

Author Tells of Hitler Boast He Could Cause United States Revolt

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Dr. Hermann Rauschning, noted German author, former German Government witness in the sedition case, testified this afternoon that Adolf Hitler told him in the fall of 1933 that if America threatened to join Great Britain in war against Germany, the Fuehrer would be able to "paralyze the unity of the United States" and cause a revolution which would remove this country as a threat to the power of the Reich.

At the time, the witness explained, he was president of the Old Free City of Danzig, and the conversation took place at the chancellery in Berlin, occurring immediately after Dr. Rauschning had returned from a meeting of the League of Nations in Geneva.

Tells of Boast.

The witness quoted Hitler as boasting that he could set racial minorities, such as the Negroes and Mexicans, in the United States against the Government and raise the Jewish issue in fomenting a revolution. The German Chancellor, the witness said, also explained that he would work through the armed forces in the United States.

Dr. Rauschning said he warned Hitler that the situation at Geneva was very tense, following the withdrawal of Germany from the League of Nations and that there was a possibility that Great Britain and, in the final analysis, the United States might wage war on the Reich.

"Adolf Hitler said," the witness added, "he had no fear that the United States would again join a coalition of western democracies against Germany. He said the United States was threatened with a bloody revolution. He said he would be able to make this latent revolution come to pass. He explained the methods by which he would be able to paralyze the national unity of the United States and the power of resistance in this country."

The witness said Hitler then spoke

of the racial minorities in this country, saying that such cleavages could be widened to disunite the unity of the country. The Fuehrer indicated, Dr. Rauschning said, that the United States "must become a German nation," but he would not depend on the German minority in this country, using instead all minority groups to bring about his purpose.

The witness said Hitler went on to explain why America was "such a weak state," comparing democracies with the disease syphilis.

Dr. Rauschning said Hitler discussed plans to assure the "neutrality" of the armed forces in all countries which might possibly become enemies of Germany.

Rulings Delayed.

Chief Prosecutor O. John Rogge brought in this evidence as the first direct attempt to prove the charge in the indictment that Hitler himself was the arch conspirator in this case. The 26 defendants on trial are charged with allowing themselves to be used as tools in a Nazi conspiracy to undermine the morale and loyalty of the American armed forces.

Chief Justice Edward C. Eicher meanwhile deferred ruling on a group of defense motions for a mistrial based on President Roosevelt's reference in a speech last week to the Silver Shirts, one of the organizations through which, the Government charges, the alleged conspiracy was carried out.