

Hitler's Life Saved By Luck When Briefcase Bomb Moved During Military Conference

By Jack Fleischer
United Press Correspondent

Obersalzberg, Germany, May 16—(U.P.)—Sheer luck saved the life of Adolf Hitler last July 20 when the bomb intended to kill him was shifted by a colonel unaware of the plot, an eyewitness to the assassination attempt told me today.

The eyewitness was Heinz Buchholz, one of two stenographers at the regular military conference at Hitler's headquarters where the bombing took place.

He said Hitler was saved because the bomb, as originally placed, interfered with a German colonel. He moved the bomb, thus diminishing the blast effect in Hitler's direction when it went off.

At Headquarters
Buchholz said the attempt was made at Hitler's headquarters, then located near Rastenburg in east Prussia. The headquarters comprised a number of wooden barracks, some with added concrete walls, and was known by the code name "Wolfshanze."

According to Buchholz, the regular military conference July 20 was held at 12:30 p. m. The usual military and political leaders were present, including Field Marshal Wilhelm Keitel, chief of the high command, and Col. Gen. Jodl.

A large map covered an oblong table which occupied most of the room and faced the windows. Keitel stood at Hitler's left. At his right stood Lt. Gen. Heusinger who was deputizing for Col. Gen. Kurt Zeitzler, chief of the general staff who was ill. A Col. Brandt, Heusinger's assistant, stood at Heusinger's right handing him papers while he reported on the military situation. Other officers and officials stood around the table and along the walls.

Some Officers Late

Buchholz said Heusinger had been giving his report for about five minutes when several officers entered the room led by Col. Count Klaus von Stauffenberg.

"Naturally at that time nothing seemed unusual or suspicious but later we recalled that Stauffenberg placed his briefcase next to the solid horse which supported the table at the end where Brandt was standing. Brandt objected that the briefcase was in his way and moved it from where it had been placed against the inside surface of the horse to the outside surface.

"Although nobody paid any attention to it at the time, we later recalled that Stauffenberg was called from the room to answer the telephone shortly after he put the briefcase under the table."

Buchholz said Heusinger continued giving his report until about 12:45 p. m.

Terrific Explosion

"Then there was a terrific explosion like a thunderclap," said Buchholz. "There was a yellow sheet of flame, and smoke filled the room. The walls were partially blown out and the end of the table to Hitler's right collapsed.

"Bits of glass from windows and lamps were blown around the room. The telephones were smashed."

"I climbed through a window and ran around to the front of the barracks and saw Hitler

walking to his bunker about 75 meters away."

Buchholz said it later proved that Hitler suffered contusion of his right arm. From the knees down his trousers were burned and torn, and his skin burned slightly. His hearing like everybody else's was affected for sometime, especially the left ear-drum which never did recover completely.

Buchholz said the police made an investigation and pieced together the story he told me. He said naturally he had seen only what happened in the map room.

Phone Call Arranged
"Stauffenberg had arranged to be called to the phone by an accomplice," the stenographer said. "The accomplice accompanied him to headquarters and made the call from another building. The switchboard operator said that Stauffenberg, after receiving the call, said 'I must go to another barracks' and left."

"Actually he hurried to the parking lot, waited for the explosion, and then drove to the airport with his accomplice. He talked his way past the guards with the plea that he was on an urgent mission to Berlin."

"After his arrival in Berlin by special courier plane — which the other conspirators obviously had arranged—Stauffenberg immediately went to a section of the war ministry and reported that the assassination had been successfully carried out and the revolt could begin."

Buchholz said it was definitely established two or three hours after the explosion that Stauffenberg was the would-be assassin. It was believed Stauffenberg thought the attempt had been successful because he probably did not know that Brandt had switched the briefcase to the other side of the table horse.

ALLIES TO RULE REICH THROUGH DOENITZ REGIME

London, May 16—(U.P.)—Prime Minister Churchill said today that the Germans will administer their own country under strict allied supervision and supreme headquarters revealed that the regime of Admiral Karl Doenitz already is under full control of the allies.

"We have no intention of undertaking the burden of administering Germany ourselves," Churchill told commons. He spoke as a number of announcements brought the setup in Germany, present and prospective, into its sharpest focus since the Nazi surrender.

Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's headquarters made it plain that the Doenitz setup is being used solely as a tool to expedite the disarmament and demobilization of the German armed forces. After that the high command will be dissolved. Even now the Doenitz regime is not recognized as a "government."

