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## DEFEAT AND DELIVERANCE

Defeat is written in every ruin of battered Berlin. We treasure these few pictures of the German capital. They are rare and hard to come by, and the time we see more of them will be a great day for British newsreels. British bombs, American high explosive and Russian shells have made Berlin a fitting graveyard for Hitler's bones.

From Berlin went out the orders which plunged Europe into war in 1939. Now, in a far different Berlin, Field Marshal Keitel, chief of the German High Command, arrives at Russian headquarters to sign the last act of unconditional surrender. After this it will be a tough job for any future German to argue that the Wehrmacht wasn't absolutely and utterly defeated. Luftwaffe General Stumpf also signed on the dotted line.

A Russian delegation looked on approvingly while Air Chief Marshal Tedder signed. The act of surrender was then signed for Russia by Marshal Zhukov, who smashed the Germans outside Moscow in 1941. In the serene loveliness of the Alps, the U.S. Seventh Army opened up an hotel packed with as mixed a bag of high personages as you could find anywhere in Europe. Among them was the wife of Dr. Schusnig, former Austrian Chancellor and their child born in captivity.

A particularly interesting occupant of this high class concentration camp was Fritz Thyssen, with him was his wife. Thyssen put up the money for Hitler's first bid for power. Later the Fuehrer got too big to handle and the Thyssens found themselves brushed off.

Then there was General Halder and his wife. A top ranker of the German High Command, he was probably imprisoned for trying to teach Hitler to be a General. Another ex-Hitler stooge was Nicholas Horthy, son of the Nazis' puppet dictator of Hungary. There was however at least one German there with a clean record, Pastor Niemoller. A determined opponent of the Nazis and all they stood for, he suffered years in prison for his courage.

Some British prisoners were being held here, reportedly for use as hostages. Among them were Captain Elphinstone, nephew of the Queen, Lieutenant Alexander, a relative of Field Marshal Alexander. Lieutenant Lord Lascelles, son of the Princess Royal, and Lieutenant John Winant, son of the American Ambassador in London. Europe's "strange Hotel."