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How Do You Like This?

Our Generals Have Lunch With Butcher Goering

Nazi No. 2 Has Good Time While Europe Starves

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Reich Marshal Hermann Goering, No. 2 Nazi, wanted by civilization as directly responsible for the torture and death of millions of innocent men, women and children, is well and not unhappy.

Dispatches report that after his surrender to Brig. Gen. Robert Stack of Patch's U. S. 7th Army Tuesday, he was taken to a castle of friends near his hideout not far from Salzburg. There he had a bath, dressed himself in his favorite uniform and, wearing his medals, posed for photographers. He told them to hurry up because he was hungry.

He spent the night there guarded by Lt. Jerome Shapiro of New York and, after having lunch with a couple of our generals yesterday, was flown to Patch's headquarters.

UP's Eleanor Packard, reporting his arrest together with that of his wife, Emmy Connemann, a singer, and their child, said: "Goering seemed delighted with his captivity and appeared unaware that he may be tried as a major war criminal."

Hid for 15 Days

Goering told Stack he had been hiding for 15 days. On Apr. 24, he said, he was at Berchtesgaden and telephoned Hitler that, since "it looks like the end," it would be a good time for him to take over from der Fuehrer.

Der Fuehrer, in a rage, said he had signed Goering's death warrant but if he gave up all his titles and honors he would be forgiven.

Goering said he agreed, but the SS guard at Berchtesgaden arrested him anyway. The Air Marshal's Luftwaffe men shot their way through the SS and rescued him.

Announcing the capture of Goering, the 7th Army also revealed the capture of Field Marshal Kesselring, former German commander in Italy and on the West Front.

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A late chapter in the career of Goering is told to UP's Edward W. Beattie by Capt. Monroe J. Hotaling of Los Angeles. Beattie met Hotaling in Buckenwalde prison camp and the U. S. flier told him that he had parachuted to Goering's estate Karin hall, north of Berlin, a few weeks before the German surrender.

At that time Goering told Hotaling: "I suppose you're from the 8th Air Force. I have a great respect for its integrity and discipline. I never have been able to turn it back."

Goering's record speaks for its despicable self.

He was chief aide to Hitler in the building of the Nazi machine; killed off his former friends in the purge; spent some time in a Swedish asylum as "an extremely dangerous asocial hysteric," a morphine addict; was partly responsible for the phony Reichstag fire; was treacherous architect of the Luftwaffe; amassed a fortune of \$800,000,000 on the blood and sweat of millions; signed the most drastic anti-Semitic laws ever issued in the Reich.

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