

Spirit Of Adolf Hitler Still Lives On In Minds Of Germans

(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
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Berlin, Mar. 15—(U.P.)—Soviet guards have been withdrawn from the site of Adolf Hitler's air raid bunker, and the place where he committed suicide has become a storage area for scrap metal.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 Paul Hindenburg is no more than a head of dust and broken bricks and stones.

Entry Forbidden

Between them in an area of a couple of acres is the bunker site. "Verboten" orders plastered all about forbid anyone to enter the area. Asked why visitors are barred, 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.

Spirit Still Lives

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-inflicted 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 civil 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 Americans, British and French are trying to teach democracy. "New Nazis" Organized

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 reich party. His program is to restore Germany to her position after September, 1938, when the Munich pact gave Hitler the Sudetan 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



ADOLF HITLER
His Spirit Still Reigns

Farmers Denied Pay For Flood Damage

Portland, Ore., Mar. 15—(U.P.)—A federal district court ruling handed down yesterday denied 191 farmers almost \$500,000 they sought from the United States for damages caused by the break-in of an Owyhee irrigation canal in July, 1948.

Judge James A. Fee granted small damages to the Fine Sheep company and Ira U. Uri for their land and crops destroyed by floods resulting from the break-in.

Judge Fee based the later decision on the fact that proof of negligence was not necessary because the flooding was a trespass. He denied the larger claim on grounds that negligence of the bureau of reclamation was not proved.

Washington, Mar. 15—(U.P.)—A joint house-senate conference committee agreed today on a compromise farm bill which will let the government pay freight costs to give its surplus potatoes to charity.

month of charges of anti-Semitism.

Would Be Trouble

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.

Bavaria is a hotbed of nationalism. It is the early source of Hitler's strength. Bavaria has several Nazi-like parties. They talk in such terms as regaining lost provinces and exacting reparations from the allies for war damages to Germany.

American authorities are suddenly awake to the potential dangers. High Commissioner John J. McCloy cracked down on the astonished Germans last month after conferences in Washington on policy in Germany.

"We shall not hesitate to use all of our power and influence to expose and counteract any subversive influences which condone or encourage the revival of nazism in German life," he said.

The mere fact that he felt it necessary to say that was accepted here as a matter of political significance, and as proof that German nationalism again threatens to be on the march.

2,320 Landings Made At Airport During February

Medford airport operations totaled 2,320 landings during February, according to the activity report submitted by Airport Manager John Applegate to the city council.

There were 960 transient and 1,360 local landings. The traffic included 85 air force aircraft, 10 navy, 1,677 civil and 548 air carrier.

Passengers boarding airline planes here in February numbered 1,151. Of these United Air lines carried 648, Southwest Airlines 248, and West Coast Airlines 254. United unloaded 617 passengers and West Coast 267. Southwest's incoming passenger total was not reported.

Mail Heavy

United shipped out 1,845 pounds of mail, Southwest 782 and West Coast 530 for 3,157 pounds altogether. Mail unloaded here amounted to 3,788 pounds. United 2,183, Southwest 894 and West Coast 701.

Express dispatched by United from Medford was 220 pounds. Southwest sent out 795 pounds and West Coast 723 and the total from Medford 1,738. United received 1,545 pounds of express, Southwest 938 and West Coast 724 for 3,207 pounds altogether.

Freight Carried

United put 18,053 pounds of freight aboard at Medford and Southwest 5,987 for a 24,040 total. Southwest received 31,454 pounds of freight here and United 2,599, an incoming mark of 34,053. West Coast did not carry freight.

February airport revenues were \$1,109.50 of which the three airlines paid \$400.31. Of the revenue \$542.50 was for land-building and office rentals; \$130.50 for hangar rent, \$292.81 for landing fees, \$34.94 for gasoline and oil concessions, \$8.71 for miscellaneous oil concessions, \$70 for tie-downs and \$10.04 for heat and lights.

PENSION CONFERENCE SET
Portland, Mar. 15—An old age pension conference will convene here at 2 p.m. Sunday in Norse hall, 11th and Couch streets. Those attending will discuss the possibility of placing an old age pension measure on the November election ballot. All interested individuals are invited to attend.

Trucks hit 16 times harder than automobiles, according to the interstate commerce commission and the national safety council.

Salem's Noon Siren Brings Response From Third Alarm Rigs

Salem, Ore., Mar. 15—(U.P.)—Seconds before noon Monday the fire alarm sounded and equipment began rushing to the 300 block on North 24th street.

While the engines were on their way the siren that means either 12 o'clock noon or third alarm sounded. Taking no chances, third alarm apparatus began converging on the scene in jig time.

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Salem, Ore., Mar. 15—(U.P.)—Between 350 and 400 farm boys from 71 Oregon high school departments of vocational agriculture will meet in La Grande next week for the 22nd annual state convention of the Future Farmers of America, Ralph L. Morgan of Salem, advisor of the organization, announced today.

The meeting will open Wednesday, March 22, and continue through Saturday, March 25.

The Eastern Oregon College

of Education will be host to the group. The boys will be housed in dormitories at the college, regular students will be away for their spring vacation. The delegates will meet in the main auditorium.

Joe King, 19, of Petaluma, Cal., national second vice-president of the FFA, will be one of the featured speakers.

Dead line on Classified Ads: 5:30 p.m. for following day; 10 a.m. Monday noon Saturday for Sunday & m.

WEATHER

By United Press
Northern California: Generally fair today, tonight and Thursday except for increasing cloudiness north of Fort Bragg and Red Bluff and occasional rain tonight and Thursday. Slightly warmer Thursday. West to northwest winds 10-20 m.p.h., except southwest tonight Cape Mendocino north, and extending south to Point Arena Thursday 10-20 m.p.h.

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