

## FIRE MAY HIDE FATE OF HITLER

### Reds Give No Report on Chancellery Search.

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held out and it was night before the last fighting was over.

"The clearing of streets, restoration of order, and institution of rationing already is in progress as Berliners flock to the offices of the Soviet military commandant to register," Investia said.

### Bern Hears General Shot Hitler

By PAUL GHALI  
Times Foreign Correspondent  
BERN, May 4.—German legion circles here give a new version of Hitler's death which they claim was brought to Switzerland by special courier from the Reich.

Hitler, according to this story, died on April 26 during a meeting with Wehrmacht generals in his Tiergarten underground headquarters in Berlin.

Der Fuehrer, it seems, was shot by one of the generals after a heated discussion during which they all tried to convince him of the necessity of laying down arms.

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### Berliners Think Hitler Shot Self

By ROBERT MUSEL  
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LONDON, May 4 (U. P.).—Radio Moscow said today that inhabitants of Berlin believe Adolf Hitler shot himself and Propaganda Minister Paul Joseph Goebbels swallowed poison.

The report came as Red army troops probed the ruins of central Berlin for the third straight day in search of the bodies of Hitler, Goebbels and others of the Nazi hierarchy.

Some Nazi bigwigs also may be found among German prisoners taken in Berlin, at last count more than 134,000.

One neutral report last week said Hitler and other Nazis were fighting as army privates in an attempt to escape detection when capitulation came.

Not until Hitler's body has been found can the allies be certain that he is dead.

The suicide version first was advanced for both Hitler and Goebbels by Hans Fritzsche, Goebbels' deputy propaganda chief, who was captured by the Russians.

## City Contractor Is Dead at 64

rites for James Willard Featherston, concrete and well drilling contractor, who died last night at his home, 6566 Carrollton ave., will be held at 2 p. m. Sunday at Broad Ripple Christian church.

The Rev. Thomas Paine will officiate and burial will be in Union Chapel.

Mr. Featherston, who was 64, was a lifelong resident of Indianapolis and a member of Broad Ripple church. He is survived by his wife, Emma; four daughters, Mrs. Herbert Jennings, Mrs. Earl Augustine, Mrs. Taylor Spencer and Mrs. William Tolman; a brother, Russell and five grandchildren, all of Indianapolis.

### State Deaths

ANDREWS—Charles E. Brown, 31. Survivors: Sisters, Mrs. J. O. Webb, Mrs. Pauline Myers, Mrs. Gladys Mahlen.

CLAY CITY—Gilbert Garth, 16. Survivors: Mother, Mrs. George Garth; daughter, Mrs. Louise Boheare, son, Guy; sisters, Mrs. Violet Persinger, Mrs. Mary Dilling; brothers, Paul, William, Ray.

FAIRVIEW—John W. Hanes, 32. Survivors: Wife, Emma; daughters, Mrs. Elma Thomas, Mrs. Bertha Shelton, Mrs. Gelda Patterson; son, Daniel; brother, Anthony.

GAS CITY—Mrs. Emma Wheeler, 33. Survivors: Daughter, Mrs. Adda Bonney; son, Oscar.

MUNTINGTON—George W. Abernathy, 32. Survivors: Daughter, Mrs. Elmer Fulton; son, Bruce.

MARTINSVILLE—Henry J. Knox, 30. Survivors: Mrs. Homer Potoff, Mrs. Anna McGinnis.

## Is Fuehrer's Sweetheart With Him, Dead or Alive?

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Eva left for Berlin a month ago, apparently at Hitler's orders. She was spirited away at night in a big, black automobile guarded heavily by S. S. troops.

Frau Schiffer has worked 20 years in the Munich building where Hitler had an apartment for 16 years and held his love trysts with Eva. Today, for the first, she felt free to talk.

She told how Eva used to spend the night in Hitler's apartment. In the morning, Hitler would leave first. Half an hour later, Eva would slip out and hurry to her car, parked a couple of blocks away.

When Hitler first moved into Prinzregenten Strasse, he shared an apartment with a married couple because he couldn't afford his own. But after his rise to power he had a completely remodeled, luxurious, 10-room apartment.

