

# Schoolgirl Gives Impression Of Hitler-Ruled Germany

Sarah Bailey Found But Two People During Three Months Stay In Germany Who Would Voice Disapproval Of Hitler

## TIRED OF STEADY DIET OF POTATOES

Schools Of Germany Completely Dominated By Hitler; American Motion Pictures Taboo There

A nation of marching men, cowed people, frugal meals and an abundance of swastikas—that was the impression which Hitler-dominated Germany made upon 15-year-old Sarah Bailey, Columbus county schoolgirl, after a three months stay there recently.

The girl, daughter of a Fair Bluff druggist, spent her summer vacation abroad in company with her aunt, Miss Zon Koonce, and they made their headquarters in Oberramagau, Germany, where they were the guests of Miss Annie Rutz, who several years ago took the part of the Virgin Mary in the famous Passion Play.



SARAH BAILEY

occasion, passed up an opportunity to see the Fuehrer. That was in Munich, where she was spending sometime with friends.

Hitler was putting on a big show for Mussolini, who was visiting Germany at the time, and both the Fuehrer and Il Duce were to speak in the square. Thousands of loyal Germans had gathered in the city to hear the speeches, but Sarah did not go to

(Continued on page 3)

## Schoolgirl Gives Impression Hitler-Dominated Germany

(Continued from page one)

the square, but rather chose to remain indoors during the speaking.

### SAW GOERING

She did see Germany's No. 2

Nazi, Herman Goering, however, upon one occasion, and several more of Hitler's aides.

If the German people do not like Hitler and his regime there's no evidence of it in what they say—they're afraid to speak, Sarah said. In all the three months which she spent in Germany, on not but two occasions did she ever hear anyone say anything derogatory about the Fuehrer. One was the father of the girl she was visiting in Oberramagau, and the other was the janitor in the apartment building in which Sarah was living in Munich.

### "HITLER, NO GOOD"

It was the day of the speaking, and she asked the janitor if he were not going to the speech in the square, to which he replied in the negative, and then in almost a whisper, he added: "Hitler, he is no good".

While in Germany, Sarah visited numerous schools, and was impressed by the fact that boys and girls of school age are required, when the teacher enters the classroom, instead of greeting her with the customary American "Hello", Nazi children rise, and with right hand outstretched in Nazi salute, yell in unison "Heil itler".

Asked how the lives of the German boys and girls of her own age compared with that of American boys and girls the Fair Bluff girl said that it was entirely different in Germany from here. Over there boys and girls, especially the latter, have no spending money, and they were awed at the liberties accorded the American girls of their age. They thought it would be wonderful "to be allowed to go to the drug store every morning".

### GIRLS LIKE U. S.

German boys and girls seem to think America is a wonderful place, even in spite of the relentless Nazi propaganda against the United States. When Sarah told them of life in America, they compared it with the privations which they themselves know, and concluded that America must be some sort of Utopian paradise, Sarah said.

Economic life in Germany certainly is not so rosy as some accounts from the Fatherland might desire to have the world believe. The German people have no fruit at all, with the exception of a little which is imported from Italy, Miss Bailey said, and but very few vegetables. On the latter score, she was emphatic. No great lover of white potatoes, she was forced to sit down to a menu consisting principally of white potatoes during the entire three months she was in Germany.

"I don't think that I'll ever want any more white potatoes", she said.

Because of the shortage of Germany's food supplies, the limitations of its food supply, Sarah herself does not believe that that country is ready to fight any nation, despite the big bluff which it pulled off this fall.

### WHITE POTATO DIET

White potatoes were not the only thing about Germany for which the Columbus girl acquired a definite distaste. She didn't exactly relish the German custom of sharing living quarters with the hogs, cows, chickens and other livestock. That is a general practice among the middle class in Germany, she said.

Because of the rigid censorship of the press, Sarah saw but few American newspapers during her three months in Germany. Toward the end of her visit to Munich, she did obtain several copies of the New York Times which came in from Paris each morning.

### U. S. MOVIES TABOO

American-made motion pictures are apparently taboo in "the Fatherland", even though they were plentiful in quite a number of other countries which Sarah visited while in Europe, especially Holland. In Germany, she remembers seeing but one American-made movie advertised, and that was one of Shirley Temple's pictures.

Despite her distaste for most of Hitler's Germany, there was one thing for which she acquired a definite liking—that was the famous German beer, which is known all over the world. Water was something not easily accessible over there, she said.

### HOW SWASTIKA STARTED

Interesting was the story which young Miss Bailey picked up over

## Schools Begin Two-Day Holiday

Columbus County Schools Turned Out Yesterday For The Thanksgiving Holidays; Return Monday

Columbus county's 12,000 schoolchildren and more than 300 teachers yesterday afternoon went home not to return for four days.

The two-day Thanksgiving holidays decreed by the Board of Education when it arranged its schedule early in the fall began today.

Happily, teachers were able to spend the holidays with "money in their pockets" inasmuch as some \$33,000 in teacher salaries was paid out yesterday, at the end of the third month of school.

Schools will begin again on Monday, and will run for four weeks, at which time the Christmas holidays will begin.