



Hitler's Third Reich and World War Two in the News

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Former Teutonic Knights claim Bouzov castle again

praguemonitor -- 2006-03-02

The German Order, or former Teutonic Knights seeking the return of Bouzov castle, north Moravia, has come up with new arguments now and therefore the court dispute will continue. The Order lost its property before World War Two already, when it was confiscated by the Nazis and the Order was dissolved. After the war, the property was taken over by the state but the German Order launched a suit to receive it back.

Hitler and Stalin were greatly interested in the magic of ancient runes

pravda -- 2006-02-24

Germany was the first European country that started to restore the knowledge of the runes back in the 19th century. A number of secret societies emerged. Hitler and Himmler were the members of the Thule Brotherhood. Later Nazi leaders set up a network of research institutions called Anenerbe. Swastika, a runic symbol of the Sun became the emblem of the Nazi Party and the Third Reich. Every military unit had a magus of its own. The SS structure was originally formed as a magic order. Up until 1940, every SS commissioned officer was to take a special course in the runic magic. The emblem "SS" is a double rune Sigel which is well known as a victory symbol.

Book: The Master Plan -The use of pseudoscience in the Third Reich

monstersandcritics -- 2006-02-05

A tale of scholarly detection illuminating a little-explored corner of Third Reich history: the use of pseudoscience in the service of ideology. Heinrich Himmler seemed an unlikely choice to command the elite praetorian guard called the SS. He had a knack for shoring up fragments of Nazi ideology with fragments of half-learning that seemed self-evident to true believers. Thus, Himmler established a think tank that he called the Ahnenerbe. In time, the institute would employ more than 130 historians, linguists, geographers, agronomists, folklorists and classicists with an eye to producing evidence that the so-called Aryan peoples were the font of civilization.

Heinrich Harrer - mountaineer and explorer

The Times -- 2006-01-09

A Mountaineer and explorer whose youthful idealism coincided with the rise to power of Adolf Hitler and Nazism, Heinrich Harrer became a controversial figure, dogged into old age by his membership of the SS. Harrer made no secret of his sympathy for National Socialism, and when in the same year Austria was absorbed into the Third Reich he was photographed with Hitler and, before cheering crowds, was congratulated by him on the successful climb. As well as Seven Years in Tibet, Harrer wrote The White Spider, a history of the north face of the Eiger, and Tibet is My Country.

Mountaineer ex-Nazi Heinrich Harrer - From Hitler's SS guard to years with Dalai Lama

afp -- 2006-01-08

Austrian explorer Heinrich Harrer's long and rocky life, from officer in Hitler's elite SS guard to his friendship with the Dalai Lama, drew peacefully to an end in eastern Austria. Harrer joined a disastrous expedition by a German Nazi team to the 8,114 metre Nanga Parbat mountain in Kashmir. But it was not until nearly 60 years later that Harrer confirmed that he had been a member of the Nazi Party and was made an officer in the feared Schutzstaffel regiment after meeting Hitler. The legend was forged in April 1944 when the mountaineer escaped from a British internment camp with Peter Aufschnaiter and they spent 2 years crossing the Himalayas by foot.

Nazis tried to steal Christmas as a part of re-paganize program

Tribune-Herald writer -- 2005-12-25

The plan to take Christ out of Christmas was part of an overall program to re-paganize the German people during the rise of the Third Reich, in keeping with notions of Nazi "racial purity." The religion of Hitler's state was a "kind of murky pantheism," a thinly veiled attempt to overlay paganism, nationalistic fervor over Christianity. Traditional Christianity was seen as "foreign" and suspect to the sovereignty of the Third Reich. Propaganda minister Joseph Goebbels said he wished to do away with celebrations of Weihnachten (Christmas) altogether.

The Nazi Expeditions- Himmler's search for the remnants of the original master race

SMH -- 2005-11-12

Himmler founded the Ahnenerbe, the ancestral heritage research foundation, whose specific purpose was to furnish a scientific underpinning for the Nazi doctrine of racial superiority. The Ahnenerbe was a vast organisation with thousands of staff: 100 researchers were employed simply to look at the role of the forest in German culture. Soon, sycophant scholars were falling over themselves to find proof of the Nazis' Aryan superiority.