Much of Frau Schiffer's information came straight from Hitler's vulgarly elegant housekeeper, Frau Annie Winter, and her husband, George.

"Hitler used to spend much of the time at his apartment," Frau Schiffer said. "But during the war his visits became less and less frequent, especially after the air raids began on a large scale in 1942. So far as I know, he only slipped in here once in the last seven months."

## Civic Leader Dies



Henry L. Dithmer Sr.

## DITHMER RITES AT 4 TOMORROW

### Founded Polar Ice, Headed Utilities District.

Rites will be held at 4 p. m. tomorrow at Plummer & Buchanan mortuary for Henry L. Dithmer Sr., 4485 N. Pennsylvania st., Indianapolis civic leader and businessman who died yesterday in Methodist hospital.

The Rev. W. A. Shullenberger, pastor of Central Christian church, will officiate, with burial in Crown Hill.

Mr. Dithmer, who was 76, was president and general manager of the Polar Ice and Fuel Co., which he founded in 1892, and president of the Indiana Ice and Fuel Co. and the Railroad Ice Co. A resident of Indianapolis since he was 3 years old, he attended Shortridge high school and started work in the ice business in 1895, first working for the former Shover & Dickson Ice Co.

Utilities Head  
Treasurer of Divisional Code Authority No. 34 in the national recovery administration, Mr. Dithmer also had been president of the board of directors of the Indianapolis Utilities district since 1935 when the city assumed control of Citizens Gas and Coke utility. He was an active member of the executive committee of the Citizens School committee which fought to elect candidates to a nonpartisan Indianapolis board of school commissioners and had served as its treasurer since 1934.

He also has held directorship, vice presidency and presidency of the Better Business Bureau and the Associated Employers, which he helped found. The Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce also was one of his chief interests and he had served as president, a member of the board of directors, and on the executive committee.

In 1939 the Chamber of Commerce presented him with a staff of honor for the "love, veneration and high esteem" in which he was held by Indianapolis citizens. The Kiwanis club, of which he was a charter member and past president, also sponsored a special luncheon in 1936 when business and professional men paid tribute to Mr. Dithmer.

Mr. Dithmer donated a wading pool located at East st. and the Belt railroad to the city in 1935, and arranged for water for the pool and dressing room facilities.

He was a member of the Indianapolis board of safety from 1915 to 1918, a member of the advisory board of the Salvation army and also was affiliated with Oriental lodge 500, F. & A. M.; Scottish Rite, Murat Shrine, the First Congregational church and the National Association of Ice Industries.

He is survived by his wife, Gertrude Minor Dithmer, with whom he observed his golden wedding anniversary March 27; a son, Henry L. Dithmer Jr.; a daughter, Mrs. Paul B. Gray; a sister, Mrs. Agnes D. Yeup, and three grandchildren, Marjorie Ann Dithmer, Betty Lou Dithmer and Henry L. Dithmer III, all of Indianapolis.

### NURSE ON WAY HOME

Miss Anna Carson, a nurse, who was liberated from a Japanese prison camp in the Philippines after three years' internment, has arrived in Los Angeles, Cal. and is expected in Indianapolis soon. She will make her home with her sister, Mrs. Frances Pence, 1130 N. Emerson ave.

## Report Russia Willing to Talk

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No announcement was made of their two hour session except for a report by four U. S. senators who attended the meeting. They told the foreign ministers that the purpose of their trip here was to demand that America have full post-war control of all strategic Japanese islands such as Iwo Jima.

The question of military bases is intertwined with the proposal for territorial trusteeships, which will be written into the world organization charter.

### Still Polish-Conscious

A special trusteeship subcommittee of the five permanent members of the proposed security council met last night to exchange views on the American plan which was submitted to the others Monday night.

The British presented their ideas on a trusteeship plan. It was understood to favor one type of control over all dependent peoples areas whereas the United States provides for a dual type of control which would give the trustee power ab-

lute control in such strategic areas as the Carolines and Marshalls.

Despite the interest in amendments, this conference is still Polish-conscious. The absence of Poland, hangs over the delegates like a cloud.

