

# TRAITOR SURVIVES 'HUNDRED DEATHS'

Terror-Stricken Max Stephan Kisses Hands of Warden  
On Learning of President's Commutation  
Of Hanging Sentence.

MILAN, Mich., July 2 (U. P.)—Max Stephan, a traitor to his adopted country, didn't hang, but by his own admission he died a hundred deaths from fear on a gibbet that never was erected.

Before President Roosevelt late yesterday commuted his death sentence for treason to life imprisonment, the traitorous Max gave way to unnerving, blood watering terror.

He had boasted after his conviction in Detroit federal court a year ago that "Germany will not let me hang." His ties with the German-American bund—whose members thought they could be Nazi supermen—still were strong, and he believed the Goebels garbage which had been his intellectual fare.

But by yesterday afternoon, when the shadows were lengthening on the floor of his six-by-eight-foot cell at the federal correctional institution here, Max Stephan had long since ceased to believe that the Germany he had sought to serve possessed the power to save him.

Instead, he placed his last hope of salvation on the mercy of the president of the United States, the "decadent democracy" for which, in the days of his full-blooded arrogance, he had nothing but contempt.

At 5:10 p. m. yesterday, little more than eight hours before he was scheduled to hang because he tried to help an escaped Nazi bomber back to the Reich, Stephan learned that his appeal for mercy had been granted.

Warden Cecil J. Shuttleworth and Stephan's attorney, Nicholas Salowich, entered the traitor's cell.

"Max, nothing is going to happen," Salowich began.

"What do you mean?" the trembling prisoner asked.

"Your sentence has been commuted," the attorney replied.

Stephan went slack-jawed and turned to Warden Shuttleworth for confirmation.

"Thank God, Thank God."

"Yes," the warden said. "I just got the official word."

Stephan swayed forward and grasped the warden's hand. He smothered it with kisses. He shook it dumbly. His eyes brimmed. He sank down on his cell chair and sobbed.

When the storm of emotion had passed, Stephan rose shakily to his feet.

"Thank God," he said huskily. "Thank God."

Only 24 hours before Stephan had written what he thought was his last letter to his wife, Agnes, in a Texas concentration camp, he told her that he dreamed of the gallows.

**Died a Hundred Deaths**

"I have died a hundred deaths on it," he said.

"His treason," a White House statement said, "was not part of a preconceived plan. His treason bore something of a parallel to murder in the second degree or manslaughter in the first degree."

The statement added, however, that President Roosevelt believed no further leniency should be shown to Stephan.

Salowich said he asked Stephan what he thought now of the president and of the United States. Stephan, the attorney said, replied: "Thank God for them."

**SERVICE TUESDAY FOR MRS. MOLONEY**

Funeral services for Mrs. Mary Moloney, 1907 Ellen dr., will be held in St. Mary's church, Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., Tuesday morning.

Mrs. Moloney, who was 29, drowned Wednesday night in Big Eagle creek. The Rev. Leo Lindemann of St. Christopher's church said rosary prayers in services last night at the Usher mortuary.

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