Wewelsburg Castle - Himmler's Fortress of Fear

forteantimes -- 2005-06-04

Rumours of prominent Nazis' involvement with the realm of the occult have persisted for decades. Nick Brownlow and Jonathan Turner visited the SS headquarters at Wewelsburg Castle to unearth the truth behind SS-Reichsführer Heinrich Himmler's vision of an ancient and noble Aryan prehistory that verified the superiority of the Master Race.

The occult and the Third Reich

AlanSkaggs -- 2005-03-16

The first roots of Nazism can be traced back to 1900 when Jörg Lanz von Liebenfels founded a group called the Order of the New Templars. They chose the swastika as their sign, and concerned themselves with topics such as race superiority, astrology, homeopathy, and nutrition. In 1908, Guido von List founded an organization known as the Armanen. List was the first popular writer to combine völkisch ideology with occultism. Members of the Armanen included the mayor of Vienna, Karl Lueger, and were taught runic occultism by List.

Membership between the Order of the New Templars and the Armanen was often overlapping, and in 1912 members of both cults came together and founded the Germanen Orden.

The Nazi Expedition - the search for a long-lost master race

channel4 -- 2004-03-10

In 1938, German scientists embarked on an extraordinary quest to the remote kingdom of Tibet. Officially they were undertaking zoological and anthropological research. But they were also members of Himmler's SS and their mission had a darker purpose – the search for a long-lost master race. philosophy that animated the Nazi Party's early ideologues and, crucially, the man who stood behind Hitler himself – Heinrich Himmler, chief of the SS. These beliefs were a curious mixture of ancient Teutonic myth, Eastern mysticism and late 19th-century anthropology. They lay at the heart of the SS empire he created and which became the most dreaded arm of the Nazi state.

Himmler's Crusade: The True Story of the 1938 Nazi Expedition to Tibet

phayul -- 2003-08-04

Christopher Hale's gripping and well-researched tale of an SS-sponsored scientific mission to Tibet in 1938-39 has the whole shebang: mad occult beliefs, mountains and strange characters. In 1935, the Reichsführer SS Heinrich Himmler founded an organisation called Ancestral Heritage to uncover the hidden past of an imaginary Aryan race he and his Führer regarded as the noblest and most vital force in human history. The claim that Sanskrit underlay most modern languages focused 19th-century minds on the general area of northern India and Tibet as the ancestral home of the mythical Aryans.

Occult Secrets for VIPs

pravda -- 2003-05-13

Political astrology reached its peak popularity in the time of the Third Reich. At the end of 1933, many astrologers started working for national socialists; they grasped very quickly what was welcomed forecasts in the new Reich and what wasn't. Hitler's private adviser Otto Hanussen was the best astrologer of that time. A secret conference of astrologers and clairvoyants of the Third Reich took place in the Wartburg Castle, they discussed Germany's future there. The conference was held on the initiative of Doctor Joseph Goebbels (certainly, on the Führer's permission). A SS subdivision and a special group of Gestapo's radio- and radiotechnical prospecting were the guards at the conference.

History of Ahnenerbe-SS

Gil Trevizo, D R Festus Festerling -- 2003-05-10

The Ancestral Heritage Research and Teaching Society, or Ahnenerbe Forschungs-und Lehrgemeinschaft, was founded in July 1935 by Heinrich Himmler, Hermann Wirth (a Dutch historian obsessed with Atlantean mythology), and Richard Walter Darré (creator of the Nazi "blood and soil" ideology and head of the Race and Settlement Office). There is some evidence that the Ahnenerbe existed as early as 1928, when Wirth established the "Hermann Wirth Society" for teaching and spreading his theories. Another candidate for precursor of the Ahnenerbe was a research institute for "spiritual prehistory" created by the German state of Mecklenburg in 1932, when the state was governed by the NSDAP.