And although the prospects of a Polish delegation getting here before the conference ends is virtually nil, delegates would feel better if some progress toward a solution of the controversy could be revealed before Soviet Foreign Commissar V. M. Molotov leaves for Moscow—probably sometime next week.

Meanwhile, lines were being drawn for an expected battle between the big powers on one hand and the so-called middle and small powers on the other over amendments to the Dumbarton Oaks proposals.

The middle and small nations are almost unanimous in some of their demands for changes, but as of today they appear to lack a leader. Australian Foreign Minister H. V. Evatt made a bid for that role yesterday by outlining his country's proposed amendments and arguing for special recognition of what he called "security powers"—those capable and willing to contribute to the security of the world.

## NO DRAFT LET-UP, MARSHALL WARNS

WASHINGTON, May 4 (U. P.).—Prospects of a reduction in draft calls during the next few months got a sharp setback today from Chief of Staff Gen. George C. Marshall.

In a letter to Chairman Andrew J. May (D. Ky.) of the house military affairs committee, Marshall pointed out that the army has not been able to meet replacement demands of Gens. Dwight D. Eisenhower and Douglas MacArthur for May and June, and that Eisenhower's current losses are running at 2000 men daily.

At the same time it was learned from an authoritative selective service source that there is no intention of reducing the size of draft calls at least through June 30. Current calls are approximately 120,000 men a month.

### ROTARY SPEAKER NAMED

Whiting Williams, Cleveland, O., industrial relations consultant, will speak on "Labor Fundamentals of the Open Road" at the Rotary club meeting at 12:15 p. m. Tuesday at the Claypool hotel.

## Tito Disputes Allied 'Capture' of Trieste

By J. EDWARD MURRAY

United Press Staff Correspondent

ROME, May 4.—Twenty thousand Italians paraded through the Piazza Venezia today demanding the return of Trieste to Italy after Yugoslav Marshal Tito challenged allied occupation of the port.

Fighting broke out between students and Communists in front of the tomb of the Unknown Soldier. The Communists—who are considered here to favor Yugoslav control of Trieste—were coming down the steps of the tomb when they were set upon by students.

Numerous minor injuries were suffered in the fight, waged with sticks and stones. It was virtually a repetition of similar clashes yesterday.

The huge crowd of students, workers and war veterans who demonstrated in the Piazza Venezia appealed against a monarchy in Italy and asked for a national assembly.

But Trieste was the main theme, its seriousness underlined by Tito's strongly-worded challenge to the allied high command.

A statement from Yugoslav army headquarters said that New Zealand troops had occupied Trieste after its liberation by Yugoslav forces "without our permission."

The occupation "might have undesirable consequences unless the matter is settled promptly by mutual agreement," the statement said.

The Trieste matter—a quarrel between Italy and Yugoslavia dating back to the last war—threatened to involve the allied armies in a repetition of the "Greek tragedy," one front dispatch said, referring to the fighting between the British and Greek rebel forces in Athens last winter.

An Exchange Telegraph dispatch said there had been fierce fighting between the German garrison and Tito's troops before the New Zealanders accepted the surrender of the city.

### Another Split

The correspondent said the situation was further complicated by fighting between Tito's partisans and Draza Mihailovich's Chetniks in Trieste and the nearby hills. However, the Yugoslav army statement said:

"In connection with a report the New Zealand division occupied

Trieste and Gorizia we wish to state the following:

"Firstly, Trieste and Gorizia could not be occupied by the above mentioned New Zealand division since both these towns were liberated by Yugoslav forces.

"Secondly, there can be no question of any German garrison being found in these two towns as both were completely cleared of the enemy by our forces as far back as April 30."

## ASKS \$100,000 IN HEART BALM SUIT

HOLLYWOOD, May 4 (U. P.).—

Elizabeth Langdon, former Cincinnati, O., social worker, in a law suit today accused wealthy Lansing Sayre of causing her \$100,000 worth of "sorrow and humiliation" by renegeing from his marriage proposal by mail.

Miss Langdon said she still was anxious to marry Sayre but that the \$100,000 might suit her almost as well. Sayre is a Glendale, Cal., income tax specialist.



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