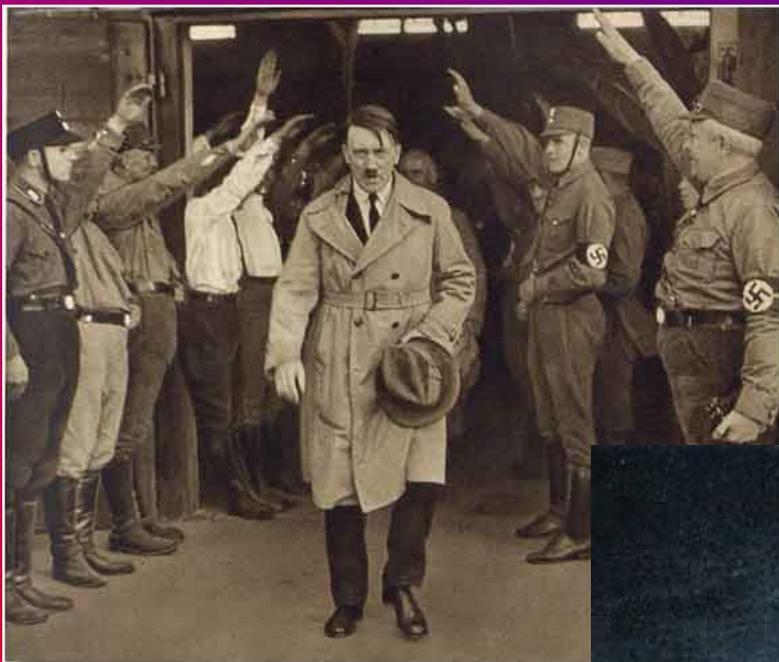


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## Fuehrer Fell at CP, German Radio Says; Doenitz at Helm, Vows War Will Continue

German radio announced last night that Adolf Hitler had died. Adm. Karl Doenitz, former commander-in-chief of the German Navy, has succeeded him as ruler of the Reich, the radio announced news said.

Doenitz made a radio speech immediately after the announcement, Hitler said, and declared that Germany would continue to wage war. His statement opened peace rumors which had been prevalent for more than a week in all world capitals.

### Churchill Hints Peace Is at Hand

WASHINGTON, May 2.—(AP)—Prime Minister Churchill today hinted that peace was at hand, saying that the British government was prepared to accept the terms of the Potsdam conference. He said that the British government was prepared to accept the terms of the Potsdam conference, which called for the unconditional surrender of the German armed forces. Churchill said that the British government was prepared to accept the terms of the Potsdam conference, which called for the unconditional surrender of the German armed forces.



The announcement did not give any details of how the Reich leader died. The news was broadcast after solemn Weissenhof music, including "Flight of the Goshawk," was played.

"Ich bin, achting," a voice said. "In a few minutes you will hear a solemn and important message to the German people. We are now going to play a message of Reich-Lieut. Doenitz's speech."

Finally, the report of Hitler's death was given.

Hitler's death came three days after his last radio broadcast, Berlin. He died of a heart attack while in a German prison near the village of Duesen on Lake Constance.

Doenitz, in his speech, said that Hitler "had fallen at his command post," while standing next to him that he died in the Reich Chancellery in Berlin yesterday afternoon. He had been brought to Berlin by a German plane.

