

Munich Bombing Good Plot for Detective Novel

One of the best detective plots of the decade is the story of the recent attempt on Hitler's life. Preston W. Slosson told an audience who assembled last Tuesday evening for the second in a series of lectures being presented in Birmingham during the winter months by the Ann Arbor history professor.

The attempted assassination of the German fuhrer is the basis of a perfect detective story, Dr. Slosson said, because of the four possible explanations which have been advanced. The official explanation is that the Munich beer hall bombing was a conspiracy on the part of a foreign power, the speaker pointed out.

"However," he continued, "Germany's enemies feel that this incident was just another frame-up similar to the Reichstag fire of several years ago. Other explanations advanced are that it was the work of anti-Nazis, or of Nazis who were anti-Hitler and had been offended by the recent pact with Russia."

Explanations Possible

"All of these explanations are possible," Slosson said, "but I personally feel that one of the two latter reasons is the more probable. Frankly I doubt that the bombing can be attributed to a foreign power because (1) it would require the cooperation of people in Germany; (2) Britain has not indulged in political assassinations for several centuries; (3) and besides, just what is there to be gained by 'getting' Hitler without also assassinating Goering, his successor?"

That the slowness of the European war is beginning to wear on the nerves of many is clearly indicated and yet it is only a duplication of the first months of the last World War, Slosson said Tuesday evening. "Unless there is urgent need I doubt there will be a major offensive in the west before the spring of 1940." But Germany may not be able to wait and in such event the campaign will probably open with an attack on Belgium and Holland," Slosson indicated.

Invasion of Low Countries

There are two important military reasons for invading the low countries, Professor Slosson pointed out Tuesday. Germany would use these countries as a vantage point from which to attack France from the extreme north; secondly, Germany seeks to establish aerial and submarine bases there for attack on Britain.

"And yet the Reich hesitates to strike at these countries, for Belgium has a larger army and stronger fortifications than at the beginning of the last war," Dr. Slosson reminded his audience. "In the Netherlands the army of secondary importance for Holland has a defense peculiar to her own country. She can flood certain portions of her land thereby making it inaccessible to an invading force. Although used successfully in past wars, this defense is vulnerable for one particularly cold winter the water froze and Holland's enemy was able to walk over the ice."

Can Be Overthrown

Belgium and the Netherlands can be overthrown but it will take time, Professor Slosson said, and

Working on Dance

Names of the 22 football players who are to receive letters this year were announced Wednesday by Coach George Wurster.

The monograms will bear the inscription, "T. V. L. Champs," in recognition of the team's having won leadership in the Twin Valley League. The annual banquet by mothers of the players will be held Tuesday night, Dec. 12, with

Letter Winners Are Announced

Following are the letter winners: Ted Snyder, Lawrence Colgrove, Robert Eade, Raymond McBride, George Baldwin, James Herbst, Dick Neely, Frank Armstrong, Erwin Covey, John Porter, John Adams, Horace Cole, Donald Erickson, Dick Wenzell, Hugh Mack, Colin Gowans, Clark Pardee, Sheldon Olson, William Hopkins, Gene McCullough, James Bennett and Kenneth Kirby.

County Government Meeting Is Called

Is county government a hodgepodge? This will be the subject to be discussed at a "town meeting" to be held Friday evening, Dec. 5, with Lent D. Upson, director of the Detroit Bureau of Governmental Research, as the speaker.

The meeting will be held in the auditorium of the Board of Commerce Building, Pontiac, at 8:15 p. m. There will be a round table discussion of county problems.

Calendar OF COMING EVENTS

The following is a list of activities which will be held during the next week at the Community House:

Today
McCull Current Events class will meet at 2 o'clock.
The Family dinner will be served from 6 to 7:30.
Aeronaucians club will meet at 8 o'clock.
The Business Women's club will hold a dinner meeting at 6:30.

Friday
Oakland County Federation of Women's clubs will meet at 10 o'clock and luncheon will be served at 12:30.
Y. M. C. A. leader potluck supper will be served at 6 o'clock.
At 7 o'clock the Lathrup Citizens' League will hold a dinner.
K. A. D. E. dance will begin at 9 o'clock.

Saturday
Horticultural society will hold a party at 8 o'clock.

Monday
Rotary club will meet for luncheon at 12:15.
The Book Talks will be held at 2:15.
Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary will hold a meeting at 8 o'clock.
Junior Chamber of Commerce meeting is scheduled for 8 o'clock.

Tuesday
Antique show will be held from 10 a. m. to 1:30 p. m. Tuesday through Friday.
The Red Cross Sewing group will meet from 11 to 3 o'clock.
Mrs. Charles J. Shain's class in international relations will meet at 10 o'clock.
Exchange club will meet at noon.
Thrift Shop will be open from 1 to 4 o'clock.

Wednesday
Lions Club will meet at noon.

Thursday
Family dinner will be served from 6 to 7:30.

City Clerk and Friends Plan Trip to Florida

Florida beckons to Miss Irene Hanley, City Clerk; Miss Lucille Facer, water department, and Miss Mabel Cook Trever's office. They will leave Saturday on two-week vacations. Miss Elizabeth Sheridan was made Deputy City Clerk by the Commission, Monday night.

Chief Warns Public of Sales Promotion

Merchants of Birmingham were warned today of "high-pressure" salesmen calling in the city, trying to sell fire extinguishers. "These men quickly flash a badge (which is nothing more than an identification from their companies), sometimes make an inspection and then recommend extinguishers," Fire Chief Vernon W. Griffith said. "They have no authority to do so and absolutely have no connection with local, state or national fire prevention bureaus, and I would appreciate having the Fire Department called when salesmen use this tactic."

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