

Hitler Present, But Fails To Talk, Although Other Leaders Speak Out

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DUESSELDORF, Germany, Nov. 17.—Fuehrer Adolf Hitler, high party officials and tens of thousands of rank and file Nazis paid final tribute today to the slain Ernst Vom Rath, whose death unleashed last week's anti-Semitic rioting.

In the huge Rheinhalle Planetarium, where Vom Rath's body lay in state, Hitler sat beside the bier. He did not speak, but a funeral oration was delivered by Ernst Bohle, district leader, in behalf of the Nazi Party.

"The entire nation again is deeply embittered standing in mourning at the bier of this young German who lost his life only because he was German and hence national socialist," Bohle said.

"He is the eighth victim among Germans abroad to be murdered by Jews and Bolsheviks. Gustloff, Vom Rath and the German murdered in Red Spain accuse that Jew Bolshevik system which uses murder as a political weapon.

"The Jew who killed Rath said he wanted to hit Germany. We may admit he succeeded. Jews forget that every blow makes national socialism stronger.

"Rath's memory will remind all Germans abroad that every German abroad, whatever his vocation, is in the first place a national
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socialist. This national union is the greatest value, you my Fuehrer gave us."

Thousands lined the streets between the railway station where Hitler had arrived from Berlin and the hall as he rode slowly between lines of storm troopers. Entering the hall, Hitler stood silently for a moment before the catafalque. He saluted, then took a seat.

Ribbentrop Speaks

Bohle was followed by Joachim Von Ribbentrop, foreign minister, who said:

"My Fuehrer, fellow Germans, my dear dead party comrade. A few months ago Rath returned from the East. He was murdered. All of his comrades mourn him. The whole nation mourns him.

"A hostile world believes that by blind hatred it will be able to hold up the evolution of a new idea. Lies, slander, blood and terrorism are instruments of international Jewry and other destructive elements.

"The latest victim was murdered by a cowardly paid assassin.

"Dear comrade! You from year to year witnessed Germany's rise under the Fuehrer. This is more than most humans obtain from Providence. You may sleep in peace. The old world is sinking.

"No terror, no hatred will again be able to enslave Germany. A nation will never perish whose sons are ready to give their lives for it. Great nations had martyrs. They are no where as numerous as in Germany.

"Any new wave of hatred in the world and any new attempt to slander us will find the German nation filled with deep indignation and determined to follow the Fuehrer in ever closer union.

"I repeat Hitler's words at Gustloff's funeral. 'We understand the challenge and we take it up.' So we march united into Germany's future."

Hitler clasped hands with Von Rath's parents and his brothers. Then he saluted and left the hall.

The fact that Hitler did not speak came as a surprise. This did not immediately ease the fear of