

NUREMBERG

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The Nuremberg trial is a grim affair, and would seem to be no place for comedy, but you can't prove that to Rudolf Hess. That one-time friend and lieutenant to Hitler seems bent on injecting a lively element of humor into the trial of the twenty war leaders of Nazi Germany. ~~for barbarous crimes against humanity and the peace of the world.~~ If Hess, in the end, should turn out to be sane, <sup>the</sup> ~~he will~~ <sup>ought to</sup> be marked down as one of the historic buffoons who have clowned around in the most solemn and sombre affairs.

Today at the Nuremberg trial, ~~the other defendants were taken out, while~~ <sup>today</sup> the court took up the problem of the condition of Hess's intellect, if any. The defense, made for him all along, was, that he was out of his mind - had lost all memory. Hess himself has been showing plenty of signs of not being right in the noodle - with vacant looks and smiles and a general appearance of being a kind of

capricious imp. <sup>R</sup>The suspicion is that he has been faking insanity to avoid justice, and the trial commission has had him examined by ten leading psychiatrists of the four great powers - the United States, Great Britain, Soviet Russia and France. They studied Hess for weeks, with the most profound scientific observation - and, a couple of days ago, they gave their learned opinion, <sup>They said</sup> that Hess was indeed suffering from a loss of memory, some kind of amnesia, but that this could be cured by treatment, a month's treatment. So today the international court had Hess up for a decision to be based on the finding of the eminent psychiatrists.

But what happened? Hess produced a startling sensation by announcing suddenly - that his loss of memory had been a fake all along. He said his memory was okay - the he was in perfect condition to stand trial. With impish smiles and grimaces, he made a rambling sort of

declaration in which he said he had been ~~showing~~<sup>shaming</sup> amnesia, had been pretending that he couldn't remember things. He said he had been so good at this, he had fooled his own lawyer. Also he had fooled the ten eminent psychiatrists representing the four major powers. He <sup>had</sup> kidded ~~them~~<sup>doctors</sup> into thinking that his loss of memory was genuine.

Whereupon ~~the~~<sup>his</sup> ~~Adolf~~<sup>Hess</sup> German lawyer growled:

"That proves he's crazy!" And the court room burst into laughter. <sup>↑</sup> All of which left the international judges with a neat problem on their hands. Hess ~~has been~~ accused of faking mental disorder, ~~and~~ now he admits it. Shall they take his word that he is okay to stand trial? If they do, what will <sup>that</sup> ~~it~~ make the ten international psychiatrists look like? It will be saying, in effect, that they, with all their scientific knowledge, were fooled.

The judges, faced with that one, announced that they would take time out to consider the problem. - They

reserving decision on whether Rudolf Hess will stand trial as he is or undergo the method of treatment that the psychiatrists have prescribed for him. Maybe Hess isn't so foolish after all. Maybe he prefers the trial to the treatment. - ~~preferring the cops to the doctors~~

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The serious side of the Nuremberg trial today was serious indeed. It consisted of testimony by General Lahousen, an Austrian, who was second in command to Admiral Canaris - ~~who~~ headed <sup>the</sup> the Counter-Espionage Service of Nazi Germany. Canaris is a Greek name, and the General of the Counter-Intelligence is described as something of a German-Greek mystery man. <sup>TR</sup> The testimony given by the Number Two man to Canaris was damning to the defendants. He stated that the leaders of Nazi Germany had decreed, in the war with Soviet Russia, that all Communist commissars with the Russian Army should be killed, also all Russian soldiers who are member of the Communist Party.

Also Polish leaders and clergymen were to be killed -

"and naturally, the Jews," <sup>he added,</sup> ~~said he~~ ~~(He told of an~~

~~intention to kill French Generals Girard and Weigand  
for fear that they might lead French resistance - as  
General Girard, in fact, did lead French forces aiding  
the Allies in the invasion of North Africa.)~~

The witness further told of ~~plans~~ plans of the German Counter-Intelligence Service to kill Hitler.

It appears, as the Allies had already suspected, that the

leaders of the German Intelligence Service were hostile

to the war and hostile to <sup>der Fuehrer</sup> ~~Hitler~~. And the witness today

stated that the German-Greek mystery man, General

Canaris, had participated in plans to get rid of ~~Hitler~~ <sup>Hitler</sup>.

~~Der Fuehrer~~. Canaris himself has disappeared - believed to have been shot by the Gestapo.

