

WILD RUMORS PROVED FALSE IN NAZI REVOLT

Expert Coverage Enables United Press to Keep Stories Correct.

Now that the violence and much of the excitement over the storm revolt in Germany has died down, foreign correspondents here are investigating the welter of false reports which marked the strenuous days beginning last Saturday. The foreign press was flooded with wild rumors of events that did not happen. Edward Beattie, American-trained newspaperman, who was "on the desk" in the Berlin office of the United Press during the revolt, clarifies in the following story many disputed points.

BY EDWARD BEATTIE
United Press Staff Correspondent

BERLIN, July 6.—Inaccurate reports of happenings in Germany reached a new high during the suppression of the Roehm revolt.

In the absence of trustworthy news sources at the peak of the excitement last week-end, rumors spread rapidly by word of mouth. Many of these reached the outside world under the guise of authoritative news dispatches.

The United Press staff in Berlin was deluged with rumors. Many of them came in the form of cables from New York telling of headlines that were appearing over German stories printed in the United States.

In the interests of clarifying actual developments in the last five days, here are a few of the "big stories" published abroad that the United Press did not carry because they were rumors, which upon investigation, were found to be untrue.

Roehm Report Erroneous

That the number of persons executed would run into hundreds, supplemented later by "eyewitness accounts" of the execution of sixty storm troopers at one cadet school in Berlin.

(The latest official figure yesterday placed the total deaths in all Germany at forty-six.)

That Ernst Roehm, chief of staff of the Storm Troopers, had committed suicide at Munich on Saturday. (Roehm was executed by a firing squad at 5 p.m. on Sunday.)

That President Paul von Hindenburg disapproved of Hitler's action in having revolt leaders shot. (At the moment this was appearing in print in the United States, the United Press was carrying the text of telegrams which Hindenburg sent to Hitler congratulating him on his course.)

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Among those erroneously reported dead from time to time were President von Hindenburg; August Wilhelm, former crown prince; Chancellor Hitler; President Hindendorf of the Potsdam police, and Dr. Hjalmar Schacht of the Reichsbank.



Harold M. Harter

FAITH RETAINED BY ROSENDAHL IN DIRIGIBLES

Tragedy of Ill-Fated Akron Fails to Shake Former Commander.

By United Press

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FIRE STATION BUILT FROM 'JUNK' LAUDED

Mayor Praises Ingenuity in Economical Job.

Patching together odds and ends, gathered from various sources, the city has a new fire station at 126 West Fifteenth street, which Mayor Reginald H. Sullivan pointed to with pride last night at the dedication ceremony.

Taking some old materials from the old building of 1874, and gathering 160,000 second-hand bricks from the city dump, then employing free labor from the CWA, a new station was built at a cost of \$5,700, he declared.

Twenty-six firemen and the battalion chief occupy the Fifteenth street station, "picked out of the city dump."

Royal Couple in Crash

LONDON, July 6.—Prince and Princess Arthur of Connaught sustained a slight shock today in a rear-end collision of their automobile with another while en route to the Wimbledon tennis championships.

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That American Ambassador William E. Dodd and the British ambassador had protested to the German foreign ministry against mention of an unnamed power in the revolt. (Both embassies denied that any such protest had been made or planned.)

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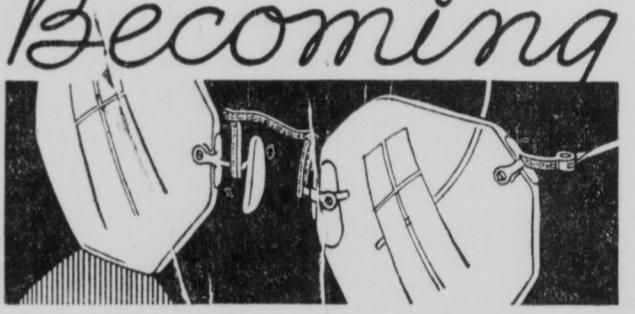
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