

Berlin, in Smouldering Ruins 10 Years Ago, Rising Swiftly From Rubble Heap

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Berlin—(U.P.)—Berlin, devastated and divided, is rising swiftly from its ruins 10 years after the end of World War II. A "little iron curtain" slices it in two. Its free Western sectors are isolated 110 miles deep in Soviet-occupied territory.

Two city governments, two economic systems, two worlds struggling for mastery in what was once the proud capital of the German reich.

Ten years ago the capital of Hitler's Nazi empire was in its death throes under Russian attack.

The United States and Russian armies had met on the Elbe river on April 25.

Adolph Hitler was four days from his death.

It was at about 3:30 p.m. on the afternoon of April 30, 1945, that Hitler shot himself through the mouth in the air raid bunker of his chancellery. His mistress Eva Braun, whom he had married the night before, took poison.

Bodies Burned

Aides who heard the suicide shot and hurried into Hitler's room found him and Eva Braun lying on a blood-stained sofa.

The bodies were taken outside, wrapped in blankets, to a small garden in front of an emergency bunker exit. There gasoline was poured on them and they were burned.

Hitler's death never has been officially certified. But only a few weeks ago a dentist, testifying in a law suit, said that he had identified Hitler's and Eva Braun's false teeth which the Russians found in the garden funeral pyre.

This correspondent was one of eight who were flown here with German Field Marshal Wilhelm Keitel for the final surrender. Keitel, the German commander in chief, had surrendered to Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's Western Allied armies at Rheims, France, on May 7.

The final ceremony took place at the headquarters here of Soviet Marshal Georgi Zhukov, now Russian defense minister.

The Surrender

At midnight on May 8, Zhukov summoned Gen. Carl Spaatz of the United States Air Force, British Air Chief Marshal Sir Arthur Tedder and French Gen. Jean de Lattre de Tassigny to the surrender room. Then Keitel and his aides were brought in. Tedder, in behalf of the Allies, asked Keitel:

"Have you read this document of unconditional surrender? Are you prepared to sign it?"

Keitel picked up a copy of the surrender terms from a table in front of him and said in a rasping voice in German:

"Ja, I am ready."

Zhukov motioned him to come forward. Immaculate in his gray

uniform with red-striped trousers, Keitel picked up his cap, his marshal's baton and gloves and walked to another table. Nine copies of the surrender document were laid out.

He screwed his monocle with studied deliberation into his right eye, slammed his baton loudly on the table, sat down and signed.

Eighteen months later Keitel

Forest Patrol Slates Meetings in District

State forest patrol meetings for lumber and logging operators in Josephine and Jackson counties will be held May 2, 3 and 4, it was announced today by Ted Maul, district warden.

The first meeting will be held at district headquarters in Medford. The May 3 meeting will be at Cave Junction, and the May 4 session at Grants Pass. All three meetings will start at 7:30 p.m.

Purpose of the meetings is to acquaint operators with all laws pertaining to fire prevention and protection. Changes brought about during the present session of the state legislature will be stressed.

Several representatives of the state forestry department in Salem will attend the meetings.

Hornbrook

Hornbrook, Calif.—A potluck dinner was held April 22 at the Grange hall commemorating the 34th anniversary of Hornbrook Grange. A program was presented by Mrs. Lois Justice, lecturer of Yreka, of readings and Mrs. Mollie Cole read the minutes of the year 1921 when the Grange was organized and the minutes of 1940 when Mrs. Cole was installed as secretary. There were 43 members present.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Watt had as their guest this week his brother Charles Watt of Portland, Ore. On Saturday the Watts accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McHenry and Miss Dorothy Smith had dinner at Marys Casa in Medford.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward M. Smith and son of Davis, Calif., are visiting this week at the home of Mr. Smith's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward C. Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Walsh and daughter Sherrie drove to Corning, Calif., the last week end on a combined business and pleasure trip.

Alfred McCann arrived last week from Germany where he has been stationed the past year. McCann has completed his two year term of Army service and plans to locate here.

Norman Cummins who is in the Army, stationed at Fort Ord, Calif., is home on emergency furlough having attended the funeral of his grandfather, Marion Cummins.

With fishing season starting this week end Camp Lowe resort on the Klamath river will open April 29 for business having been closed during the winter months.

Grange

Roxy Ann Grange

The executive committee was in charge of the program which preceded the Roxy Ann Grange meeting. A mixed chorus from Lone Pine school, directed by Mrs. Hohensee, sang. Iris and R. J. Ritchey read poems. A safety first skit was put on by Ken Shaw, Nelson Shober, Cecil Hall and a number of children. Gurneth Slater gave a clever telephone conversation.

Master Orie Moore gave third and fourth degrees to Marion and James Poole.

H. E. C. chairman Marguerite Shaw said there will be a public card party Friday, April 29, starting at 8 o'clock.

Ruby Garrett and Marion Kasser will be chairman.

Next H.E.C. meeting will be at the Grange hall on May 4 at 8 o'clock with Caroline Wolfe and Lillie Meadows as hostesses.

Mr. Ellis was asked to be chairman of the Mothers day program and Orie Moore in charge of refreshments.

Next Grange meeting will be May 6, starting at 8:15 p.m. Let's all be there on time. Men of the Grange are to serve.

IN THE BAG

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died on the gallows as a war criminal.

Berlin then was still in smoking ruins. It was Stalingrad, and Coventry, Cologne and Warsaw all heaped into one—a hideous, nightmarish labyrinth, seemingly beyond all hope of repair.

Tortured City

The Berlin of 1955 is a tortured city still—tortured by the "little iron curtain" that cuts across the front of the Brandenburg Gate and the Potsdamer Platz and divides the city into Communist and Western sectors.

But Berlin is pulsating with life again. In the Western part, the cafe tables are out again along the Kurfuerstendamm sidewalk in the spring sunshine. Big 10 and 15 story buildings are rising. The shops display the same expensive goods you may see on Fifth Avenue in New York.

At night the neon signs make the "kudam," as Berliners call it, a sea of light that conceals the plaster facades of the shops and the empty bomb lots. The little cafes and nightclubs in the streets are jammed.

Life is slower in the Communist sector. The ruins of Hitler's

chancellery have been carted away to make the Soviet war memorial in the Treptow district. The shops are less well dressed. There are big red Communist propaganda slogans everywhere.

At the city border, Western and Communist guards glare at each other.

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