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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

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

BERLIN SILENT ON SUCCESSOR; FIGHT POSSIBLE

Goering Named Heir, Faces Opposition From More Fanatical Nazi Leaders

BERLIN, August 1 (A. P.)—Opposition in high Nazi circles was said to be mounting against Field Marshal Goering, who named himself as Hitler's successor after the Fuehrer's death, according to the people of Germany.

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

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

WASHINGTON, Aug. 1 (A. P.)—President Roosevelt met with Henry Hopkins, Secretary of State, and other members of the White House staff this morning to discuss the possible repercussions of the news that Adolf Hitler's body had been recovered from the wreckage of his plane.

STRESSER IN CAPITAL

WASHINGTON, Aug. 1 (A. P.)—Clyde Stenner, head leader of the British Air Force, who was in the city today, said that the news of Hitler's death would have a profound effect on the German people.

PEPPER ISSUES WARNING

WASHINGTON, Aug. 1 (A. P.)—The death of Hitler, warned Senator Charles McNary, D. Ore., today, would have a profound effect on the German people.

KEENEY WARNS OF REBDS

WHITE PLAINS, N. Y., Aug. 1 (A. P.)—Senator Keeney, D. N. Y., today predicted that the news of Hitler's death would have a profound effect on the German people.

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

LONDON, Aug. 1 (A. P.)—The jubilation in London that the news of Hitler's death had been received was cut short by heavy air raids on the city.

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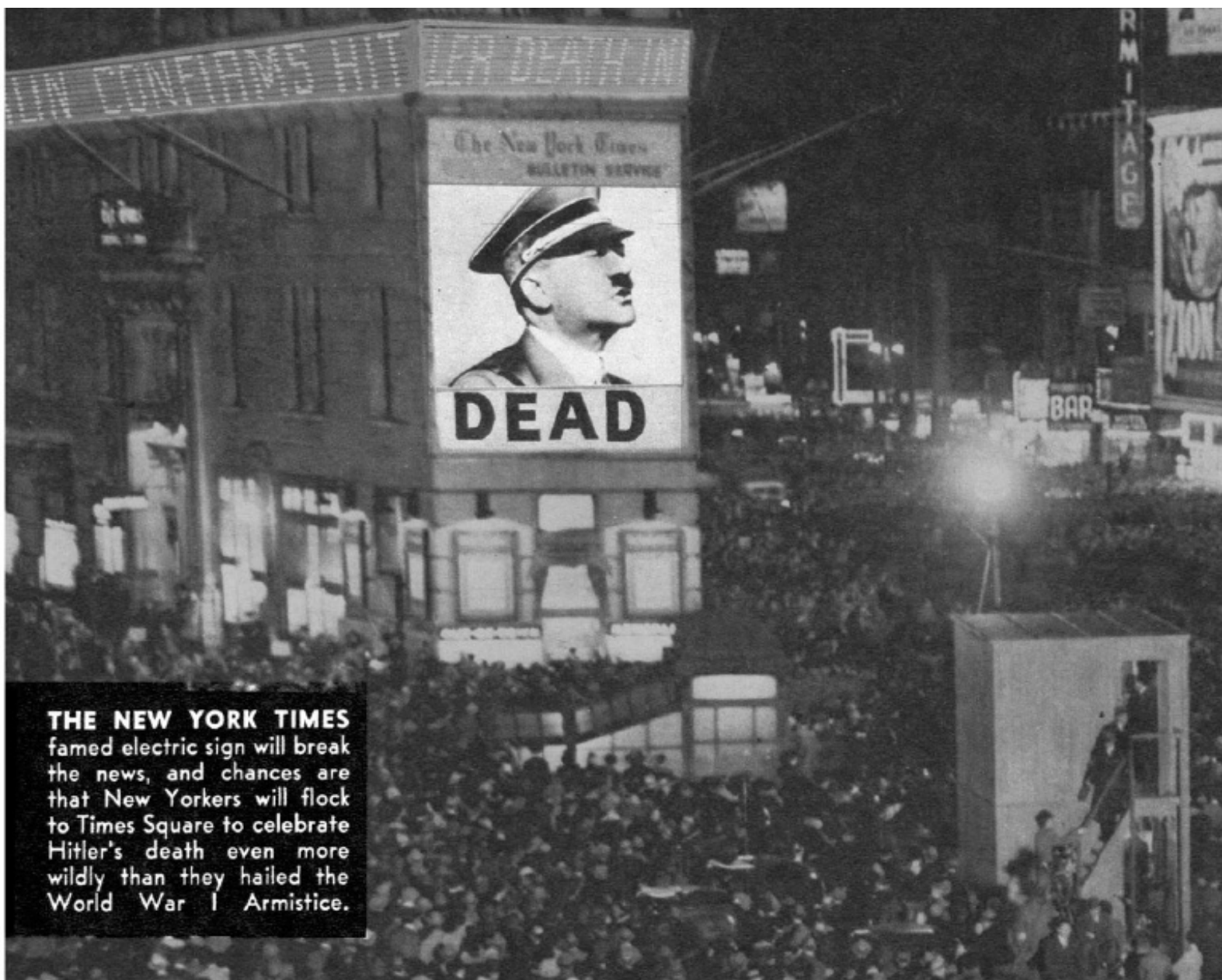
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Greatest News Story of the Age

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



in the **INQUIRER**

by **E. Z. Dimitman,**
Executive Editor

EDITOR DIMITMAN 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*



in **PM**

by **Ralph Ingersoll,**
Editor

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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HITLER SHOT DEAD BY GOERING

Their Crimes

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 at 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 Nazidom of its two chief prophets.

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, the official German news agency explained, 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 its fight for world domination.

The World Says—
THANK GOD!

To Attend Their Last State Funeral Together

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 Nazidom'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 Nazidom is completely removed.

"Britain, aided by her brave friends across the Atlantic, will go on fighting until all traces of Hitlerism have been removed from this world, and until we see six down at a conference table with the conviction that the peoples of this world can have a true peace 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 tonight's catastrophe.

The Nazi Army, organized to last on the "Fuehrer Principle," when a group of Bols disguised as German high officers obtained the keys to Munich Prison in Berlin last night, and spirited Ernst Thaelman.



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

Born out of wedlock in Austria in 1889, Adolf Hitler grew up playing rereve on a world he learned to hate as an unattractive youth.

It was entirely fitting that, as his political career started, his closest collaborator should be a soldier whose war record as an aviator was matched only by his civil record as a merciless sadist. Hermann Goering, Goering, who first saw the light of day in Bavaria in 1893, saved Hitler well. For Hitler, he organized the Gestapo; for Hitler, he organized

STOP PRESS

MUSSOLINI SUICIDE REPORT

BERNE, Saturday.—A report so far without confirmation stated that Mussolini had committed suicide in Rome on receipt of the news that the man who kept him in power in Italy was dead.

SANTIAGO, CHILE, Tuesday.—"Your great leaders have set a shining example to both of you. Go now and do likewise," is the text of a cable sent in Spanish by Professor Felipe de Trajales, chairman of the Chilean Popular Front.

MEXICO CITY, MEXICO, Tuesday.—A celebration on the very steps of the Nazi Embassy was staged by thousands of Mexicans as soon as the news of Hitler's death became common knowledge. Prominent in the crowd were over two hundred Spanish Loyalist veterans, who fought the Hitler troops during the Spanish Civil War.

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

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.



EDITOR THOMPSON