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HITLER KILLED

R. A. F. Pilot Downs Nazi Leader's Plane After Battle Over Channel

London—Adolf Hitler is dead and his body is on its way to London. A 21-year-old pilot of a Hurricane fighter plane shot down the Nazi bomber in which the German Fuehrer was being flown over the English Channel today in what

F. D. R. CHEERED BRITISH WARNED BY NEWS; SEES WAR NOT OVER; CHADS IN REICH MUST FIGHT ON

Revolt in Germany Now Is Possible; President Confers With Cabinet Heads

WASHINGTON, Aug. 7.—President Franklin D. Roosevelt today announced that he had conferred with his cabinet heads and that he believed a revolt in Germany was possible. He said that he was confident that the British would continue to fight on and that the United States would continue to support them.

London's Jubilation Cut Short by Heavy Air Raids; Churchill Asks Day of Prayer

LONDON, Aug. 7.—Churchill's jubilation at the news that Adolf Hitler had been shot down was cut short by heavy air raids on London. Churchill asked for a day of prayer for the British people.



BERLIN SILENT ON SUCCESSOR; FIGHT POSSIBLE

Goering Named Hero, Faces Opposition From More Fanatical Nazi Leaders

BERLIN, Aug. 7.—The German press today reported that Adolf Hitler had been shot down and that his body was on its way to London. It also reported that Goering had been named as his successor.

may well have been a personal observation flight preparatory to the start of the long-delayed attempt at invasion of these Isles.

A destroyer of the Royal Navy sped to the wreckage of the Messerschmitt and extracted the bodies of Hitler and his pilot before the plane sank.

There is no doubt of the identity of Hitler.

The Associated Press, in a dispatch from Berlin, said there was no official word on the death of Hitler. The authoritative D. N. B., in a brief statement said: "Herr Hitler took off on a flight this afternoon. His plane was one

STRAHER IN CAPITAL

WASHINGTON, Aug. 7.—Senator Charles McNary today announced that he had returned from a trip to the capital.

REPPERS VISIT WASHINGTON

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REPRESENTATIVE VISITS WASH.

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NO COMMENT—WINSTON

London, Aug. 7.—Winston Churchill today made no comment on the news of Hitler's death.

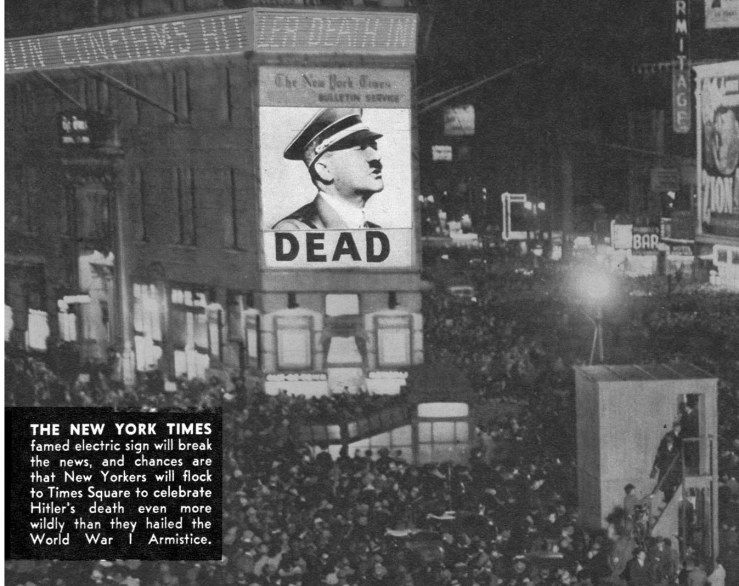
WIFE PLACES IN REICH

Washington, Aug. 7.—The wife of a representative from the Reichstag visited Washington today.

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Greatest News Story of the Age
HOW HITLER MAY MEET HIS DOOM IS ENVISIONED BY NEWSPAPER EDITORS OF U. S. AND BRITAIN
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THE NEW YORK TIMES famed electric sign will break the news, and chances are that New Yorkers will flock to Times Square to celebrate Hitler's death even more wildly than they hailed the World War I Armistice.

GREATEST NEWS STORY OF THE AGE CONTINUED

Every generation produces its one great news story. Sometimes, as in the case of the California gold rush of 1848, it never makes headlines. More often it comes as a surprise editors are quick to recognize as that one big break they were waiting for. The story that will prove to be the greatest of our age is no surprise, is known by all editors. The only thing that stops them from breaking it on their front pages is the simple fact that it hasn't happened—yet. But every editor we queried agreed that when it happens, the death of Adolf Hitler will sell more papers than any other news event of the twentieth century. CLICK asked some of the world's leading editors to tell how they would break it.

We went after a great conservative standard-size paper, a new unconventional tabloid-size paper, and then, for international flavor, we queried the paper with the world's largest daily circulation — Lord Beaverbrook's *Daily Express*. For CLICK, these papers prepared the front pages of their papers as they would carry this story. All agreed that Hitler's death would not end the war—two out of three guessed he would die violently.



in the INQUIRER

by E. Z. Dimitman, Executive Editor

Some time ago, someone posed to a group of editors a striking question: "What would your headline be if the following stories all broke at once: a Titanic sea disaster, a 'for the woman I love' abdication, a McKinley assassination, an Iroquois Theatre fire, a nation-wide bank holiday, and the Munich pact signing?"