Churchill addressed commons after conferring with Eisenhower, Marshal Sir Bernard L. Montgomery and other military commanders.

STEVE EARLY NAMED
Chicago, May 16—(U.P.)—Pullman, Inc., announced today that Steve Early, former assistant to President Franklin D. Roosevelt, has been elected a vice-president of the firm. The appointment becomes effective June 1.

Conference Ending By June 1 Is Hope As Compromise Found In 10-Day Dispute

San Francisco, May 16—(U.P.)—The United Nations conference again set sights today on June 1 as a possible adjournment deadline. The way was cleared somewhat by a three-point compromise formula solving a 10-day dispute over regional security systems.

The formula for linking such groups as the inter-American system with the proposed world organization was announced by Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius, Jr.

Mexican Foreign Minister Ezequiel Padilla immediately welcomed the plan in behalf of the 20 Latin American nations as one that would strengthen the inter-American system.

Accept Authority
The Latin American nations agreed to accept the paramount authority of the world organization in enforcement action in return for specific recognition of the inherent right of individual or collective self defense.

In addition, the Latin Americans received the promise of the United States to call another inter-American conference soon

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Argentine Visitor



(Acme Telephoto)
Miss Stella Carcano, daughter of Miguel Carcano, Argentine ambassador to London and head of his country's delegation to UNCTO, takes time out from her conference chores to feed pigeons in San Francisco's Union Square.

KLAMATH, BEND ARGUE FOR 97 IN HIGHWAY HEARING

Delegations from the Bend and Klamath Falls areas declared that highway 97 provides a faster and shorter route from the Puget Sound and Portland areas to California than does highway 99 when the merits of the two roads were argued before the state highway commission Tuesday in Portland. Residents of the Central Oregon districts are attempting to have the commission change the designation of highway 99 as the main inter-regional highway.

Malcolm Epley, managing editor of the Klamath Falls News-Herald said that the Willamette route, which leaves the Pacific highway at Goshen and rejoins it at Weed, Calif., offers the fastest and shortest route, stating that it is not only shorter in miles but has less curvature and considerably less rise and fall than the Pacific route.

Says Time Saved
He declared travelers on the Willamette route save from two to four hours time as compared to the Pacific route. Epley discounted snow as a hazard. Greater populations served by the Pacific route should not weigh heavily in the concept of a fast express highway, Epley declared.

Representative William T. Niskanen, appearing for the Bend Chamber of Commerce, said the Central Oregon region has as great a potential agricultural area through irrigation, as does the Rogue River area. He added that designation of the Willamette route as the inter-regional highway would result in a better distribution of traffic, which might choose any of several alternate routes across the Cascades.

Chicago has seven great rail-road stations—more than any city in the world.

City Council Sets June 12 For Vote On Municipal Improvement Plans

BRITISH, YANKEES READY TO SPIKE TITO AT TRIESTE

Cruisers, Bombers Arrive to Back Up Protest Against Yugoslavs Seizing Control

London, May 16—(U.P.)—British cruisers and destroyers have anchored in the harbor of Trieste under a canopy of American heavy bombers, a dispatch from the disputed port said today.

United Press Correspondent James Roper reported from Trieste that the British warships arrived Tuesday. He said Sherman tanks, manned by alert New Zealanders, were patrolling the streets of the dock area under British control. With the permission of Marshal Tito, the British had begun unloading supplies at Trieste for the allied armies of occupation in Austria.

Await Reply
The disclosure came while Great Britain and the United States awaited replies to their notes to Marshal Tito protesting administration of the port by his Yugoslav forces.

The allied position was that an allied military government should administer Trieste as it does all other former Italian territory, and that any disputes between Italy and Yugoslavia over ownership of the port must wait.

The extent to which the Yugoslavs have seized control of Trieste was disclosed in a dispatch from the port itself by United Press Correspondent James Roper. He reported the Yugoslavs have installed their own picked prefect, renamed a street Corso Tito, substituted Yugoslav time for Italian time, and begun conscripting men from 15 to 50 for the Yugoslav army.

League Planned
An Istanbul dispatch said rumors were circulating in diplomatic circles in Balkan capitals that Tito is planning a league of Balkan states.

These unverified reports said Tito envisioned a league of greater Yugoslavia, including Fiume, Trieste, and Salonica, with Rumania, Bulgaria, and Albania. It was said the organization would have Russian backing.

