

John R. Hearst Tells of 'Living Dead' in Nazi Camps

By John R. Hearst

(Written Expressly for the Hearst Newspapers)

PARIS, April 27.—With the return to Paris headquarters with the group of editors and publishers who inspected the Buchenwald concentration camp at the special request of General Eisenhower, it is possible for me to review my notes and give a more detailed description of the **ABSOLUTE HORRORS** found to exist in the Nazi-con-

trolled concentration horror camps of Germany.

A concentration camp, such as Buchenwald, is not to be confused with prisoner of war camps that also have been recently exposed as centers of brutality in violation of the Geneva Convention providing for the humane treatment of prisoners of war.

CAMPS, SUCH AS BUCHENWALD, WERE

ESTABLISHED BY THE NAZIS FOR THE THINLY VEILED PURPOSE OF ISOLATING ANY AND ALL SO-CALLED "POLITICAL" AND "CRIMINAL" PRISONERS.

In other words, mostly those persons who dared to oppose the Nazi party.

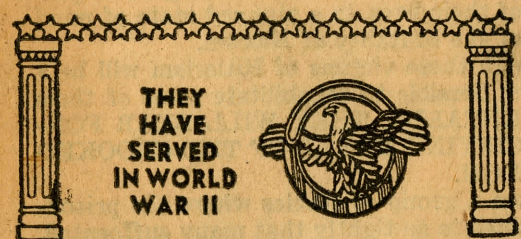
The horror camp Buchenwald, which we inspected, was "founded" in July, 1937, for that

specific purpose.

It has been substantiated by prisoners found still within the stockades, that atrocities perpetrated, **RANGED ALL THE WAY FROM DEATH BY FLOGGING TO SLOW, DELIBERATE DEATH BY STARVATION.**

The prisoners, as of the time of our inspection,

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Mothers' Photos for Service Men

Sunday, May 13, Set for Poses'

Los Angeles mothers whose sons or husbands are with the armed forces overseas—your special tribute on Mother's Day will be your portrait taken and mailed directly to your fighting man.

On Mother's Day, May 13, the Los Angeles Examiner will sponsor a gigantic Outdoor Portrait Gallery.

All mothers, teen-aged or silver-haired, are eligible to have their portraits taken if they have a son or husband overseas.

U. S. Against Navy Limit

Sentiment Develops at S. F. Meet

SAN FRANCISCO, April 28.—(P)—Strong sentiment developed within the American delegation today against giving the proposed international organization any authority to fix the size of the Navy this country keeps afloat when peace comes.

SMALL NATIONS FIGHT BIG FIVE VETO POWERS

General Revision of Council Rights Asked at S. F. Meet

By Richard V. Hyer (Special to the Los Angeles Examiner)
SAN FRANCISCO, April 28.—With major issues among the big powers resolved for the time being, the United Nations World Security Conference passed swiftly into a new phase, a rising chorus of demands from the smaller nations. These, as voiced by spokesman after spokesman at the day's two plenary sessions, were aimed chiefly at the veto powers set up for the "Big Five" in the Dumbarton Oaks Security Council.

DUCE EXECUTED; YANKS BLOCK BRENNER PASS

U. S. Tanks Race to Foot of Alps; Enemy Cleared From Genoa

ROME, April 29.—(P)—Benito Mussolini and other Fascist leaders were reported by the Milan radio today to have been executed by Italian patriots.

ROME, April 28.—(P)—United States tank troops racing across northwestern Italy captured Brescia and Bergamo at the foot of the Alps today, blocking the last two German escape routes to the Brenner Pass.

Himmler Plea Rejected; Peace Rumor Stirs World

Berlin Troops Pocketed

Thousands Give Up Suicidal Struggle

LONDON, April 29 (Sunday).—(AP)—Soviet armies, taking a final stranglehold on dying Berlin, hurled its defenders back into a shell-raked 25-square-mile

Swede Carries Report U. S., Britain Rebuff Nazis for Ignoring Russ

By Thomas C. Watson Staff Correspondent International News Service

LONDON, April 29 (Sunday).—An offer by Heinrich Himmler to the Anglo-American Allies to surrender Germany and reports that Adolf Hitler either was dying or already dead were revealed late last night at the Swedish foreign office. This disclosure followed

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By The Associated Press

Heinrich Himmler, Nazi Gestapo chief and German interior minister, has offered to surrender Germany unconditionally to Britain and the United States but was rebuffed because he did not include surrender to Russia, Moscow announced officially early today (Sunday). The fact that the offer was made and spurned was reported by Tass, official Soviet news agency, in

SURRENDER MAY COME IN HOURS HITLER'S VETO OF OFFER TOLD

Horror Camps Reveal Minds of Nazis Warped

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any proposition of a separate Anglo-American peace with Germany was issued as a comment on reports that Himmler had offered to surrender the Reich unconditionally to the United States and Britain, but not to Russia.