One of the editors wrote: "ALL HELL BROKE LOOSE TODAY"

Sensational stories rarely are important, important stories rarely are sensational. When an editor gets his hands on a story which is highly sensational and dramatic and at the same time highly important—important enough to change the course of civilization—then the editor has THE story. I can visualize no better story than that of the violent death of Adolf Hitler at this time. The treatment that would be given such a story by the editors of American newspapers would not, I believe, vary much.

Conservative newspapers such as the *Philadelphia Inquirer*, *New York Times*, *Chicago Tribune*, *Baltimore Sun* (morning), *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, *Washington Star* and *Los Angeles Times* would use headlines as big and type as black as the tabloids and the more sensational segment of our press.

In the event of such a story, the readers of the *Inquirer* would be greeted in the morning with a front page that looked something like the facsimile we prepared for CLICK's story.

in PM

by Ralph Ingersoll,
Editor



EDITOR INGERSOLL The best guess would be that Hitler's personality contains the seeds of its own destruction. This is based on the plentiful evidence of his emotional abnormality. We know of his tendency to think of himself as persecuted—and we know that his personal life is not that of a normal man. So even a layman has the right to guess that he may come to the end that the emotionally unbalanced often come to—suicide.

I would not bet on assassination. Very few of history's tyrants have been assassinated and, while it is possible, the odds are long.

But the best bet remains that the violent aggression which brought him to dream together the Nazi regime will undo him. If he turns against himself, he will avenge himself on Adolf Hitler by throwing the latter off the cliff at Berchtesgaden. Were only a millionth of the hate that he directs outward to the rest of the world turned inward against himself, it would be all over in a flash.

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GUESS WHO DIED

HITLER

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Daily Express

Wednesday, August 1, 1941

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HITLER SHOT DEAD BY Their GOERING *Chimes*

Then Turns Revolver on Himself in Opera Box

Express Staff Reporter, C. V. R. Thompson
NEW YORK, Tuesday.

HITLER is dead. Goering killed him. Then Goering killed himself. It happened tonight in a box of the Berlin State Opera House where the man who wanted to rule the world and his assistant were listening to a performance of Richard Wagner's "The Twilight of the Gods." No explanation is yet available. But Goebbels is already trying to minimize the effect of the loss to Nazism of its two chief prophets.

The World Says—
THANK GOD!

Ever since "blitz" bombings of Berlin by the R. A. F. have been occurring nightly, Goering, who once promised that no enemy plane would ever reach the German capital, has been in eclipse. And, as for Hitler, it has been well known in higher Nazi circles for some time that the Fuehrer has been suffering from unaccountable hallucinations that he and he alone was responsible for German successes in his fight for world domination.

To Attend Their Last State Funeral Together



When this picture was taken, Adolf Hitler and Hermann Goering were on their way from the Munich audience to attend the cremorial state funeral of the Nazis killed when a bomb went off during the Nazi soldiers' celebration last year. Hitler, who barely escaped with his life then, died to Berlin returned two days later for the state

We Will Not Stop War

All Traces of Hitlerism to Be Removed—Churchill

Express Diplomatic Reporter.

THE British Government has no intention of seeking a truce with Nazi Germany now that Nazism's two chieftains, Hitler and Goering, are dead.

In a special announcement from No. 10 Downing Street late last night the Prime Minister said: "It is glad tidings that we have from Germany tonight. But we should not think that this ends the war. With considerable dexterity, Retribution, cleverest of surgeons, has removed two of the malignant growths from this world of ours, but it must be remembered that many more operations will be necessary before the cancer of Nazism is completely removed."

"Hitler, added to his, have Britain, across the Atlantic, and the dead all traces of Hitlerism have been removed from the world, and will be on the death of a century, and with the conviction that the people of this world are here a free people in our time, and in our children's time, and in the time of our children's children."

In diplomatic circles, however, the belief prevailed that Germany's war effort will rapidly collapse as a result of the night's catastrophe.

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There was a streak in history in 1938, Adolf Hitler gave no glowing review as a world is learned to hate an unscrupulous scoundrel. He is a violent egomaniac, and he is a violent egomaniac. He is a violent egomaniac. He is a violent egomaniac. He is a violent egomaniac.

STOP PRESS
MUSOLINI SUICIDE REPORT

BENE, SUICIDE—A report that Benito Mussolini had committed suicide in Rome on receipt of the news that the Nazis had taken power in Italy was denied.

SANTIAGO, CHILE, Tuesday—A report from Santiago, Chile, that the Chilean government had been overthrown by a military coup was denied.

MEXICO CITY, MEXICO, Tuesday—A report that the Mexican government had been overthrown by a military coup was denied.

in the **EXPRESS** by C. V. R. Thompson, N. Y. Editor



EDITOR THOMPSON

When CLICK asked me how the London *Daily Express* would cover Hitler's death, I cabled immediately to Arthur Christiansen, my editor. He came back within two hours with the following cable: "HERE IS MY BEST SUGGESTION: 'HITLER SHOT DEAD BY GOERING. THEN TURNS REVOLVER ON HIMSELF IN OPERA BOX.'"

Since no news goes direct from Berlin to London, as New York correspondent, I furnish my paper with its Berlin news. Hence the lead story above. You may be surprised by the fact that the *Express* would announce Hitler's death in type smaller than you use for baseball scores. But it really is the largest type we ever use in England.