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Aachen Flew No Flag On Nazi Celebration Day

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AACHEN, Jan. 31—Hitler's coming to power 12 years ago was the greatest ill that ever befell Germany, in the opinion of every inhabitant of the ghost town of Aachen to whom I was able to talk during six hours of incessant questioning.

Aachen's celebration of this day, which in better times always meant flags, music and mass demonstrations, consisted chiefly in cursing Nazism and all its works.

Through the courtesy of Col. Carl Kraeg, 9th Army man, I was afforded the opportunity to prow about in the wrecked city at will, to peep into homes, offices, hospitals and pubs and to speak privately to whomsoever I wanted. The mere mention that today was Jan. 30 was sufficient to unleash a series of imprecations on Nazism.

"Donnerwetter, I quite forgot to hang out the Nazi flag," a waiter at a restaurant said with mock concern. With a scowl, he said, "Well we didn't succeed in getting him (meaning Hitler) but it now looks as though the Russians are going to do that job."

A former stock clerk of a one-time large department store mixed in the conversation, saying, "the Russians won't get him either. He always runs away when there's trouble. He may get out of the country even now."

At the editorial offices of the

only newspaper in occupied Germany printed with permission of the military government, "Aachener Nachrichten," the editor rubbed his hands gleefully as he said "Twelve years I've waited for this day. At last I can write as my heart dictates."

Aachen's acting chief burgomaster felt confident that all 14,000 Aacheners who have found their way back to the city were through with Nazism and want some form of democratic regime. He, as well as the president of the Handicraft Guild, felt, however, that military authorities must guide the country slowly and firmly into democracy since the Germans have been deprived of freedom so long they don't know what to do with it.

The burgomaster's program as put to me is: first and foremost, re-education of the youth; second, re-education of all Germans in the concept of justice—they must learn again to respect differing opinions among themselves and between themselves and other nations.

Regarding education, nothing has been done yet to reopen schools since the city is a heap of rubble and the children are too widely scattered and without transportation of any kind. But three educators are mapping out a curriculum calculated to meet approval of the American military authorities.

...ed, took no personal part in the celebration.

At star-studded functions in Washington, Mrs. Roosevelt did the honors for her husband—tossing bouquets and cutting tremendous birthday cakes.

The White House mail room was deluged with donations for the campaign against polio. Officials running the "Mile of Dimes" drive expect to bank around 5,000,000 dollars as compared with 1944's 4,667,520.

Bridges Petitions Deportation Order

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31 (ANS)—The Supreme Court has agreed to review a petition brought by Harry Bridges, West Coast CIO labor leader, to escape deportation to his native Australia as an undesirable alien.

Ordered deported in May, 1942 by Attorney General Francis Biddle as a member of the Communist party, Bridges denied membership, and appealed to the Supreme Court, after the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals denied his petition for a writ of habeas corpus.

The president of the CIO Longshoremen's Union charged that the conclusion to deport him was reached through "flagrant abuses of the due process of law" based upon testimony of witnesses who were "dregs of the waterfront."

The law upon which the deportation order was based applies only to immigrants and not to citizens. Legally, Bridges filed an application for citizenship several years ago.



United Artists comes up with the oomph shot of the week in this likeness of Rhonda Fleming, actress. She's advertising a film called "Spellbound," it says on the caption.

Professor Hits U. S. 'Educational Slums'

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31 (ANS)—Dr. John K. Norton of Columbia University assailed "educational slums" today and said illiteracy had deprived America of at least two million men—"enough to equal the Russian Army now driving toward Berlin."

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