German troops were laying down their arms and surrendering by the thousands in various sectors—including even Berlin—and the Munich revolt was regarded in some London quarters as symptomatic of the imminence of the end.

RESISTANCE CONTINUES

In some areas however—notably the north German coastal region and Czechoslovakia—Nazi resistance continued.

The London Sunday Times' political correspondent said it is understood a German reply is expected to an Anglo-American demand that Russia be included in the surrender bid, and added it "may be made within the next 24 hours, offering full, complete unconditional surrender and a cessation of fighting."

(In a special broadcast from Washington Saturday, N. B. C. Commentator Morgan Beatty said Germany has been given "until Tuesday night to reply to the Allied demand.")

GUESSES ON REPLY

There were some guesses that the Germans would make their reply within the next few hours, while some more cautious circles expressed the belief the enemy would quit only after being completely whipped in the field.

While the German surrender offer was regarded in unofficial circles as the "most sensational news of the war" a continuing conservative attitude was expressed officially, particularly in view of the optimism over reported German peace bids that proved unwarranted a few weeks ago.

Japanese Urged to Tell Truth

MANILA, April 28.—(P)—Japan's newspaper publishers were urged today by Dean Carl W. Ackerman of the Columbia School of Journalism to tell the Japanese people the truth about the war "and save what is left of your country."

WITH THE U. S. FIRST ARMY AT THE ELBE RIVER, April 28.—(P)—Adolf Hitler twice vetoed German peace overtures last October, an American Army captain just released from a prisoner camp, who was present at a discussion of a possible armistice, said today.

The American officer, Captain Lyle A. Silvernail of Lawton, Mich., said that while he was a prisoner he was questioned by a group of Nazi officers who told him they were convinced that Germany had lost the war. They sounded him out on American ideas and he told them that if they "wanted to save Germany they had better get some one in authority to get in touch with General Eisenhower's headquarters and ask for terms, and accept them, whatever they were."

"I pointed out Italy hadn't done so badly," he added.

He said that one of his interrogators, a Captain Barth, a typical old-school Prussian officer, sent in a report to "a German army commander."

British Children Memorial Planned

LONDON, April 28.—(P)—Britain's 7736 children killed in German air raids will have their own war memorial—a new children's ward in London's St. Thomas Hospital, it was announced today.

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were to my mind the personification of the term, "the living dead."

Many of them appeared to be on the verge of insanity, with dazed faraway expressions.

Some of them were so far gone that they were unable to realize or appreciate the fact that liberation had come to them.

Those who survive will remain for a long time, perhaps for the rest of their lives, in a stunned state of mind—living evidence of the brutality of Nazism.

What to do with these victims of Hitlerism will be a problem. It may be possible to rehabilitate some of them physically, but MENTALLY, THEY WILL BEAR FOREVER THE CRUCIFYING MARKS OF THE CROOKED CROSS OF NAZIDOM.

We were shown a group of stables where the prisoners had been crammed in so tightly that many suffocated.

We were told by the inmates that in one block of these stables, 60 to 70 persons died daily.

There was a special place of execution for Russian prisoners, where a total of 7000 Russians, according to the testimony of inmates were shot during the past few years.

THE RUSSIANS WERE COMPELLED TO STRIP NAKED and Nazi guards led them to believe they were taking them to a stable for medical examination.

As they were lined up against the wall of the stable, the Russians were shot in the necks by the Nazi executioners from hidden positions.

THE BODIES OF THE MURDERED PRISONERS, INCLUDING WOMEN, WERE CREMATED.

One of the inmates at Camp Alvinstein-Etz told the members of our group that some time ago, 36 Canadian paratroopers were brought to Buchenwald and that 30 of them were killed outright while the remaining six were made to submit to "medical experiments" from which they died.

The stories we were told were so shocking that one is reluctant to repeat them without definite first-hand evidence.

NEVERTHELESS, THE SCENES BEFORE OUR EYES WERE SO HORRIBLE THAT ONE FELT OTHER ATROCITY CRIMES WERE BY NO MEANS INCONCEIVABLE.

Our own American troops, on entering Buchenwald, found 800 unburied dead—apparently victims of the stormtroopers' farewell "kiss of death."

As you probably know, American commanders have been compelling German civilians to visit such camps as Buchenwald and witness the bestiality of the Nazi regime.

We were told that some of these German civilians committed suicide after beholding these scenes, but ONE CANNOT KNOW WHETHER THEY TOOK THEIR LIVES BECAUSE OF SHAME OR BECAUSE OF THE FEAR OF RETRIBUTION.

It is no wonder that General Eisenhower was so profoundly shocked!

The revelations of these horror camps show that in handling the problem of Nazi fanatics, we are NOT DEALING WITH NORMAL HUMAN BEINGS but with sub-normal men whose minds have been warped and twisted by the vicious, poisonous Hitlerian doctrine.

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