PEARL HARBOR

It was disclosed in Washington today that American Military Intelligence ignored a tip that the Japs would attack Pearl Harbor. This was stated by General Sherman Miles, former Chief of Army Intelligence. He told the Pearl Harbor Investigating Committee that the warning had been received in January of Nineteen Forty-One, nearly a year before the Pearl Harbor attack. He said it had been relayed to the StateDepartment ~~thru~~ from Tokyo by ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~ American Ambassador Grew. The original source of the tip was - the Peruvian Minister to Japan.

Ambassador Grew reported that the Peruvian Minister had told him that he had heard rumors of a possible surprise blow against Pearl Harbor. This was passed along to American Intelligence officers, who discounted the tip. They ~~o~~ n't believe that any Japanese source, that knew what it was talking about, would let such information leak out to the Peruvian Minister.

At the same time, American Military Intelligence never did ignore the possibility of a Pearl Harbor surprise. General Miles stated today: "A surprise attack on Hawaii, with little or no warning, was always under consideration." But they just didn't put much stock in the tip from the Peruvian Minister.

General Miles gave his opinion that ~~the~~ warnings ~~as~~ given to the Army and Navy command at Pearl Harbor should have been enough to put that fortress on the alert.

The latest from the inquiry is a statement that, five days before Pearl Harbor, the late President Roosevelt ordered a naval patrol to observe ~~all~~ movements of the Jap Navy. The patrol consisted of three ships of the Asiatic squadron commanded by Admiral Hart. And the orders from the President were to report on what the Japs were doing in the South China Sea and off the coast of Siam. ~~This was disclosed by a message from the~~

## HURLEY

General Hurley, recently retired as American Ambassador to China, is going to tell his story to the Committee on Un-American Activities. Before that congressional group, he will recite his charges that the American policy in China was sabotaged by pro-Communists in the State Department. ~~The retiring ambassador was invited by the Committee on Un-American Activities, and today accepted.~~

Moreover, <sup>the retiring ambassador, who is</sup> ~~General Hurley will appear before the~~ not so retiring, will appear before the Foreign Relations Committee of the Senate, together with Secretary of State Byrnes. The Foreign Relations Committee, likewise, intends to look into the matter of pro-Communists in our diplomatic service.

At the same time, former Ambassador Hurley was under a continued attack in the House of Representatives, where six Democratic Congressmen from the Pacific coast have introduced a resolution calling for the immediate



withdrawal of American soldiers and supplies from China. Their complaint is that our policy, as represented by Hurley, has been to help the government of Chiang Kai-shek against the Chinese Communists. <sup>R</sup>The line of attack today featured that familiar three-letter word - oil. One of ~~the~~ the West Coast Congressmen ~~who wants to have an investigation,~~ intimated that General Pat Hurley "always pops up", as he said, in places where there is oil. And another said he wanted to know if it is true that Hurley receives seventy-five thousand dollars a year as counsel for an oil company. They want that investigated.

And still another Congressman from the Pacific Coast, Patterson of California, criticized the appointment of General Marshall, retiring Chief-of-Staff, to succeed Hurley as Ambassador to China. He argued that the selection of Marshall is, as he expressed it - "a poor one, because Marshall is a soldier." Well, Congressman, a lot of other Americans have been soldiers.

# ATOM

The latest in the drama of the atomic bomb is a statement that a tip was given to Soviet Russia - given unwittingly. We all know how secret the atomic weapon was kept while it was being built. Yet, a significant hint was let out - and this occurred, paradoxically, as part of the precautions for secrecy.

The <sup>Nobel Prize Winner</sup> statement was made today by Dr. Irving

Langmuir of the General Electric Company, who worked on the atomic research. Testifying before a Senate Committee, he told how <sup>a group of</sup> American and British physicists planned to go to Moscow for the Two Hundred and Twentieth Anniversary of the Russian Academy of Science. Then at the last minute their trip was cancelled, ~~This was for reasons of military security.~~ <sup>all</sup> It was because the physicists were connected with <sup>the</sup> atomic bomb researches <sup>project -</sup> - that deepest of secrets, ~~as it was at the time.~~

Today Dr. Langmuir declared that the last minute

cancellation of the trip was the tip-off. He explained that Russian scientists ~~could easily connect~~ <sup>knew that</sup> the American and British physicists ~~with atomic research, and could~~ <sup>were theorists of the atom. Hence</sup> ~~they could~~ guess the reason why their visit to Soviet Russia had been

cancelled. "Any sensible Russian scientist, knowing these facts," said Dr. Langmuir, "would have believed that we had developed an atomic ~~power~~ <sup>bomb</sup> and were keeping it secret from the Russians." The result was, in his words -

"that we gave to the Russians the very information which the Army wished, most of all, to keep from them."

