

QUOTES HITLER: 'WAR IS LOST'

Underground Reports Say
Wanton Destruction of
Reich Ordered.

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STOCKHOLM, March 8.—Unconfirmed German underground reports claimed today that Adolf Hitler confessed to high Nazi officials that Germany had lost the war.

The admission was said to have been made Feb. 24 at a meeting of 30 responsible Nazi leaders, mostly Gauleiters and Reichsleiters.

Hitler told them, the reports said, that he lost the war because he "fell victim to the biggest treason in history." As a result he proclaimed a wanton destruction of Germany.

Blames Reactionaries

The führer's statement to the group, it was added, put all the blame for losing the war on "reactionaries" and treacherous allies. The latter included Japan, which he said had pledged to attack Russia simultaneously with Germany.

According to the reports, Hitler disclosed that German war casualties amounted to 12,500,000 dead, wounded and missing.

Because of the hopeless situation, the underground sources said Hitler appointed Gestapo Chief Heinrich Himmler "special commissioner of destruction" with orders to devastate all German cities and industries even with the aid of the Luftwaffe if necessary.

The plans were reported to include the killing of all political prisoners and hostages, although it was said Hitler was "still deliberating" ways and means of dealing with war prisoners.

Rats, Hunger, Death

The reports asserted that Hitler, in commenting on the Yalta meeting, described the Big Three as "three world pirates" who "thought they could share the bear's skin."

"But when they march through Germany," Hitler was quoted as saying, "they will not find the bear's skin but ruins, stone heaps, rats, epidemics, hunger and death."

"It is our holy duty to leave no other inheritance for the Bolsheviks, Jews and plutocrats and thereby... western civilization shall decline."

LOCAL WOMEN HELP ATTERBURY WOUNDED

Rosalie Rothbard, 5417 N. Meridian st., and Joan Pfeiffer, 5260 N. Pennsylvania st., are among the nine nurses' aids from the state to report at Wakeman general hospital, Camp Atterbury, for duty.

Other nurses who will care for returned wounded soldiers are: Perla Perry, Ft. Wayne; Florence Weil, Ft. Wayne; Elaine Jewett, Hammond; Helen Ellsworth, Hammond; Jessie Ruth Hughes, Lafayette; Jeanne Grimes, Richmond, and Irene Gibbs, Terre Haute.

COL. TISDALE'S SON RAISED TO CAPTAIN

Paul Tisdale, glider pilot, son of Col. and Mrs. Harry E. Tisdale of Ft. Harrison, has been promoted to captain.

Capt. Tisdale, the eldest son of the Ft. Harrison commander, is with the 437th troop carrier group and has been overseas since February, 1944. He piloted a ship carrying members of the first wave of troops into the invasion of Normandy and Holland.

Infantry Band To Feature Two State Veterans



CASUALTIES REACH TOTAL OF 823,632

WASHINGTON, March 8 (U.P.)—U.S. combat casualties announced here reached 823,632 today, an increase of 10,600 over a week ago.

The total included 732,822 army casualties through Feb. 28, as announced by Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson, and 90,710 navy, marine corps, and coast guard casualties, as announced by the navy.

The figures:

	ARMY	NAVY	TOTAL
Killed	142,285	34,513	176,798
Wounded	438,734	41,203	479,943
Missing	91,237	10,671	101,908
Prisoners	60,666	4,317	64,983
Totals	732,922	90,710	823,632

Stimson said more than half of the army wounded, 221,155, have returned to duty.

101ST BIRTHDAY MARKED

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., March 8 (U.P.)—George Robert Lere observed on his 101st birthday anniversary today that the second-hundred, and not the first, are the hardest.

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