

ARMY SEEN AS TAKING COVER IN PRUSSIA

German Situation: Nazis' House Totters But Fight Goes On

By LOUIS P. LOCHNER (Former chief of the Berlin Bureau of Associated Press) LOS ANGELES —(AP)—The shelving of Adolf Hitler as Teuton dictator and the vesting of extraordinary powers in Hermann Goering, if officially confirmed, does not mean that the United Nation are already attaining their goal of ridding the world of Nazism.

Confirmation of Der Fuehrer's removal from active command should be welcomed by us merely as an indication that Germany is in the throes of a grave crisis. But greatest caution must be enjoined by all of us who know Germany, not to indulge in wishful thinking and to believe that "all's over but the shouting."

Hitler's eclipse may justly be dated from the moment of Gen. Eisenhower's appearance in Africa. I say this not as a chauvinist nor as an unmindful of Soviet Russia's latest super-human feat in checking and later repelling the invader, nor of Great Britain's epic air battle over the British Isles and her gallant achievement in holding the line at the Egyptian border.

The reason for dating Hitler's eclipse as of Nov. 1942 is psychological. What was it that enabled Hitler to embark upon and attain his unexampled career? It was chiefly his aggressiveness — his being at all times several steps ahead of his adversaries. That was true of him in international politics, that was true of him as negotiator in the international realm (see Munich, 1938, for instance). It was true of him as the instigator of World War II and until the autumn of 1942.

In countless speeches and other utterances that I heard or that came to my attention during the first two and one-half years of the war Hitler boasted of the fact that it was he who determined the course of the war and that it was he who selected the area of combat; he who did the challenging.

PICTURE CHANGED The appearance of Eisenhower and the American troops changed all this. Both Russia and Great Britain could, with America's mighty forces also thrown into the scales, change over from the defensive to the offensive.

Since the late autumn of last year it has been the United Nations' side which has done the challenging; it is Adolf Hitler who was forced into the defensive notwithstanding certain efforts all of which were doomed to failure, to regain the initiative.

Now a man differently constituted might accept such a challenge with a certain equanimity. He might even grow in adversity. Not Adolf Hitler. As I have known him, I cannot but feel that his psychological collapse began with America's active participation in the European theater of war. To me it was merely a question of time when Adolf Hitler would so completely lose all powers of concentration of constructive planning, of execution of the multifarious duties of his office that his ineptitude could no longer be glossed over even under the conditions of extreme censorship prevailing in Nazi Germany. A man psychologically constituted like Hitler simply could not take it.

NOTHING CHANGED If the news of his collapse should prove premature, essentially nothing is changed thereby except that the time schedule is slightly thrown out of gear. Sooner or later somebody other than Hitler must take over.

Then what about Goering? What about the military triumvirate of which Goering is reported to be the head? Goering is a poor substitute for Hitler, look at it as you will. His one-time popularity has long vanished for he has failed miserably to make good his promise

Wide Power Believed To Be Invested In Goering

Hitler Described As Figurehead

By CHARLES FOLTZ MADRID —(AP)— Press dispatches reaching Spain from Berlin yesterday said that "power of great magnitude" have been given to Reichsmarschal Herman Wilhelm Goering following a meeting of Nazi Party chiefs and Army leaders.

News of the meeting at Adolf Hitler's headquarters, announced by Berlin over the week-end, led color to various reports current in Spain that the Army is taking over conduct of German affairs in preparation for a long defensive war.

Although, these reports say, Adolf Hitler remains as a figurehead leader, the actual rule of Germany and German-occupied Europe, Wilhelm Keitel, chief of the High Command, and Grand Admiral Doenitz, the German navy commander-in-chief of the Navy.

German reports reaching Spain indicate the German Army considers it necessary to retain the Nazi Party as a facade behind which it can operate without causing an upheaval within the country.

This view, it was said, was prompted by recent disasters in Italy, which jettisoned the Fascist Party when the military dictatorship apparently could not be longed by the Army's views and holds the conviction to believe that if Italy withdraws from the war it will be the result of administrative chaos as much as a public clamor for peace.

It was understood that Goering was chosen as the Nazi representative to the military set-up because he has long been aware of the Army's views and holds the conviction to believe that if Italy withdraws from the war it will be the result of administrative chaos as much as a public clamor for peace.

NOT LIKE ITALY News of Hitler was reported left as the nominal head of state under the new set-up, the transition apparently will be a difficult and was not likely to cause repercussions like those which followed the resignation of Benito Mussolini in Italy.

The reported developments in Germany were characterized in London as a "desperate" German attempt to "win the peace even though it means the loss of all."