Destroyer Davis Sunk In Atlantic

Washington, May 16—(U.P.)—The destroyer escort Frederick C. Davis was sunk recently by enemy submarine in the Atlantic with heavy casualties, the navy announced today.

The vessel was commanded by Lt. James R. Crosby, 27, of 4437 39th avenue, S. W., Seattle. He is among the missing.

The navy said next of kin of casualties have been informed.

AMERICAN PILOTS TAKE HEAVY TOLL IN TWO-DAY RAID

284 Jap Planes Destroyed—19 Suicide Plane Bases in South Japan Neutralized.

Guam, Thursday, May 17—(U.P.)—(Via Navy Radio)—More than 500 Superfortresses dropped 3,500 tons of incendiary bombs on the still-smoldering wreckage of industrial Nagoya today in a pre-dawn attack designed to obliterate the core of Japan's aircraft production.

Guam, May 16—(U.P.)—Preliminary reports indicated today that American carrier aircraft neutralized 19 suicide plane bases in southern Japan at least temporarily in a shattering two-day air assault Sunday and Monday.

The American navy planes destroyed or damaged 284 and possibly 357 Japanese planes and wrecked airfield installations on Kyushu and Shikoku islands, Pacific fleet headquarters announced.

The attack brought a sharp reduction in Japanese suicide-plane raids on American ships and ground forces on Okinawa. Only 35 enemy planes reached the embattled island on the first day of the strike. Since then, only a handful of Japanese aircraft have appeared.

Heaviest Raid
The carrier-based assault was announced while detailed results of Monday's record superfortress attack on Nagoya, Japan's biggest aircraft manufacturing center, were awaited.

Admiral Chester W. Nimitz indicated the carrier raids were the heaviest on Japan since the March 18 battle of the Inland sea.

About 10 American planes were lost and one major American fleet unit was damaged by counterattacking Japanese planes. Tokyo radio said the task force turned south yesterday.

By United Press
Bloody, six-quarter battles raged on southern Okinawa and on Mindanao in the Philippines today.

Weary marines battled through mortar and shell fire within 1,000 yards of the center of Naha. Bloody fighting was progressing from house to house. Marine vanguards had crossed the Asato river which bisects the city but murderous enemy fire still cut down reinforcements crossing the river.

Shuri Besieged
To the northeast infantry troops laid siege to the inland citadel of Shuri after capturing Chocolate Hill, main enemy stronghold guarding the city, at bayonet point. Marines of the first division fought toward Shuri from the northeast.

At the east end of the five mile line across Okinawa, other troops pressed toward Yonabaru after beating off an enemy counterattack in the vicinity of recently captured Conical Hill.

A new Japanese attempt, the second within a week, to land troops behind the American lines near Machinato airfield was repulsed by naval gunfire.

Ruch Youth Jailed For Theft of Auto

A 16-year-old boy from Ruch is in the county jail on auto theft charges, according to a report from the state police office today. He is charged with stealing a car belonging to Earl Hart of Ashland and was arrested by state police as he was leaving Ashland. He has been turned over to juvenile authorities.

Ashland Soldier Killed in Europe

Pfc. David M. Cox of Ashland has been killed while serving in the European theater with the army according to a release of the Office of War Information. Pfc. Cox was the son of William A. Cox, Star Route, Box 76, Ashland.

Goering Pictured After Capture



(Acme Radio-Telephoto)
Bathed and refurbished, Reichsmarshal Hermann Goering finally consents to be photographed against 38th Division flag after his capture by American Seventh Army.

REDS JOIN OUTCRY AGAINST CODDLING OF NAZI LEADERS

With Sixth Army Group, Germany, May 16—(U.P.) Robert Ley, leader of the Nazi labor front, has been captured 40 miles south of Berchtesgaden, it was announced tonight.

London, May 16—(U.P.)—The Moscow radio, joined the clamor over purported coddling of captured German leaders, said today that the "only fit way of dealing with such criminals is the hangman's noose."

Indignation mounted in London with disclosure that Willi Messerschmitt was living in a pleasant residential district of London, the city's planes helped to wreck—living in luxury a comparative freedom, British newspapers said.

Interview Denounced
An English language broadcast from Moscow denounced the interviewing of Reichsmarshal Hermann Goering by allied correspondents. The radio said it was like talking to "a murderer who has just killed a child and is still carrying a blood-covered hatchet."

