

# "HELLO ADOLF"

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(EDITOR'S NOTE: This is an imaginative personal correspondence of a staff writer to Adolf Hitler. The latter's reply is fictitious also. All references to persons living or dead are purely unintentional. This material is written solely by the author, and is not the policy or in any way connected with the publication.)

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Highland Park, Ill.

Dear Adolf:  
Reading the various versions of air raids and ship sinkings by European correspondents, is similar to working a puzzle in the dark. An English correspondent, his source being the official British information office, says that ten Nazi aircraft were downed by the British in a recent skirmish. Simultaneously, a report from the DNB, official German news organ, tells of the terrific loss sustained by the English forces in the identical battle. We Americans just take the casualties listed by each, divide by two, and use our imagination as to the actual outcome of the battle. I am not critical of the correspondents stationed in Europe, but your officials should take an elementary course in arithmetic, and then count planes when they return after battle.

The strategy you now maintain baffles me very much. Certainly Britain can't have you scared . . . after all, she's only a short distance across the channel from Frankreich, and a minute journey from Norway. What are you waiting for. In this breath-taking period between Blitzkriegs, American newspapers just print rumors about air raids and frequent tonnage losses, acclaimed by both sides.

Nazi publicity is at a low ebb. To sustain the interest of the American people, you'll have to campaign on Britain in the near future. As in my epistle of last week, I again state that you'd better be careful. The British aren't going to be as easy as France, Poland or some of the other Nazi victims.

I see that you are now in the process of outlining the economic future of Europe . . . and Herr Funk, Reich minister of economics, states that the tremendous quantities of gold stored in Fort Know will be worthless. Thus the German Mark will become the world's monetary standard. That's all right to talk that way, Adolf, but proving it will be a different matter.

In your special number of the *Deutsche Volkswirt*, devoted to foreign trade, Wiluhem Becker, colonel of the German armed forces and one of your chief stooges, states: "Germany's economic policy between 1933 and 1939 was naturally not an active preparation of war, since Germany had peaceful intentions . . ." It sounds very nice, Adolf. We Americans don't doubt your

word, but one can hardly gulp that in one swallow.  
*Ministerialdirektor* and state councillor H. C. H. Wohltat of Berlin, in *Deutsche Volkswirt*, says: "If the war can be ended before the European capital saved and invested by generations is destroyed, the new ordering of Europe will form the foundation for a new phase in the economic development and industrialization of the world . . ." Of course, Adolf, you fail to mention what will become of the fortunes collected by other Europeans. True, capital and human life would be saved if the war ended immediately . . . but their fortunes wouldn't. Their money would be not for the benefit of the world, saved for your war machines, Adolf, Friend Wohltat further states: "A more intensive form of warfare and a longer duration of the war may perhaps interrupt for a decade the great tendencies of the world . . ." I am not aware of what you call "great tendencies," but I think our definitions differ a bit.

During the past seven years, your great tendencies seemed to lean on the belligerent side. Instead of uplifting your race in culture and religion, you purged, (or are the papers mistaken?) murdered and annihilated all forms of initiative and scientific progress. I think the world would get along satisfactorily without your so-called "great tendencies." In the next decade, we should progress in ratio with the preceding ten years . . . which is tremendous.

AN AMERICAN

Frankfort, den 20. Juli, 1940

Dear American:  
Your letter brought glad tidings to my heart. At least sections of it did. I didn't know that English victory fantasies were being disbelieved in the United States. Please tell your country that everything coming forth from the DNB is unadulterated and absolutely genuine facts. There is, of course, the ordinary routine of censoring any detrimental material concerning the Greater German Reich, but on the whole, there is no gross exaggeration.

I can readily understand how the Americans must be baffled as to the outcome of recent battles. In my country, which includes a good portion of Europe, the people have no such confusing facts to digest. Herr Goebbels tells them precisely how the conflict is progressing, without any correspondents to poison minds with tainted, untrue propaganda. We don't have to work out puzzles when reading German papers . . . although we accomplish much of our work in darkness.

