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Blonde Aviatrix Arranged Suicide Plane Project for German Victory

Hanna Reitsch's Plan Still Incomplete When Nazi Defeat Ended World War II

> By PAULINE FREDERICK WNU Foreign Correspondent.

how it was fought come to light so quickly after that war's end as is happening today in Germany. There is not alone the incredible tale that is unfolding in the green-curtained courtroom here in Nuernberg. But a thousand other chapters are being revealed all over this torn country that will eventually complete the piece.

One of these is the story of how the Germans toyed with the idea of developing suicide planes to repel an invasion fleet in 1943 when their dreams of world conquest had | job, to say nothing of this one. Hitler come to an end in Russia. This tale | didn't like the self-sacrificing idea

NUERNBERG, GERMANY. — impact with the water would kill Never before in history has so the pilot instantly and allow the much of how a war began and | bomb to tear loose from the plane and continue under the keel of the vessel where it would explode with a time fuse that would be set in motion upon impact with the water.

Hitler Lukewarm to Plan. Then on February 28, 1944, Reitsch had a three-hour conference with Hitler at Berchtesgaden to convince him that he should accept the plan and name the proper leadership. The aviatrix had long been convinced, undoubtedly for personal as well as professional reasons, that Goering was not the man for his



IT WAS HIS FAULT . . . Hanna Reitsch lays the failure of the suicide plane project to Reichsmarshal Hermann Goering. The ex-chief of the ex-luftwaffe is shown here as he talked to Allied war correspondents in a detention camp. His facial expressions were dubbed his "injured innocence" act.

has just come to light in intelli- of the project because he thought it gence reports released at Frankfurt, and the star of the piece is a blonde aviatrix named Hanna Reitsch.

Here is the Story: By 1943 a lot of people in Germany, including Reitsch, had become convinced that only extraordinary measures could bring the war to a successful end for Germany. They decided that if any plan for invasion of the continent could be destroyed at the beginning, Gerany could then be safe enough in its continental fortress so that the Allies would be ready to make peace. Therefore, a small group of men banded together - a "suicide squadron" who were willing to give their lives in some kind of a manpropelled flying bomb that would destroy and sink at a ratio of one vessel per flying bomb, all the larger naval craft that were so important in protecting and covering

test pilot for such a craft. In the death of a thousand of their number the squadron hoped to save the lives of many thousands.

an invasion force. Reitsch, from

the beginning, was to be the chief

But plans had not progressed very far when insuperable obstacles were encountered. First, Reitsch went to Luftwaffe authorities and there was met with the impression that the idea was fantastic and the result of hallucinations of people tired of life who were looking for a martyr's end in the pages of German history. She had no better success at the air ministry. Then she took the matter to the aeronautical research council. After the experts examined the idea, they decided it was feasible. The plan was to install a 2,000 pound bomb-torpedo in the nose of a plane, which would be steered into the water at a certain angle. The



DION'T LIKE IT . . . Adolf Hitler didn't like Hanna Reitsch's idea for "suicide planes." He thought it was "un-German" but finally consented to have the plans developed.

manded such unusual measures. Hitler finally did say that plans into operation - but until such time

end with my death,"

was "un-German." Also, he refused to believe that Germany's situation was so precarious and dewould be developed so that when he gave the order they could be put as he chose to speak he didn't want to be bothered with the idea any tal to our project was well known Meanwhile, 70 or 80 men, care- ership, tempered with an idealism

pledge: "I hereby volunteer as a we needed a leader who saw the am convinced that this action will | 1944) in the same degree of precari-

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Tests on a Messerschmitt 328, to be launched from the back of a Dornier 217 in flight were completed in April, 1944. When it became apparent, however, that production in any quantity could not begin for months, it was decided that the V-1 "buzz bomb" should be altered sufficiently to take care of the project.

Perilous Test Flights.

A pilot's compartment was installed in the V-1, and other small modifications made, and then it was tested. There was a high fatality rate among the test pilots, but Reitsch came through and was convinced that this was the weapon that could be used. The particular danger in testing these planes was in landing them, whether as gliders or with a power unit, because of the speed and angle at which they came in. Ship targets were simulated by colored smoke bombs on the ground and dives and approaches were made to test angles and necessary speeds. An intricate aiming device was developed. The most important thing that had to be done carefully and accurately was to determine the distance from the ship that the V-1 was supposed to enter the water. The size and weight of the ship had to be judged exactly. By a sliding scale on the apparatus before him, the pilot was able to select his proper angle and maintain it correctly until his plane entered the water. The dive toward the water at a speed probably greater than 528 miles an hour was to disintegrate the V-1 and give the necessary impetus to the torpedo to continue on through the water until it reached a certain position, when the time fuse would automatically set off.

But the Nazi suicide squad never got into action. Even the technical development was not fully complete when the war ended, to say nothing of production that would have put the weapon into action.

Reitsch lays the failure to get the project into operation, as well as all other failures of German air power, to Goering. She says "that the spirit with which Goering had infused the Luftwaffe was detrimento all of us. We needed strong leadfully selected, had signed the that matched our own. Most of all pilot of the manned glider-bomb. I present military situation (March, ousness as we ourselves saw it."