After prescribing the hangman's goose for "such criminals," the broadcaster attacked a Flensburg radio report that the Germans had some control over themselves and added: "It is not martini or fried chicken that will tame the Hitlerite gangsters. They need a radical cure. Sensation-seeking reporters would do better to go to Hollywood for a scoop interview."

Would Hang Goering
Minister of State Richard K. Law told the American and British Commonwealth Association today that he hoped Goering will be hanged. He said Goering was typical of the "silliness" he said was the outstanding characteristic of the German people and added: "He is full of arrogance and posturing, but I don't believe for a moment that even now Goering understands what it is all about. I do believe that when the hangman's noose—that is what I hope it will be—is fastened round his neck he will jolly od people, the Germans are jolly good people, and that is war."

**MISSING YOUTH HOME;
MAN TRAVELING SOUTH**
Bob'y Harp, 15, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Harp, Route 1, box 456, who was reported missing from his home yesterday, returned last night, according to city police. The report did not say where the youth had been.

John A. Houser, who was reported missing from Ashland, has been traced as far as Yreka, state police said today. Houser sold his car to a Medford used car dealer before going south, police stated. Houser operated a hot dog stand near Jackson Hot Springs on Highway 99.

SIX PROPOSALS IN SPECIAL ELECTION TOTAL \$825,000

Voting Places in Each of 4 Wards; Storm Sewer System Largest Item.

City councilmen Tuesday night set June 12 as the date of a special city election to vote on a proposed bond issue for six municipal improvement projects. The six projects, including the new Bear Creek park, storm sewers, intercepting sewer line, enlargement of the sewage disposal plant, construction of a new bridge across Bear Creek at Jackson street and improvement of the city library, will have a total cost of approximately \$825,000 according to figures set forth in the special election ordinance.

Provisions have been set up to allow voters to cast separate votes on each project. Ballot numbers 502 and 503 provide for bonding for the sanitary sewer improvement at a cost not to exceed \$78,000 and numbers 504 and 505 for voting on enlargement of the sewage disposal at a cost not to exceed \$235,000. Numbers 506 and 507 will provide for construction of the Jackson street bridge at a cost not to exceed \$35,000.

Library \$102,000
The library enlargement is provided for in ballot numbers 508 and 509 and is not to exceed the sum of \$102,000, while numbers 510 and 511 provide for construction of storm sewers and purchase of rights-of-way and easements at a cost not to exceed \$300,000. The park improvement ballot numbers are 512 and 513 and provide for bonds not to exceed \$75,000.

The special election will be held between the hours of 1 and 8 p. m., and voting will take place in all four wards. First ward residents will vote at the Boy Scout headquarters, East Main street; second ward voters at the courthouse; third ward, Fichtner's garage, corner Sixth and Fir streets and fourth ward voters at the city hall.

In addition to passing the bond election ordinance, the councilmen voted the sale of lot seven, block 13 in the Imperial addition to A. R. Roberts at a cost of \$175.

Unionists Balk At Working With Japs

Stockton, Calif., May 16—(U.P.)—Three hundred members of Stockton local 6 of the International Longshoremen and Warehousemen's union (CIO), today announced their refusal to work with returning Japanese-Americans.

E. M. Balatti, union business agent, said that in order to prevent a work stoppage he had been forced to remove three Nisei from a warehouse to which they had been assigned last week.

WOMAN SUFFERS BURNS IN RESIDENCE BLAZE

Mrs. R. A. Sutherland, 1217 West 11th street, was badly burned late last night when a piece of burning wall fell against her leg as she attempted to extinguish a fire at the Sutherland home. Roy Elliot, fire chief, reported today.

Firemen called to the home administered first aid to Mrs. Sutherland and extinguished the fire which was caused by a defective chimney, the chief said. Exact amount of damage was not reported but the walls around the chimney and two rooms were damaged, according to the fire department report.

BASEBALL

National			
St. Louis	4	12	4
Boston	3	7	3
Bye: J. Donnelly and O'Dea; Tobin, Hutchings, Barrett and Masi.			
Cincinnati	2	7	0
Philadelphia	6	9	1
Heusser, Fox and Lakeman; Barrett and Mancuso.			
Pittsburgh	1	5	1
Brooklyn	3	8	2
Gerheuser and Salkeld; Gregg and Owen.			

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