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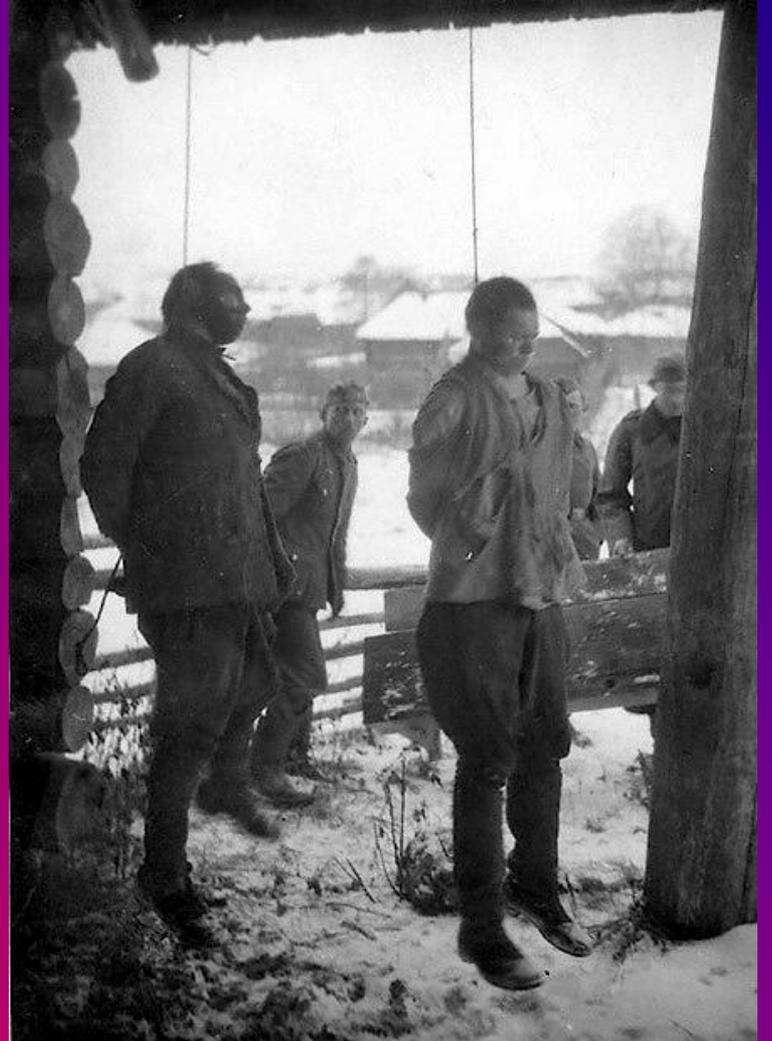
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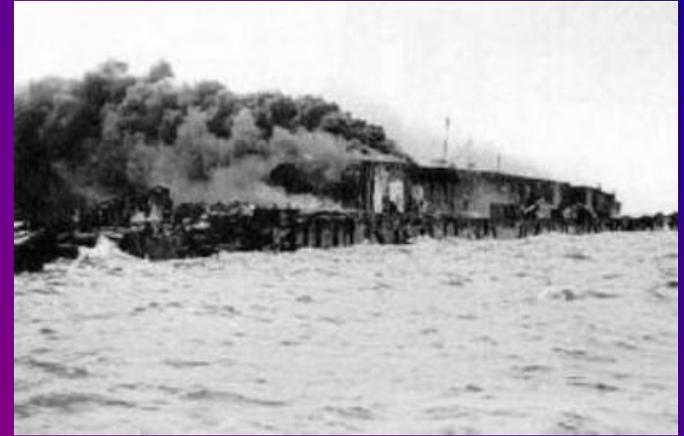
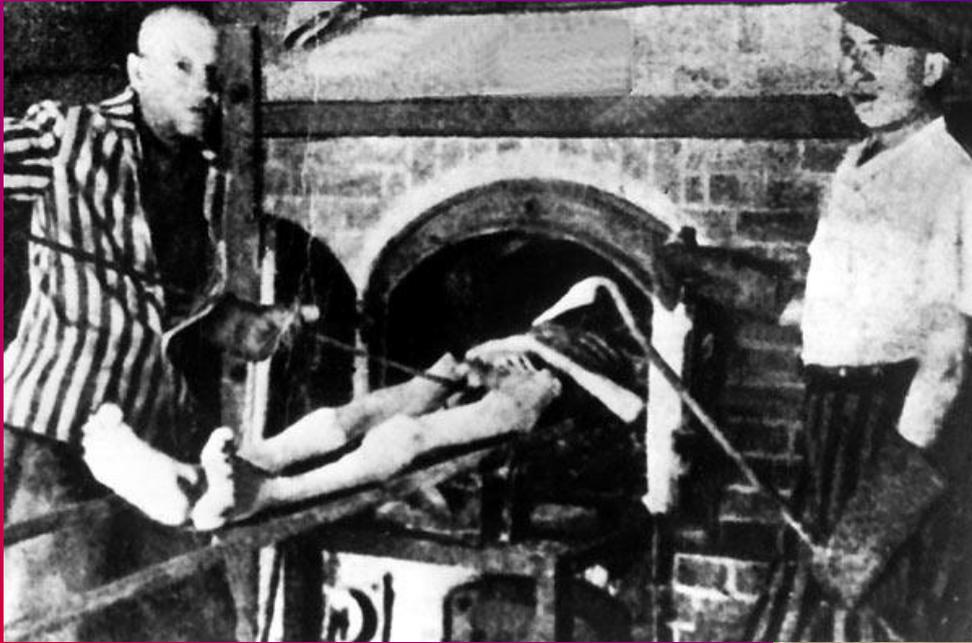




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