

Reveal Hitler Hurt In Explosion

Unable To Speak Or Hear For Several Weeks After Attack

NUERNBERG: (UPI) Adolf Hitler was mute and deaf for "several weeks" after the attempt to assassinate him on July 20, 1944. Marshal Wilhelm Keitel was revealed yesterday to have told all allied officers.

Keitel and Col. Gen. Alfred Jodl, both defendants in the war crimes trial, also were injured seriously enough to require corrective operations, according to information made available to the United Press.

"There was a blinding flash and resounding explosion," Keitel told allied officers. He was hurled backward by the blast which wrecked a temporary frame hut in which Hitler was holding a staff meeting, and Hitler was thrown into his arms.

"For some reason that day the führer decided to hold a noon conference in the frame hut rather than the infested concrete shelter where it normally would have killed us all."

"But the flimsy wooden walls simply splintered and burst into the air, permitting the blast force to escape."

Keitel said Hitler's arm was injured, his hearing and power of speech destroyed temporarily. Some five months later Hitler underwent an operation by the same surgeon who operated on Keitel and Jodl, and the führer's hearing was restored.

He said that after Hitler's staff assembled for the conference Col. Claus Von Stauffenberg was presented to Hitler and placed a brief case on the floor beside the conference table to shake hands.

"Just at that moment the telephone rang," Keitel said. "It was for Stauffenberg. He spoke a few moments, then turned and asked the führer to excuse him, since he had been recalled urgently to his headquarters."

Stauffenberg rushed out, leaving the briefcase which no one noticed. Then the bomb went off.

Other information in allied hands was that Stauffenberg ran to a waiting plane and flew to Berlin, where he, mistakenly assuming that all had been killed, announced the success of the plot.

Keitel said 30 persons were executed immediately, and Stauffenberg killed himself.

PICKWICK BLOCK IN SYRACUSE BURNED

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Fletcher Marsh, owner of the art gallery, said his loss would run close to \$35,000 but that most of it would be suffered by artists who had paintings and etchings on display for sale. He said the most valuable painting exhibited at present was a landscape by Wallace Bassford, of St. Louis, valued at \$600.

Artists who had paintings exhibited in Mr. Marsh's shop included Ruthen Byrum, of Cleveland; Margaret Kammerling and Ramon Froman, both of Chicago. Paintings included both portraits and landscapes, Mr. Marsh said.

Jefferson Lost

The Wilt apartment was luxurious and nothing was saved. All of the couple's clothing, jewelry, and household furnishings were lost. Mrs. Wilt's diamond-studded wrist watch and two valuable diamond rings were also lost.

In addition to their household furnishings, sterling silver, jewelry, and clothes, the Griegers lost an antique glass collection, said to be worth \$15,000. C. B. Cox, of the Journal, estimated his loss at \$35,000, partially covered by insurance.

The Pickwick play room and sofa fountain was closed for the winter but its loss included about 40 pinball machines, and other electrically operated amusement devices owned by C. C. Mason, of Fort Wayne, and valued by him at \$20,000.

The Pickwick block's loss is partially covered by insurance. All but the cocktail lounge is owned by the Syracuse Amusement Company, of which James J. Gregory, of Chicago, is president. Mr. Gregory is also president of Pickwick Lounge, Inc. Stockholders in the two companies include Pete and Gus Penagos, of Chicago, and John Ferris, of Lake Wawasee, formerly of Goshen.

Directors Meet
A meeting of Chicago stockholders

ers and directors was scheduled for 9:00 a. m. today at which time a decision was to be made as to whether or not the block will be rebuilt. It appeared likely that if reconstruction is attempted, the block will not be done in the elaborate manner in which it was originally built.

The block was built by W. E. Long, wealthy Lake Wawasee resident, in 1938 and it had been the favorite social center for Lake Wawasee residents. The theater was built along the architectural lines of old English construction and it was modern in every detail.

The cocktail lounge was one of the finest in Indiana. Until recently it had been managed by Mr. Ferris. He resigned because of ill health and for the past month it has been operated by Mr. Blank. Mr. Blank and his wife had not yet gone to housekeeping and all of their household furnishings, stored in one of the unoccupied apartments, were lost. Mr. Blank said personal effects included a \$400 set of sterling silver and "all of our wedding presents." The Blanks were married before he enlisted in the air corps and they had not yet gone to housekeeping.

Damaged By Smoke

Damage was not confined to the Pickwick block alone. Several automobiles parked on Main street in front of the building were scorched by the falling embers and smoke filled the State Bank of Syracuse, two grocery stores, and a dry goods store east of Pickwick. A furniture store and a drug store across the street also suffered smoke damage.

None of the firemen was injured in the fighting of the blaze but several of them may have suffered from frostbite as they battled the freezing temperatures as well as the flames.

