

Nazis Planned To Use Duke of Windsor To Restore Peace, Documents Disclose

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Washington — If Germany had conquered England, would the Nazis have tried to restore the Duke of Windsor to the British throne with his American wife?

This tantalizing question was raised by some long-secret Nazi documents just made public. The captured papers show that important Nazis were toying with such ideas while Britain was battling for its life.

According to the scheme hatched by Nazi Foreign Minister Joachim von Ribbentrop, the duke was to have been a valuable instrument in making peace with a defeated Britain. Ribbentrop, later hanged as

a war criminal, was reported to have been encouraged in his plan by the duke's alleged admiration of Hitler.

The duke, the documents said, was bitterly opposed to the war and Prime Minister Sir Winston Churchill's conduct of it. He also called his brother, King George VI, "quite foolish" and was ready at one point to break with him and English policy.

En Route to Bahamas

The captured documents cover the period of June 23 to Aug. 31, 1940. The duke and his wife, Baltimore divorcee Wallis Warfield Simpson, were then in Spain and Portugal, en route to the Bahamas where the duke was to take over as governor. Publication of the papers,

10th in a series of historical documents put out by the State Department, was approved by the British, French and American governments. Department officials cautioned, however, that the documents, solely of Nazi origin, give only one side of the picture.

On July 11, 1940, Ribbentrop sent a message to the Nazi envoy in Spain, Eberhard von Stohrer, saying the duke then in Madrid should be informed of Germany's plan to use him in peace negotiations.

The Nazi plan was to keep the handsome duke, and the wife for whom he had abdicated the British throne three years be-

fore, in a remote area of Spain until he could be used as an intermediary between the two warring nations.

On July 25, Stohrer messaged Ribbentrop that a Spanish intermediary had outlined the proposals to the duke and duchess. The papers said both "gave evidence of astonishment."

Enmeshed in Convention

"Both appeared to be completely enmeshed in the conventional way of thinking," the envoy reported. "They replied that according to the English constitution this would not be possible after the abdication."

After six weeks of plot and counterplot, the duke and Wally

left for the Bahamas. One document said Windsor claimed that Churchill threatened him with a court martial if he refused the post. The Nazi minister in Lisbon quoted the duke as saying any disobedience "would disclose his intentions prematurely, bring about a scandal and deprive him of his prestige in England."

"The statements of the duke... included an expression of admiration and sympathy for the Fuehrer," the papers said.

Another message from the minister in Lisbon said Windsor was convinced war could have been avoided had he remained on the throne.

Grade School, Junior High Concert Tonight

About 145 grade school and junior high school youngsters will present an open air free band concert in the old city park at 8 p.m. today.

The grade school band of 70 students and junior high band of 75, have been under a five week summer music program sponsored by Medford public schools.

John Drysdale, high school orchestra director, was in charge of the summer session and will direct the concert tonight. The

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Ashland Woman Observes 102nd Birthday Wednesday

Ashland — The 102nd birthday of Mrs. Harriet Ambrose was observed in Ashland yesterday by friends and relatives who called on the long-time resident.

Still active and mentally alert, Mrs. Ambrose was born in Pennsylvania six years before the beginning of the Civil War.

She fills her time with reading, crocheting and "puttering" among the many plants in her room at Crosby nursing home on Granite st.

She said she reads mostly books and magazines, but that she no longer finds pleasure in daily papers, because "there's so much wickedness and trouble in the world that I don't want to read about it."

Mrs. Ambrose, whose husband Jacob died seven years ago, was born in 1835 at Clarion, Pa., living there until after the Civil War when she traveled with her parents and family by river boat from Pittsburg to Hannibal, Mo. She met her husband at Avalon, Mo. and the couple homesteaded

in Kansas before going north to Montana and later to Portland. Two of their five children are living, Mrs. M. E. Paget, Portland, and Keith Ambrose, San Diego.

Mr. and Mrs. Paget are in Ashland for her birthday.

Over 400 Thousand Visit Corning Glass

Corning, N.Y. — The Corning Glass Center chalked up an attendance of nearly 415,000 persons during 1936.

The number of visitors, up almost 25 per cent over 1935, including the two-millionth person to make the admission-free tour — five-year-old Jimmy Frelan of Berkley, Mich.

The Glass Center, subject of a network television show that displayed its workings and exhibits to millions of viewers, had its biggest crowd ever last Aug. 21 when 8,147 visitors were counted.

