

# QUOTES HITLER: 'WAR IS LOST'

Underground Reports Say Wanton Destruction of Reich Ordered.

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STOCKHOLM, March 8.—Unconfirmed German underground reports claim 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 Reichleiters.

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 Fuehrer'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 Bolsheviki, Jews and plutocrats and thereby... western civilization shall decline."

## LOCAL WOMEN HELP ATTERBURY WOUNDED

Rosalie Rothbard, 5417 N. Meridian st., and Joan Pfeiffer, 3260 N. Pennsylvania st., are among the nine nurses' aids from the state to report at Wakeman general hospital, Camp Atterbury, for duty.

They will care for returned wounded soldiers are: Percia Perry, Ft. Wayne; Florence Weil, Ft. Wayne; Elaine Jewett, Hammond; Helen Jewelling, Hammond; Elsie 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



Tech. 4th Gr. Leon Karnes

TWO INDIANA MEN, back from overseas service, will be featured with the 1st combat infantry band when it appears at Billings hospital Saturday and at Wakeman General hospital, Camp Atterbury, Monday.

They are Tech. 4th Gr. Leon Karnes, Greenwood, who spent 18 months in Puerto Rico with an anti-aircraft artillery unit, and Tech. 5th Gr. Harley J. Nozler, Whiting, a veteran of 31 months in the Aleutians.

Included among the 56 bandmen, all overseas veterans, are doughboys who have been awarded the silver star for gallantry in action, the bronze star and the combat infantry badge.

Members have served at Anzio, Salerno, Naples, North Africa, Sicily, the Aleutians, New Guinea, Pili Islands, Guadalcanal, Bougainville, Papua and Hollandia.

On the program will be melodies and entertainment characteristic of the battle fronts around the world. Band members will be interviewed on the Vox Pop radio program at Wakeman hospital at 7 p. m. Monday.

## INDIANA CENTRAL TO FETE NEW PRESIDENT

A reception for President-elect Mrs. I. Lynd Esch will be given by students and faculty members of Indiana Central college at 8:30 p. m. tomorrow in the New Hall reception room.

Dr. Esch, the new president of the college, assumed his duties last Thursday.

In the reception line will be Mr. and Mrs. Evan R. Kek, Bishop and Mrs. Fred L. Dennis, Dr. and Mrs. Esch, Richard Smith, president of the campus Student Christian association, and Miss Helen Ruffner and Glenn Catlin, co-chairmen of the campus S. C. A. social committee.

Miss Bonnie Polk, campus queen, and her attendants, will assist in receiving and serving.

# 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 732,922 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.

	Army	Navy	Total
Killed	142,285	34,513	176,798
Wounded	438,734	41,269	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 Lene observed on his 101st birthday anniversary today that the second hundred, and not the first, are the hardest.

# Defeat-Crazed Japs Burn, Bayonet 2500 in Manila

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FOURTEENTH CORPS HEADQUARTERS, Luzon, March 7 (Delayed).—Defeat-crazed Japanese burned and stabbed to death more than 2500 civilian Filipinos during seven horrible days inside Manila's ancient walled city, the Intramuros.

An eyewitness written record today disclosed the worst mass atrocity incident of the war in the Pacific.

Japanese soldiers arbitrarily classified practically all male civilians as "guerrillas." Some "guerrillas" were thrown into dungeons and shot, some doused with gasoline and burned alive. Many were bayoneted or stabbed to death.

In one dungeon cell under old Fort Santiago, the 129th infantry regiment found 300 bodies, including two women. An official report said they were locked behind massive steel doors far underground. From the condition of the bodies it was evident they had starved.

# PRESS UNIT FORMED ON COMMUNICATIONS

NEW YORK, March 8 (U. P.).—The American Newspaper Publishers' association announced today the formation of a nine-man committee on press communications with Brig. Gen. Julius Ochs Adler, general manager of the New York Times, as chairman.

The committee was formed because of "the increasing importance of press communications, including international aspects."

Other members are Hugh Baillie, president of United Press associations; E. M. Antrim, business manager, Chicago Tribune; J. V. Connolly, president of International News Service; Edwin S. Friendly, general manager, New York Sun; Brig. Gen. Clark Howell, publisher, Atlanta Constitution; John S. Knight, president American Society of Newspaper Editors and Publisher of Knight newspapers; Robert McLean, president Philadelphia Bulletin and president of the Associated Press; and Joseph Pulitzer, president of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

# American Heavies Hit Nazi Rail, Oil Targets by Day

LONDON, March 8 (U. P.).—More than 1350 American heavy bombers pounded German oil and railway targets in the Ruhr valley area today. They followed a 1250-plane R. A. F. night attack on Berlin and other objectives in the central and northwestern Reich.