Then ~~he~~ <sup>he</sup> followed that ~~up~~ <sup>up</sup> by predicting that ~~the Soviet~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~Union~~ <sup>Soviet</sup> ~~should~~ <sup>should</sup> be able to start atomic bomb production in about three years. "And the Soviet," he ~~said~~ <sup>added</sup>, "may be able to turn out atomic missiles faster than the United States - because of the tremendous resources of Russia."

Other nations will be able to make them, too.

Dr. Langmuir gave the forecast that the crisis in the

atomic age will come in from ten to twenty years - because  
by that time countries like France, Sweden and Argentina,  
will be producing atomic bombs <sup>— and feeling their atoms,</sup> He also included Germany  
among the bomb producing countries, when the atomic crisis  
comes in ten to twenty years. ~~And~~ How about Japan? He  
said Japan would <sup>still</sup> be too weak <sup>—</sup> even then.

Therefore, he urged that the United States should  
cooperate in any agreement to outlaw the atomic weapons,  
but should keep the secret and go on producing atomic  
bombs until an international arrangement can be worked out.

"We'd be called suckers and be a laughing stock  
among the nations," declared Dr. Langmuir, "if we  
destroyed our bombs <sup>t</sup> before full international security is  
~~achieved~~ achieved. No nation," he added, "expects us to  
stop making <sup>those</sup> bombs now."

## NAVY

The Navy opened fire today, and hurled some resounding salvos. Has air power made warships obsolete? No, retorts the Navy, it's ~~the~~ air power that's likely to be obsolete. This was stated today by Rear Admiral Sherman, recently of the staff of Admiral Nimitz in the Pacific. He was testifying before the Military Affairs Committee of the Senate, ~~and spoke~~ <sup>speaking</sup> in opposition to a unified command, the merger of the Army and the Navy.

Admiral Sherman referred to Army statements that sea power won't be so important, with the development of new weapons - like the atomic bomb. And the Admiral retorted to one Army witness in particular.

"General Doolittle," said he, "has declared the battleship obsolete and the carrier obsolescent. He advocates giving his Air Force a monopoly in the use of guided missiles." By "guided missiles" the Admiral meant such things as ~~the~~ rockets and radio controlled projectiles.

"As a matter of fact," he went on, "the carrier may prove less <sup>absolutescent</sup> ~~disillusioning~~ than the very large strategic air forces which were so effective in the war just concluded. Atomic bombs," he argued, "may mean a reduction of the size of land based bomber forces." And he added: "A large armored vessel, firing guided missiles, with atomic warheads, may be the fighting ship of the future."

## STRIKE

General Motors hopes that negotiations with the union will be resumed. That's the latest. Earlier today the Union asked for a disinterested review of the strike. Officials of the Auto Workers Union Suggested an Investigating Committee of twenty prominent persons. They proposed for the Chairmanship -- Financier Bernard Baruch or President Conant of Harvard. Some Union officials also suggested for the Chairmanship, Business Expert Beardley Rummel, or Actor Orsen Welles, who achieved a sensation some years ago by scaring us to death with his men from Mars.

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The Labor-Management Conference, in Washington, adjourned this evening -- ending its sessions.

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## AUSTRALIAN BRIDES

There was a riot at Melbourne, Australia today, when three hundred wives and fiances of American soldiers mobbed an Australian who offered to take five of them to the United States in a fifty foot boat.

The wives and fiances had just been consulting Lieutenant Colonel R.G. Jacobs, Chief Transport Officer of the United States Army. They had been urging him to provide shipping space so that the wives and fiances could join husbands and boy friends in America. The Chief Transport Officer told them that there was no shipping space available and their chances didn't look any too good.

Greatly disappointed by this, the three hundred wives and fiances were trooping out disconsolately, when an Australian soldier walked up and informed them that he and four other Aussies were planning an adventurous voyage to the ~~United States~~ <sup>States. They were going to sail</sup> across the vast Pacific in a small boat, a fifty footer. He added that they had room for



five of the wives and fiances.

The response was a wild scramble, as the brave three hundred swarmed all over him - eager to go. He was swamped in the rush, nearly knocked down, grabbed and clutched. When he got free and dusted himself off, the hardy navigator had lost some of his cordiality -- some of his enthusiasm for his own idea. He put on his dignity and told the wives and fiances that any who wished to make the voyage could apply to his solicitor - good old British for "lawyer." He said, "If you'll sign pipers for good behivyur, I'll tike you!"

And now, Hugh Jimes -- with something appropriate for the weekend.