Grange News

Shady Cove Grange
The Shady Cove Grange had a potluck supper at the home of Mrs. Thelma Reining on Rogue river Wednesday evening. Cards were played on the patio after supper.

Upper Applegate Grange
Sunday, Aug. 4, will be a work day for Upper Applegate Grange, it was decided at the regular business session of the order on July 26.

At that time, brother Gail Buffington will be present with a road grade to assist in clearing the grounds. Other clean-up activities are also scheduled and a pot luck luncheon will be served at noon. Participating members and friends are asked to report at the hall at 10 a.m.

William Nostrand, chairman of the House committee, stated that the redwood paneling needed to complete the interior of the meeting room and stage, is new in Crescent City, and it is hoped it may soon be delivered to the hall for installation. Delay in receiving this material, in addition to the fact that very few Grangers are able to volunteer their labor during the summer season, is responsible for the present unfinished state of the building, it was pointed out. It is hoped that a date for formal dedication of the hall can be announced in the near future. Two open house programs, one for Grangers of the area, and one for non-Grangers, are being planned for presentation as soon as the dedication ceremonies are held.

Balloting for candidates resulted in the election of Hester and Ruth Knudsen of Cooper, to membership. They will be obligated in the First and Second degrees of the order at the first meeting in August.

Sister Flossie Meyers Garner, who has been residing in Arizona and Texas for the past several years, was welcomed home, and stated she does not intend to leave the Northwest again.

The relief committee reported Brother Gail Buffington has improved sufficiently from his recent severe illness to be able to resume his work with the county road crew.

Report of the agricultural committee included a brief resume of the proceedings of the State Water Resources board in Medford July 1 in relation to the Porter flood control bill; and the contemplated transfer of the Agricultural Experiment station from its present site, near Ashland, to the Hanley farm which Jackson county is purchasing for this purpose. It was also announced that the Salvation Army will gratefully receive for use in its Medford transient shelter surplus fruits and garden vegetables and other edible farm products including such items as last years canned fruit, jams, jellies, pickles, etc., surplus bacon drippings, and fresh beef bones left from animals butchered for home use. Additional information may be secured by calling the Salvation Army in Medford.

Chairman Edna Sawyer presented her quarterly report for the Home Economics committee, showing a membership of 18 in the Home Economics club which now meets the second Monday of each month at 10:30 a.m. The report also described a number of activities carried on by the club members for the good of the order and the community, as well as several projects to foster international friendship and good will. Attention was called to the information sheets regarding the Grange canning contest which were posted in the meeting room.

All Grange members and non-members who have performed volunteer work on the new hall and all Grangers who have worked on the Ruch community church are requested to turn in the total number of hours worked to Worthy Master Menno Bachmann in order that he may promptly complete the summary report for the National Community Service contest, in which Upper Applegate Grange is entered.

Clarification of the measure, passed at the last session of the Oregon State Legislature, pertaining to free text books for private and parochial schools was made by legislative chairman Anna Scott, who stated that the text books have been supplied free by this state to all standard schools since 1914, with students in private and parochial schools being furnished with the same texts as those purchased for public school use in the districts. The new measure merely revises certain qualifications as to classroom space in standard schools in order to be eligible for the free texts.

Sister Scott also reported on personal interviews with State Senator Phil Lowry and Representative Bob Duncan regarding the controversial House Bill 163, which relates to school district reorganization. She stated that each expressed independently the opinion that, although this measure has some imperfections it unquestionably moves in the right direction.

Final arrangements were made for annual church Sunday and the picnic to follow. These occurred July 28, when Grange members attended morning worship in a body at Ruch Community church at 11 a.m., and then adjourned to the Grange hall for a picnic luncheon.

The Secretary's quarterly report, read by Sister Irene Culy, indicated a present total membership of 73 in Upper Applegate Grange, and an average meeting attendance of 32 for the quarter just completed.

The literary program, presented under direction of Lecturer Gladys Williams, included roll call with each member stating his or her middle name; a woman's relay race; piano solos by Mary Beth Ramsey, and accordion numbers by Katherine Byrne.

Composing the host committee, which served refreshments following the program, were Mr. and Mrs. Glen Williams and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Williams of Medford.

In August, Upper Applegate Grange will resume its regular schedule with meetings being held Aug. 9, and 23 at 8 p.m.

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