and bicycles to haul away the major household goods and possessions.

"The story begins with Himmler's visit Sept. 7," Mayor Boucher said.

Himmler Angered
"It was beautiful weather and Himmler went to the lake for a cold bath. He saw boys and girls enjoying themselves at the baths. He was surprised and angered.

"How is it," he demanded, "that these French youths are able to amuse themselves while the young men of Germany fight for the fatherland?"

That night, the mayor said, a German soldier brought him an order, signed by Himmler, that every male from 14 to 60 must be assembled to build fortifications for the Germans. The order warned that those who did not report were to be apprehended and shot and if they could not be found their wives and children would be shot.

"On Nov. 8, the Gestapo came and took all our men to the mountains," he continued. "It was snowing but they had to walk 20 miles to work. About 600 were taken to the woods but when they learned the Gestapo planned to remove them to Germany, 500 escaped.

"On the 18th the Germans were gone and we were alone in our ruins. On the 19th the French arrived. There was no demonstration. We were glad to see them but we could only say:

"What sorrow you could not have come a day or two sooner."

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BRITISH DESIGN NEW PLANE FOR POSTWAR PERIOD

London (U.P.)—Britain's first announced entry in the postwar commercial airline competition was revealed here as a de luxe version of the RAF's famous Halifax bomber, designed for high-speed flight in the stratosphere with a maximum payload of 50 passengers or 16,000 pounds of air freight.

The new super-liner, on which performance details are now being released for the first time, is the Handley-Page "Hermes," a sky train which its manufacturers expect will handle an important share of the world's round-the-globe air transportation business after the war.

Powered by four Bristol Hercules engines, the Hermes will have a non-stop range of 2,000 miles and will cruise at 10,000 feet at 240 miles an hour. A special sealed cabin will permit the ship to carry passengers comfortably and safely above the weather in the rarefied atmosphere five miles above the earth.

Flight Test Short

Officials of the company disclosed that the initial test model of the Hermes already is in an advanced stage of construction and may be flying very shortly. A number of other British airliners also are known to be nearing completion or already in flight, with the approval of the air ministry, including one giant 60-ton airliner designed by the A. V. Roe Co., makers of the Lancaster bomber, which will accommodate 125 passengers. No performance details have yet been made public on these transports, however.

Development of the Hermes marks another step in the gradual changeover of the British aircraft industry from military to civilian production, a change-over which is still moving slowly today, but which is likely to be speeded up greatly with the approach of peace.

Evolved through five years of wartime experiment on the Halifax bomber, the new liner is a conventional, low-wing, all-metal plane of stressed skin design and construction. Two versions of the Hermes now are planned—one a passenger ship with varying accommodations for day or night sleeper travel, and the other a heavy-duty sky-freighter.

Airtight Cabin Feature
Technically, the feature of the passenger ship is its "pressurized" cabin, an almost completely airtight affair in which a comfortable temperature and air pressure will be maintained by a supercharging device.

The normal, healthy person is not affected by oxygen shortage at altitudes up to 10,000 feet or even higher, but as airlines have to accommodate the unfit as well as the fit, the "pressurizing" will begin at about 8,000

feet. As the airliner climbs, the pressure inside the cabin will remain steady and the passengers will continue to breathe air at the 8,000-foot pressure, although the plane may be flying at 15,000 or 20,000 feet.

Provisional lay-outs have been drawn up for four versions of

the passenger plane. The first provides 34 seats for day travel; the second offers 32 day seats, which can be altered to become 16 sleeper berths for night travel; a third, designed for shorter travel stages, has 50 passenger seats, while the fourth is to be built on de luxe Pullman

car lines with club saloon accommodations for 20 passengers. In all versions, the plane will carry a crew of at least six men—two pilots, flight engineer, radio operator, navigator and steward.

MILK GOATS FROM BED
Kittery, Me. (U.P.)—Russell Milliken, 11, of Kittery, has a pet goat which is very devoted to him. In fact, the animal won't allow anyone but Russell to milk him. So when Russell was ill and confined to his bed recently, the goat had to be brought into

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