(The London Sunday Dispatch) See ARMY SEEN ON PAGE 2

Axis Crowded Into Corner: Hitler Means Little To Prussian Military

By DEWITT MACKENZIE Reports that a politico-military conference of German leaders has decided on a military dictatorship which will relegate Hitler to the position of figurehead, unconfirmed and therefore to be accepted with reserve, are important enough in the mere possibility of being world-wide interest.

The rapid developments of Axis fortunes certainly preclude a military dictatorship in the Reich. This column long ago pointed out that the Prussian war lords were most likely to be the masters of Hitler's hands.

Hitler's crowding into a corner by the Allies. We shouldn't overlook that German gangsterism springs from the very nature of the Axis, the greatest evil of the world has known. That's the prairie madness of Hitlerism, the prairie madness of Nazism, or Hitlerism, has drawn its nourishment, and from which many other nations are against civilization have sprung.

The Prussian military machine—always ready for conquest, aggression — has supported Hitler because it saw in him a powerful leader. It has not, however, and pushed him forward as a world-leader. So long as he kept his grip and has not placed Prussianism was willing to let him break, but it always has been a foregone conclusion that the Fuehrer would mean little to

the militarists once he had ceased to be useful. The reports have it that the Prussian generals are planning a coup of defense. Field Marshal Hermann Goering, Hitler's second in command, has been asked to carry on nominally with his Nazi Party so as to prevent the political chaos which Mussolini's collapse has caused in Italy.

IT MAKES SENSE While we must treat this unconfirmed report gingerly, it makes sense. We are fighting this war to exterminate Hitlerism, and other forms of gangsterism, and that certainly means Prussian militarism. Therefore we must expect this most peculiar of all military organizations to make a last-ditch stand, for it knows it won't get another chance as it did after the last war when the Allies got soft-hearted and failed to exact punishment for war guilt.

So far as Goering is concerned, next to Hitler he has been the outstanding personality in Germany.

many. He has had — or at least did have — a great popular following. The rank and file of German people have had a real liking for "Hermann" as they always called him. I saw a good deal of Goering back at the time of the Munich conference, and he was a popular figure. I saw an example of this in the sports palace in Berlin where a huge crowd gave him a tremendous ovation when he appeared on the platform before Hitler arrived to make a speech.

The fast Hermann, with the big, boyish grin, was called back to take a bow at least a dozen times by the wildly cheering audience, while he joked and made an elegant display of his cravat, uniform and multitude of band-master decorations.

So the crowd laughed and joked in friendly fashion with "Hermann," but when Hitler arrived, all this was instantly and completely vanquished and the great crowd rendered the Fuehrer an ovation of reverence. Nobody ever

See PRUSSIAN ON PAGE 2

Right Wing Is Only 42 Miles From Messina

British Sweep Over Acireale; Yanks Take San Fratello, San Agata

By DANIEL DE LUCE ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA — (AP)—Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's armies slashed huge chunks from German defense lines across the Sicilian bridgehead in week-end assaults and the Allied right wing was poised today within 42 airline miles of Messina.

Detachments of the U. S. Seventh Army, starting the attack from the sea behind the German strong positions on the north coast of Sicily, captured San Fratello and San Agata, the latter but 50 miles from the Axis escape port.

A dispatch filed from the field by the Associated Press Correspondent Joseph Morton said the American amphibious forces—made up of Third Division units — made their landing Saturday night at Torovono, three miles east of San Agata.

American-manned warships and Spitfires provided air cover as the troops cut the coastal highway and took night marches in the necking the Germans to the west.

The daring amphibious and ground operations were coupled with aerial blows at railways, roads and bridges in southern Italy. Allied heavy raids on the Axis communications center at Randano and attacks on enemy shipping, a communications said.

Without stating whether the reinforcements were still attempting to reinforce divisions in Sicily or were continuing a salvage operation, the communique said "enemy troops and shipping in the Strait were attacked throughout last night by our light bombers."

Although for many reasons our victories may have lacked in glamorous focus, they have been decisive on the final result in the Pacific," he said. "It makes his predictions as to time or detail, but Japan, on the Pacific front, has exhausted the fullest resources of concentrated attack of which she was capable, has failed, and is now just in proportion as we gather force and definition. When we will be do not know, but it is certain."

OUTCOME CLEAR NOW The statement that Allied victories "have been decisive on the final result" gained added significance from the words of General MacArthur's spokesman, who said the word "interpret" is as meaning that "the final outcome of the war in the Pacific now is clear."

The victories to which MacArthur referred, since the second campaign of the Pacific, were the capture of the Japanese campaign with the capture of Samarang last in January.

The destruction of a 20-ship Japanese convoy in the Bismarck Sea and Huon Gulf last March, results of a determined Japanese drive to relieve the New Guinea stronghold of Wau, south of Salamaua, in May; capture of the 10,000-man Japanese garrison at Buna, New Guinea, in June; and the capture of the Japanese base at Buna, New Guinea, in July.

