

International news

Hitler's dental work in archives: historian

MOSCOW (AP) — The teeth of Adolf Hitler and his wife are in Russian military archives, but the rest of their remains were destroyed in 1970 by Soviet agents, says a historian.

The remains of Hitler, Eva Braun, Joseph Goebbels and his family, and German Chief of General Staff Hans Krebs were kept so long after the Second World War because officials "wanted to preserve the material evidence, just in case," Lev Bezymensky told the newspaper Komsomolskaya Pravda.

A spokesman for the Russian Security Ministry, the successor to the KGB, would neither confirm nor deny Bezymensky's claims. Konstantin Beryozkin said that if any agency had kept the remains, it would have been the KGB.

Hitler, holed up in his Berlin bunker and nearly surrounded by Red Army soldiers, committed suicide on April 30, 1945, the day after he married Braun, his longtime mistress.

Aides to Hitler reportedly doused the corpses with gasoline and burned them to prevent the bodies from falling into Soviet hands. The bodies' disappearance prompted some reports that Hitler may have escaped the advancing Soviet army.

Many western historians believed the remains disappeared under the shelling of the Soviet advance.

Bezymensky said Hitler's remains were found on May 4, 1945, and preserved by the counter-intelligence unit of the Soviet 3rd Army known as SMERSH — a Russian acronym for "Death to Spies."

The remains were buried and exhumed at least six times in 1945-46 as the army moved its location, said Bezymensky, who was an interpreter of Marshal Georgy Zhukov, first deputy commander-in-chief of the Red Army.

The final stop was Magdeburg, about 110 kilometres west of Berlin, the newspaper quoted him as saying.

Two men told a German television program earlier this week that they buried the remains of Hitler and Braun in Magdeburg at the end of 1945.

"The remains of the Nazi 'saints' were left there for nearly 25 years and were destroyed in 1970," Bezymensky told the newspaper.

He did not explain why they were finally destroyed, although the Soviet and East Germans presumably did not want neo-Nazis ever to discover them.

Bezymensky said the teeth and dental work of Hitler and Braun were used to identify the remains, and that they were now in military archives.

"I have no desire to see them," Bezymensky said. "Disgust prevails over curiosity."

AIDS experts go home with no new insights

AMSTERDAM (AP) — The largest gathering of AIDS experts ever assembled ended on Friday, having brought new insights into the magnitude of the worldwide epidemic but no breakthroughs on halting its deadly sweep.

Nothing approaching a cure or effective treatment or vaccine emerged during the week-long meeting.

"There weren't many eureka's, but science is moving steadily," said Dr. June Osborn, head of the U.S. National Commission on AIDS.

The 12,000 participants had the opportunity to hear 1,000 speeches and discussions on virtually every aspect of the disease, from novel combinations of drugs to the pace of viral mutations to the role of traditional healers in Africa.

But at this gathering, like at most medical meetings, the real work often occurred not in formal sessions but in the hallways, where experts who see each other only once a year shared ideas and concerns.

That was best illustrated by what turned out to be the major topic of conversation: the possible emergence of a form of AIDS not caused by HIV, the AIDS virus.

At the start of the week, the U.S. Centres for Disease Control declared those mysterious cases to be of little importance because they were so rare. But doctor after doctor came forward to describe similar cases, and word spread of a possible new virus that might be causing the illnesses.

Female fighters



TWO SCHOOL GIRL fighters relax in the centre of Sarajevo during a lull in hostilities between the warring factions. The teenagers joined special police forces as volunteers but hope eventually to return to their studies. AP PHOTO

Iraq risking military strike

UN weapons team leaves empty-handed

From Reuters-AP
BAGHDAD (CP) — A UN weapons team left Baghdad Friday after an 18-day vigil outside the agriculture ministry failed to persuade Iraq to grant access despite the West's warnings of possible military action.

In neighboring Saudi Arabia, U.S. State Secretary James Baker said during a visit Friday that a military strike against Iraq "looks pretty certain" if Baghdad continues to defy UN Gulf War ceasefire resolutions. Diplomats said Baker left clear impression that military action was likely within days.

In the United States, President George Bush cancelled weekend plans and scheduled a meeting with advisers this morning to discuss Iraq's "across-the-board defiance" of the United Nations, White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said.

Bush, talking to reporters in Ohio, said "there is no time frame" for any action against Iraq. He said that he wanted to meet his security advisers because he wanted to "be sure" that they had discussed all options.

"This is probably the most serious situation that we've faced" in Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein's recurring defiance of UN resolutions, Fitzwater said.

U.S. officials said Washington and allies Britain and France are discussing an ultimatum to use military force against Iraq unless Baghdad allows the UN inspectors access to the agriculture ministry, where documents about Iraq's weapons programs are believed hidden.

The ultimatum would set a deadline, perhaps within days, for Iraq to back down in the tense confrontation, U.S. officials said.

Fitzwater said the question of issuing an ultimatum to Saddam was "open and under discussion." The United States, meanwhile,

flexed its military muscle. An aircraft carrier battle group cancelled Mediterranean port calls to remain at sea.

A U.S. amphibious battle group of four vessels arrived in the Persian Gulf Friday to bring to 24 the number of American warships conducting exercises in the region. But a U.S. Navy spokesman said the latest military addition was not related to the U.S.-Iraq tension.

The leader of the Baghdad inspectors, American Mark Silver, said in Iraq Friday his team was pulling out on orders from Rolf Ekeus, head of the UN Special Commission charged with dismantling Iraq's war machine.

Ekeus and Iraq's UN envoy Abdul Amir al-Anbari have been discussing ways out of the crisis.

Ekeus said Friday no compromise was possible with Iraq on allowing weapons inspectors into the agriculture ministry and hinted strongly that time was running out.

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