Hanna Reitsch

Hanna Reitsch describes her- However, in the early morning nose, a well-proportioned figure, Luftwaffe help to Berlin. The oth-

"buzz bomb" plane. She holds records for flying gliders and other types of planes. But more than that, she was in the bunker under the Reichschancellery with Hitler and his entourage during

self as follows: Five feet, 41/2 hours of April 30, 1945, the inches tall, weighs about 109 Fuehrer ordered her and Lt. Gen. pounds, has blonde hair with a Ritter von Greim, who had suc-'permanent," blue eyes, white ceeded Goering as head of the teeth and a small round face with Luftwaffe, to leave to accomplish a scar down the center of her two missions. One was to get 33 years old, and not considered er was to prevent Heinrich Himmler, whom Hitler had just heard She was a test pilot of German had contacted the Allies to make military aircraft and flew the V-1 peace terms, from succeeding him as Fuehrer. Reitsch was Von Greim's personal pilot.

As far as is known at this time, Hanna Reitsch flew the last plane out of Berlin before it capitulated. Because of the conditions of the the last days of Berlin and was besieged city at the time, she says slated to be a participant in the it is fantastic for anyone to bemass suicide plan worked out by lieve that another plane could Hitler to be put into effect when have safely spirited Hitler out so the Russians reached the bunker. that he might be living today.

Himmler Plotted to Kill Hitler and Trade his Body To Allies for Personal Safety, Colonel Testifies

During the last days of the Nazi, new information disclosed by Britregime, when allied armies were ish intelligence experts. closing in on Berlin from all sides, the terror-stricken members of the high command tried to save themselves by sacrificing their associates. Heinrich Himmler, grim chief of the dread gestapo, sought to murder Adolf Hitler and sell his body the last days before Berlin's fall on Hitler's orders, he was taken out to the Allies as the price of peace plotted Hitler's murder, but it is and probably executed, Colonel von and personal safety, according to not known whether any attempt was Buelow said.

The British stress that Colonel von Buelow's story remains uncon-

firmed from other sources. According to Colonel von Buelow, Himmler and his SS officers in the Reichschancellery bunker during

made to carry it out.

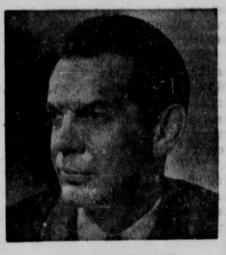
Colonel von Buelow said that Himmler's negotiations with the Allies had been discovered definitely on April 28, and that it had been then that Hitler had suspected Herr Fegelein was connected with the

plot. A faithful SS officer was sent out to search for him. He was found in his flat and brought back to the bunker by the SS officer. Finally,



By VIRGINIA VALE

D AYMOND MASSEY is setting up an all-time record for other performers to shoot at; so far no one else has appeared in all four branches of the Thespian art. To begin with, there's his regular weekly stint on the radio, in "The Harvest of Stars," on NBC. He's also appearing currently on the Broadway stage in "Pygmalion," with Gertrude Lawrence.



RAYMOND MASSEY

Just recently he did two television shows for CBS. And in April he returns to Hollywood to make "One Secret," with Joan Crawford. That's covering the field!

Hedy Lamarr and Gene Lockhart are right back where they started, on Stage 3 on the Goldwyn lot. They both got their first big screen breaks in "Algiers," which was filmed there. Now they're back for the first time, for "The Strange Women.'

James Stewart's back in Hollywood, after visiting in Washington and New York-where even nightclub audiences look at him with interest. His first postwar picture will be "It's a Wonderful Life," made for Liberty Films and released by RKO, is a Frank Capra production. That's under way now. His next film will be "The Magic City," a Robert Riskin production, for RKO.

Got a baseball team you want to sell? Anne Baxter's interested. She's been a baseball fan since she was in high school; now, like Bing Crosby, she wants to own a team, or part of one, at least. Incidentally, the Charles R. Rogers picture in which she has a leading role is now known as "Angel on My Shoulder" again; exhibitors who were polled liked that title better than "Me and Mrs. Satan."

Michael Bottoms has retired from the screen, after appearing in "A Scandal in Paris" for 30 seconds as the infant Vidocq. Mike's father, in Guam, has never seen him, so Mrs. Bottoms let Mike, aged three months, play the part.

Jean Tennyson, star of "Great Moments in Music," will take a chance on any young singer she believes in. She's presented many of them on her radio program; discovered Mario Lanza, who substituted for Jan Peerce when Peerce was on the Coast.

Constance Moore was called for makeup and wardrobe at 5 a. m. one morning, because of the elaborate costume she was to wear that day in "In Old Sacramento." Four hours later she was ready, stepped on the sound stage, and saw machine-made rain falling like mad. "And now, Miss Moore," said Producer-Director Joseph Kane, "if you'll lie down on your face in the mud-you've just fallen out of a stagecoach!"

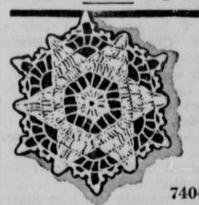
Jack Dempsey's children knew he was "Mr. Hush" on that gorgeous stunt on "Truth or Consequences"; he phoned them after the third week and when they said they'd heard him on the radio he swore they hadn't; couldn't admit the truth, because no outsider could know it was his voice that was puzzling contestants.

Ed Wynn has been held over as guest star on the program headed by James Melton and Annamary Dickey. Originally Wynn was signed for only four weeks, but the public has been so enthusiastic about him that he remains a while longer.

The time of "Strangers in Love," Paulette Goddard's next for Paramount, is 1947, so she and a studio stylist are trying to figure out what fashions will be current next year.

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