Today's Tommorrow's Sun Shine in a glorious day of peace and happiness. See SATS JAPANESE... VATICAN APPOINTMENTS... See AGITATE FOR ON PAGE 2

Allied Planes Cross Channel Resume Air Offensive Which Has Hammered Milan, Turin and Genoa

LONDON —(AP)—Three formations of Allied planes were heard roaring over the Channel toward France last night resuming the air offensive which during the past 48 hours hammered Milan, Turin and Genoa in a drive to break Italy's will to resist.

The planes were flying high and could not be seen. The first attack since Italy was warned more than a week ago by Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower that the Allied air assault would be resumed and identified because of Premier Pietro Badoglio's resistance to peace moves.

WEEATHER GOOD The weather was good and the Air Ministry said "well coordinated" attacks were carried out in the vicinity of Milan and Genoa and on shipping facilities and yards at Genoa.

The Italian High Command said in a Rome broadcast that "damage was considerable, mainly in the vicinity of Milan and Genoa." The Fiat Airplane and Engine Works and the Italian Royal Arsenal were also mentioned.

Resistance to the night raid was described as slight. Few enemy fighters appeared, and one was shot down. Rome said accounted for the two bombers lost, slimmer than the Italian losses during the course of the hour-long raid.

In contrast, in the last big raid on Thursday July 12 the RAF lost thirteen planes. Enormous fires visible from Genoa on the Swiss-Italian frontier indicated that the attack was directed at a number of Rome papers on the heels of the Allied break-through in eastern Sicily and the capture of the Sicilian rail junctions on northern Italy.

Meanwhile, advances from Italy indicated underground political parties agitating for peace are emerging into the open despite a ban on their activities. The Swiss newspaper Volkrecht, quoting dispatches from the front, said the Italian Socialist Party was appealing to workers, farmers and middle class intelli-

Reds Drive On Kharkov Battles Rage 15 Miles From City

MOSCOW —(AP)—Russian tank forces pushing for control of the gates of Kharkov from the north have encountered stubborn resistance from the German army. The fighting is now in a bitter phase, with the battle raging 15 miles north of the city.

The capture of Kharkov, a railway town, and Bohoslovka, a town on the upper reaches of the Voronezh River, was considered to be a major step in the capture of the city. The fighting is now in a bitter phase, with the battle raging 15 miles north of the city.

F. R. Ends Canada Trip President Is Back In Washington

WASHINGTON —(AP)—The White House announced today that President Roosevelt had returned to the capitol from a short vacation in Lake Huron on the north shore of Lake Huron.

Essential Secretary Stephen early told reporters that Mr. Roosevelt "did not see anybody to his knowledge" on his vacation trip.

Mr. Roosevelt returned to the White House amid widespread speculation here and abroad that another conference with Prime Minister Winston Churchill was near at hand. Early's statement made clear that such a meeting had not yet been held, but did not foreclose the possibility of such a conference shortly.

An official statement drafted by the President said the vacation was spent near McGregor and Whitefish Bay, Wis., where he was joined by Mrs. Roosevelt and their children. The President has returned to

Underground Parties Agitating For Italian Peace Come In Open

By THOMAS HAWKINS BERN —(AP)—The ambiguous action of Premier Pietro Badoglio now is studying the problem of how to conduct the war on an honorable conclusion" was offered by the Italian newspaper, the explanation of the policy of the two-week-old Rome Government.

Dispatches to the Tribune De Geneva said the explanation was offered by the Italian newspaper, the explanation of the policy of the two-week-old Rome Government.

Moscow Dateline

By HENRY C. CASSIDY

Mr. Cassidy, one of the outstanding foreign correspondents of the war, has been in charge of the Associated Press service in Russia since before the war began. His letter to Stalin, the latter's reply constituted one of the episodes of modern journalism. "Moscow Dateline" is based on his personal knowledge of the Russian situation.—Editors, The News.

CHAPTER 7 There was an ironic touch in the Fuehrer's words. "That I can say now, I say it only today because I can say that this enemy is already broken and will never rise again." He went right on, making the million people. "Her power had been assembled against Europe, of which unfortunately, most had no idea, and many even today have no idea," he said.

Silent About Gas Reports

WASHINGTON —(AP)—The Office of Public Affairs (OPA) maintained official silence today in the face of widespread reports of early changes in gas policy, including an "equalization" of allowances between the East and West, in all their "insurance" as the Rocky Mountains.

It was understood, however, that OPA Price Administration (OPA) had ordered putting any changes into effect. The agency was expected to issue a report by James H. Byrnes, war mobilization director, dealing with the gasoline supply situation on a nationwide basis. The Byrnes report was believed here to have been what Price Administrator Prentiss Brown had said when he said in Detroit Saturday that a statement on gasoline would be issued in Washington Tuesday.