The big daylight raiding fleet, covered by 300 U. S. 8th air force fighters, hit six benzol and synthetic oil plants in the Gelsenkirchen-Dortmund sector of the Ruhr and five railway yards between the Ruhr and central Germany.

Freight yards at Batzdorf, Dillenburg, Siegen, Essen and Giessen were hit.

The night raiders concentrated on the railway hub of Dessau, 65 miles southwest of Berlin, oil refineries at Harburg, near Hamburg, and objectives at Holo, 60 miles north of Harburg on the main railway and highway to Denmark.

R. A. F. Lancasters bombed German troops and armor at Wesel on the Rhine opposite the Canadian 1st army. A smaller force, presumably Mosquitos, attacked Berlin for the 15th straight night.

# Sabu Recipient Of Flying Cross

U. S. 13TH AIR FORCE HEADQUARTERS, Somewhere in Pacific, March 7 (Delayed) (U. P.).—Sabu, the former elephant boy of the movies, was awarded the distinguished flying cross today.

His award was for taking part as the tail gunner in an attack by a single Liberator on a Japanese convoy off Borneo. The bomber flew through heavy anti-aircraft fire. It sank a freighter-transport and a freighter, damaged two cargo ships, and scored a near miss on a fifth ship.

Other crewmen also awarded the DFC included 2d Lt. Richard A. Paul, Quincy, Ill.

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Joe Jr.



Joe Sr.

# Key Positions in Agency Held by Untrained Persons

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this doesn't always mean getting things done. In earlier days, people were reported quitting UNRRA for lack of something to do.

Many UNRRA troubles are outside its control—the shortage of supplies and ships, for example. But informed officials say the agency has bogged down also because of organizational weaknesses and lack of qualified personnel in key spots.

## Misconceived Job

U. S. officials, with those of other governments here, say that in considerable part UNRRA misconceived its job at the start. It leaned too heavily on the "social worker approach," it is claimed. It had too few people who knew supplies, procurement, transport and the high art of combating Washington red tape.

Herbert V. Ewart, Australian foreign minister, peeled off the other day on the subject of over-centralization of UNRRA in Washington.

He said UNRRA headquarters should confine itself to broad outline of policy and that there will be no hope of UNRRA success "if matters which can fairly be decided locally have to be referred to a central office for debate and decision."

Men wise in international organization say UNRRA is organized so as to attempt to satisfy too many nations politically—too much debate in committees, too many resolutions. They argue for more control and swifter action in the top executive staff.

## Move Slowly

Committees and councils can move slowly. For instance—

On Jan. 10 UNRRA's "standing technical subcommittee on welfare for Europe" recommended that UNRRA provide supplemental relief in northwestern Europe. UNRRA's activity in France, Belgium and Holland has been aimed chiefly at helping to repatriate displaced people. The subcommittee's recommendation would

have expanded its function in the face of extreme need.

On Feb. 13, UNRRA's committee of the council for Europe approved the subcommittee's resolution.

On Feb. 26, the UNRRA central committee in Washington approved the resolution—six weeks after the original finding of urgent necessity and emergency in "battle-scarred areas suffering acute distress."

Even now, it's chiefly on paper. Unless supplies and ships are forthcoming, it's anyone's guess when it will mean real aid.

## Points to Danger

At last fall's UNRRA meeting in Montreal, Mr. Acheson saw the danger of setting up an organization diplomatically rather than efficiently. It is easy, he said, to create offices with equal power when there are conflicting demands of nations. That's all right, he observed, if the organization is contemplative, but its destructive if it's an organization calling for action.

The London UNRRA office is a case in point—a three-man affair representing the U. S., Russia and Great Britain, each with co-equal authority. It's a compromise and, UNRRA people agree, poor organization.

UNRRA, to buy supplies in the U. S., goes through the foreign economic administration and to the procurement agencies of the federal government. Some UNRRA people complain of the vast amount of paper work involved in the process, and at the large number of officials who must initial papers before there can be action.

UNRRA officials deny the agency is over-centralized in Washington and say their chiefs of mission have much authority. They say they've not leaned too heavily on social workers, and cite instances of the military forces asking UNRRA people to supply people so trained.

But the fact is that, after 16 months, nobody is getting much relief from UNRRA.

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