The Nazi regime and occult beliefs

berzinarchives -- 2003-04-10

Under the influence of Haushofer, Hitler authorized Frederick Hielscher, in 1935, to establish the Ahnenerbe (Bureau for the Study of Ancestral Heritage), with Colonel Wolfram von Sievers as its head. Among other functions, Hitler charged it with researching Germanic runes and the origins of the swastika, and locating the source of the Aryan race. In 1937, Himmler made the

Ahnenerbe an official organization attached to the SS and appointed Professor Walther Wüst as its new director. The Ahnenerbe had a Tibet Institut (Tibet Institute), which was renamed Sven Hedin Institute for Inner Asia and Expeditions in 1943.

Knights of the Hell

newsfromrussia -- 2003-03-05

In June of 1944 the whole of Paris saluted the liberators, but intelligence officers of the allies were active. The English came across something extraordinary in a disabled peoples shelter. They saw an old fantastically shaped bowl in the center of a large round table. Knight's armor, helmets, arm-bands with swastikas on them and black SS service caps were scattered everywhere. An aged colonel from intelligence department carefully drew the bowl up and smelt the contents, and said: "Well, lieutenant. This is not a performance, but a mystery. There was a session of the Teutonic order knights. There is blood mixed with wine in the bowl, the Saint Grail."

Blood and mysticism - Ahnenerbe was the most secret service of the Third Reich

pravda -- 2002-09-10

Ukrainian workers found strange graves in the south of Ukraine. At first, they thought that it was an ancient Scythian graveyard. Then, someone saw a medallion of a German soldier. Some of the human skeletons had little holes drilled in their cannon-bones. Someone was trying to find a "third eye" in the heads of several officers. Experts determined that the found graves were the vestiges of Ahnenerbe's activities. Scythian fields are not the only place where Nazi mystics performed their horrid tests. First-class scientists took part in the research. They performed expeditions to Tibet, the Middle East, and Ukraine.

Wewelsburg Castle

wwirelics -- 2002-03-10

In 1934 the castle was rented by Heinrich Himmler for 1 Reichsmark and its primary role was that of a SS officer's school. From 1936 onwards the castle's main purpose was to become a 'cult centre' as well a prestigious centre for SS Generals. From 1940 plans were developed, incorporating the village of Wewelsburg, for a new castle complex centered around the North Tower of the castle. Two days before the US forces liberated Wewelsburg (2nd April 1945), a special commando of the SS, blew up the castle leaving only the outer walls standing. The rebuilding of the castle began in 1949 and was finished in 1979.

Hitler's clairvoyant

salon -- 2002-02-16

Results of the 1932 November Reichstag elections were disappointing for his National Socialist Party. Nazi coffers had been drained dry by the campaign. It was at this point that Hitler called the most renowned clairvoyant in the land to his headquarters at the Hotel Kaiserhof in Berlin. The man Hitler met with that day is the subject of a biography, "Erik Jan Hanussen: Hitler's Jewish Clairvoyant," by Mel Gordon. Hanussen was a man whose name was synonymous with psychic phenomena in Central Europe. The Vienna-born con man/celebrity seer was known for predicting the future, casting prescient horoscopes and astounding audiences with his feats of hypnotism and mind reading.

The Occult History of the Third Reich: Himmler the Mystic

nytimes -- 2001-03-04

The second in a 3-part series of documentaries that explore the links between the Third Reich and its leaders and belief in occult powers and practices, this episode looks into the history of the SS. Originally organized as Hitler's elite bodyguards, the SS became a sinister military/spiritual order under Heinrich Himmler; this film examines the roots in German mystic

and occult teachings which inspired Himmler in the creation of this murderous gang.

Nazi quest of the Holy Grail - True story from Allied interrogation transcript
guardian -- 1999-08-09

Holding the transcript of the original interview in my hand, I still find its contents staggering. For here are tales of expeditions to Tibet, searches for Atlantis and the quest for the Grail. What lay behind the ideas only came to light after the war, when Ahnenerbe staff were questioned: among them an explorer Ernst Schafer's colleague Wolfram Sievers. Sievers was the administrator of the SS Ahnenerbe, whose specific purpose was to furnish a scientific underpinning for the Nazi doctrine of racial superiority. An amazing quantity of largely unseen footage has survived from the time: colour film of a German expedition to Antarctica in the late 30s, for instance, and footage of their 1938 expedition to Tibet.



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