My strategy on the British campaign is accomplishing exactly what I wanted it to do. My long awaited Blitzkrieg on her is instilling fear in their hearts . . . I hope. Little do I care whether American papers have news to print . . . though any extra publicity about myself is very much appreciated. Please write them I dislike the sort of writeups Saturday Evening Post, and tell they have been giving me. In recent installments, the story of my childhood contained no glamour or heroism . . . as it should.

Herr Doktor Funk has a complete outline of the future European economic status. The vast stores of gold in your country will be worthless in a short time . . . after he devises ways and means to make it so. True, he is no magician, but possesses one of the soundest minds in the world today. As to what he intends to back up the Mark with, he has not yet disclosed, but it should be quite staple . . . enough to overthrow the present standard.

Herr Becker was just expounding one of my canons when he said Germany has had peaceful intentions ever since our regime began. It's getting so the world doesn't believe what I say anymore, consequently my lieutenants comply with my opinions. As the world economic crisis and its consequences practically amounted to a blockade of Germany, the form of Germany's conduct of her economy and the aim of her economic policy anticipated the subsequent blockade of the war.

Thus, purely because Britain and France had stifled all attempts for Germany's entrance into world trade, we had to throw our production into its highest pitch . . . making us almost self-sufficient. When the war was inevitably cast upon us, because Britain and France feared our growing force as a world tice production basis . . . with no power, we just continued our peace-loving change to the public, as France and Britain were forced to do. In the Versailles Treaty, the allies formed the Czech republic simply to maintain a sphere of influence in southeastern Europe . . . and to keep our nation aloof from them. Every time we offered to trade with the Balkans, the shadow of the "Crime of Versailles" stepped in and hindered any such action. We offered to trade with our neighbors on a barter bases . . . purely to alleviate any burdens of surplus crops on their backs. In return, we could have furnished them with industrial needs . . . but Britain and France said no. The crisis was finally reached last September, and you have witnessed the outcome of an unfair, unnecessary economic war lasting from the termination of the famed 14 point treaty.

What's done is done. Britain and France tried to snuff out the last

light in our people, but we overcame their efforts, and now the great flame of hate is spreading throughout Europe.

I read, with great dismay, the compulsory military training law your country is enacting. It makes things rather black for me in the Western Hemisphere . . . but only time will tell. I don't want to divulge all of my forthcoming plans in the Western Hemisphere or in Europe . . . at least not right now. It would be nice if I could get a country in South America to produce raw materials for Nazi machines, but that will have to wait for some time. I must regimentate Europe into seeing things my way . . . then maybe I will start on the Americas. Personally, I can't figure out England . . . as to what her purpose may be in defending herself, I do not know. But, my men are anxious to have one last fight in Europe, so I'm glad she has the stamina to resist.

Well, I must be off now, and write when you find the time. I promise startling developments in the English situation during the next week or so. My legions are aching for a fight . . . but my big problem is how to get over to the island.  
Thren ergebenen,

ADOLF

## Y.M.C. Stopped By Racine 10-0 Sunday

Sunday, July 28, the H.P. Y.M.C. were beaten by Racine 10-0, the local boys only gathering two hits for the afternoon. Incidentally, both of these were by "Stitch" Sordyl, the clubs leading hitter.

Next Sunday the Y.M.C. will play host to the Kenosha Moose at the H. P. High School field. The game will start at 2:45. The Y.M.C. wishes to announce that the remainder of its games, with the exception of one, will be played at home. If you haven't seen the team play as yet, don't fail to be on hand Sunday, as a great game is expected.

## Boy Scouts

### Camp Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan

One more period and then Camp Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan is over for another season. What a grand and glorious time the Scouts from North Shore area council have had at camp this summer. Here is a list of the scouts who will be attending the last period starting this coming Saturday, August 3:

Highland Park — Pack 65, Bill Ryan; Troop 30 — David Heardt, Bud Lee, Truman Metzler, Bill Wilbur; Troop 31 — Pat Moran, Bernard O'Connell; Troop 33 — Dick McDaniell, Tony Pantelis, Jim VanOrnum, Peter Weber; Troop 35 — Nathan Corwith, Herbe Hoet, Arthur Humphrey, Bob Kohn, Bud Kohn, Joseph Landauer, Warren Waget; Troop 38 — Spike Frisbie, Albert Hale, Howard Jacobs, Bob Newman. Troop 324, Albert Buckmaster, Wm. Flynn, Robert Wood.