House Is Split On Anti-Strike Bill

WASHINGTON: (UPI) House supporters of anti-strike legislation were split sharply today on how strong it should be but they still agreed that a sweeping measure would be passed.

Some said, however, that the bickering was hurting their chances of pushing through a really effective bill.

Most of the legislators still favored the measure introduced by Rep. Francis Case, R. S. D., and supported by an influential group of Republicans and southern democrats. They were confident that the Case bill or one reasonably similar—would be passed.

Other supporters of strike-control legislation said they believed a more moderate bill would stand a better chance of getting through the senate and obtaining President Truman's signature. A few said flatly they would not vote for the Case bill in its present form.

Opponents of new labor legislation said they would fight any attempt to weaken the Case bill. They based their strategy on the hope that the bill would be so strong that it either would be unacceptable to the Senate or would draw a veto if passed.

IN MOVIES

Willard H. Steffey, who was a resident of Goshen while a boy, appears in the movie "Rhapsody in Blue" which opens at the Jefferson theater Sunday.

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TO PRESENT DEGREES

BLOOMINGTON, Ind.: (UPI) Indiana university prepared today to present degrees to 201 students at winter commencement exercises tomorrow. Dr. McIlroy H. Lichliter, nationally known minister, will speak.

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China Moving Toward Peace

New Constitution Is Ultimate Goal Of Opposing Forces

By LOUIS F. KEEMLE, United Press Staff Correspondent

After nearly two decades of one-party rule and intermittent civil war, China at last has taken a definite step toward representative government and national unity.

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The encouraging thing is that the Kuomintang actually conceded a good many of its prerogatives, and that the communists and other parties were willing to accept the temporary arrangement.

Also important was the acceptance without debate of recommendations for merging and regulating the armed forces. It was agreed to provide the Whistler, a new mystery series premieres on CBS and WBBM at 9:30 p. m. Sunday.

Vincent Price and Lynn Bari present "Shock" on Hollywood Star

Thursdays.

Nora Dykes seeks divorce from Ellis B. Dykes, charging cruelty. She asks \$1,000 alimony, custody of four children and an order for their support. They were married Feb. 11, 1936, and separated

Pearl M. Renner was divorced from Merle E. Renner after the defendant's withdrawal of counter suit.

Stanley Albert Searce was divorced from Martha A. Searce and awarded custody of their five children.

Abbott and Costello are Radio Hall of Fame guests.

Capt. Eddie Rickenbacker premieres a new series of programs to run 13 weeks called Worlds Most Honored Flights. His own experiences will be told on the first drama Sunday night at 10:30 (WMAQ, WBBM) called "Down to the Sea in Rafts."

Mildred L. Felthouse was divorced from John A. Felthouse and permitted to resume the name Rose.

Alice D. Hogendobler was divorced from Elwood B. Hogendobler and given custody of their three children. The defendant was ordered to pay \$15 weekly for the child's support.

Other armed forces, such as the private armies of war lords, would be forbidden. For the first time in Chinese history, the army would be a weapon of the state and not a political instrument. Gen. George C. Marshall, special ambassador of the United States, is expected to be chief adviser in the military reorganization.

The satisfactory outcome of the Chungking political consultations undoubtedly can be attributed in large part to the good offices of Gen. Marshall, who was sent to China as an emergency troubleshooter. W. Averell Harriman, United States Ambassador to Moscow, may have had a last-minute diplomatic push during his three days of talks in Chungking while en route home.

The feeling seems generally to be that the air has been cleared in China and the way opened for an approach to the democracy which is necessary if China is to become a leading member of the united nations.

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The Communist leader Chou En-Lai, chief delegate to the Chungking consultations, told the conference at its final meeting that the communists will support the council's decisions and carry them out in all parts of the country where its influence extends.

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The Hick brothers, who were more familiar with the treacherous mountain trails, rode in an army "snowmobile" to within 3,000 feet of the summit and proceeded the rest of the way on snowshoes.

Among those aboard the Seattle-to-New York transport were Robert J. Pirie, New York and Chicago Department store heir; Mrs. E. H. Blake, Richland Wash.; H. R. Glover, Vancouver, Wash.; William Petracek, New York and Mr. and Mrs. George A. Bender, Shefford, Ill.

Names of 12 servicemen, being redeployed from the Pacific coast were withheld pending notification of next-of-kin.

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The request for a new strike was made by 3,000 Chicago Armour employees at a meeting in the Union stockyards yesterday. The union charged the company with "unnecessary stalling" in calling some 2,000 of its 9,000 Chicago workers back to work.

Company spokesmen said that the company was rehiring workers as fast as cattle could be obtained for processing.

Herbert March, director of the union's district 1, said no action on the strike threat could be expected until after International President Herbert Clark meets with the union's strike strategy committee.

The walkout threat was voiced at the meeting following a four-hour work-stoppage of 2,000 production employees in the company's main Chicago plant early yesterday.

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