Deerfield — Troop 52, Jack Gilfillan, Arthur Goelitz, John Monnenoh, Donald Nosek, Bob Peterson, Frank Sturtevant Jr.

Northbrook — Troop 62, Richard Dahlberg.

Glenview — Glenn Peacock, Jack Paulsen, Bud Grenning.

### Advancement 2nd Period

That Camp Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan, the North Shore Area council Boy Scout camp in Northern Wisconsin, is the place to pass scout tests was shown by the scouts who were in camp the last two weeks. There were a total of 11 Tenderfoot, 23 2nd class, 9 1st class, 17 star, 12 life, 5 eagle, 2 palms and 328 merit badges. Herewith is a list of the different boys and their advancement.

Highland Park — Troop 30, Bart Clinton, 2nd class; Tom Cristal, Tenderfoot; Roy Crossman, metalwork; James Fahey, bookbinding, metalwork, pioneering, camping; Bob Lundgren, metalwork; Kenneth Margeson, 2nd class, metalwork;

Truman Metzler, bronze palm, reptile study, zoology; Bob Moran, life saving, pioneering; Lee Ostrander, 2nd class; Bob Shanley, star, rowing; Bill Wilbur, metalwork, cooking, swimming; Robert Williams, tenderfoot; John Wood, pioneering, camping, life saving. Troop 35 — Clarke Church, metalwork; Bud Field, athletics; Albert Matthiesen, swimming; Billy Murphey, camping, pioneering; Billy Sihler, canoeing, camping, pioneering, swimming; John Sihler, 2nd class, Troop 38 — Calvin Bauer, life, first aid, pioneering, camping; John Bowden, canoeing, seamanship; Herbert Bowker, life saving, pioneering, camping Frank Frible, canoeing; David Greenberg, pioneering, camping; Al Hale tenderfoot, 2nd class, swimming; Robert Harvey, 1st class; Norman Hirsch, metalwork; Howard Jacobs, star, cooking, camping, pioneering, swimming; John Kidd, metalwork; Jack Lanigan, pioneering, life saving, camping; Bruce Robinson, 1st class, metalwork; Jack Scott, 2nd class, life saving; Arthur Supple, swimming; Richard Turner, 2nd class; Robert Will, metalwork, camping, pioneering; Robert Winton, metalwork. Troop 324 — Wm. Flynn, cooking.

## Ahem . . .

attractive to Ray Gherardini this summer . . . could it be Olga, the brunette from LaSalle . . . poof . . . there goes the Bobby Turelli-Helen Gherardini combination . . . but the guess is that they still hold a torch for each other.

Roger Moley can be seen any day tending a goat on Burchell Ave. in Highwood . . . and Mr. Vitali recently was fined ten dollars for escorting a ram uptown and creating amusing havoc in the public park.

Henrietta Wesselhoef, who was vacationing recently from training duties at St. Therese hospital, had as her guest Miss Hope Schneider of

Racine, Wis. . . . Carol Lou and her sister Suzanne Cole can be seen with play groups at the beach any day.

Half Day, which has a lot of historical interest so far as Lake county is concerned, has a tavern called Chief's . . . where arrowheads can be seen in the hundreds . . . set in varied designs . . . gathered from all over the country . . . many contributors are listed from Highland Park . . . the place also has other relics, including old guns, glass and china.

A certain maid in a Ravinia family takes the cake for thoughtfulness . . . during the recent heat wave she scrubbed the tile porch floor, a daily job, with ice water.

Henry Armetta, seen in person, is a lovable character . . . in his second personal appearance in Chicago he won his audience completely . . . he seems heavier set on the stage than on the screen.

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