

The Secret Wars of the Highest Generals

Introduction

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Chapter 1: The Hidden Agenda

General Fritz Erich's Secret Negotiations

General Fritz Erich, a highly decorated and respected officer within the German High Command, was not immune to the allure of secret negotiations. As the war turned against Germany, Erich began to explore options for a separate peace with the Allies, believing that it was the only way to save Germany from total defeat.

Erich's clandestine efforts began in 1943 when he approached a Swedish diplomat with a proposal for secret talks. The proposal was relayed to British intelligence, who were initially skeptical but eventually agreed to meet with Erich in a neutral country.

The meetings between Erich and British representatives took place in Stockholm over several months. During these meetings, Erich outlined his plan for a separate peace, which involved Germany

withdrawing from occupied territories and agreeing to reparations. In return, the Allies would allow Germany to retain its territorial integrity and avoid complete military defeat.

Erich's plan was met with resistance from both the British and the German High Command. The British were concerned that Erich did not have the authority to negotiate on behalf of the German government, while the German High Command was unwilling to consider a separate peace, believing that it would be tantamount to surrender.

Despite these obstacles, Erich continued his secret negotiations. He met with British representatives on multiple occasions, trying to convince them of the sincerity of his proposals. However, his efforts were ultimately unsuccessful, as the Allies remained unconvinced that a separate peace with Germany was possible.

Erich's secret negotiations were eventually discovered by the German High Command, who were furious at his betrayal. He was arrested and charged with treason. Erich was found guilty and sentenced to death. He was executed in 1945, shortly before the end of the war.

Erich's secret negotiations were a desperate attempt to save Germany from defeat. However, they were ultimately unsuccessful, as the Allies were unwilling to consider a separate peace. Erich's actions were controversial, but they also shed light on the divisions and tensions within the German High Command as the war drew to a close.

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Heinrich Himmler's Desperate Attempt to Save the Reich

Heinrich Himmler, the Reichsführer of the SS, was a man obsessed with power and control. As the war turned against Germany, Himmler became increasingly desperate to find a way to save the Reich. He believed that the only way to do this was to negotiate a peace deal with the Allies, even if it meant betraying Hitler.

Himmler began his secret negotiations in 1943, through his trusted envoy, Walter Schellenberg. Schellenberg met with British diplomats in neutral countries, such as Sweden and Switzerland, to discuss the possibility of a peace deal. Himmler was willing to offer concessions, such as the withdrawal of German troops from occupied territories and the release of political prisoners.

However, the Allies were not interested in negotiating with Himmler. They knew that he was a war criminal and that he could not be trusted. They also believed that it was too late for a peace deal, as Germany was already on the verge of defeat.

Himmler's secret negotiations continued until the very end of the war. Even as the Soviet Army was closing in on Berlin, Himmler was still trying to find a way to save himself and his regime. In the end, however, his efforts were in vain. He was captured by the Allies and committed suicide in British custody.

Himmler's desperate attempt to save the Reich was a failure. It is a reminder of the dangers of unchecked ambition and the futility of trying to negotiate with evil.

Himmler's Motives

There were a number of factors that motivated Himmler to pursue secret negotiations with the Allies.

First, he was convinced that Germany was losing the war and that the only way to save the Reich was to negotiate a peace deal. Second, Himmler was ambitious and he believed that he could become the leader of Germany if he could negotiate a peace deal with the Allies. Third, Himmler was a ruthless opportunist and he was willing to do whatever it took to save himself and his regime, even if it meant betraying Hitler.

The Consequences of Himmler's Actions

Himmler's secret negotiations with the Allies had a number of consequences. First, they damaged the morale of the German troops and the German people. Second, they undermined Hitler's authority and made it more difficult for him to prosecute the war. Third, they gave the Allies the impression that Germany was weak and that it was possible to negotiate a peace deal. Finally, Himmler's secret negotiations ultimately failed, and he and his regime were destroyed.

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The German High Command's Knowledge of Himmler's Actions

Although Himmler endeavored to keep his secret negotiations private, rumors and suspicions circulated within the German High Command. Senior officers sensed an undercurrent of clandestine activity and whispered about Himmler's questionable dealings. The cracks in Himmler's facade began to show as his actions grew bolder and his ambition became more evident.

General Wilhelm Keitel, Chief of the Supreme Command of the Armed Forces (OKW), was among those who harbored doubts about Himmler's loyalty. Keitel's position at the helm of the German military gave him a comprehensive view of the war effort and the machinations within the upper echelons of power. He noticed subtle shifts in Himmler's behavior and the

growing influence of Walter Schellenberg, his trusted envoy.

General Alfred Jodl, Chief of the Operations Staff of the OKW, shared Keitel's concerns. Jodl's meticulous planning and strategic insights made him acutely aware of the potential consequences of Himmler's covert actions. He feared that Himmler's personal agenda could undermine the unity and effectiveness of the German war machine.

As Himmler's negotiations progressed, whispers of his betrayal reached the ears of Field Marshal Gerd von Rundstedt, Commander-in-Chief of Army Group South. Rundstedt, a respected and experienced military leader, saw Himmler's actions as a threat to the integrity of the armed forces. He believed that Himmler's pursuit of personal power could jeopardize the lives of countless soldiers and the fate of the entire nation.

Despite the growing suspicions, Himmler managed to maintain a veneer of loyalty and deceive many within the German High Command. His position as Reichsführer of the SS and his proximity to Hitler provided him with a cloak of authority and an ability to deflect scrutiny. Yet, the seeds of doubt had been sown, and as the war turned against Germany, the cracks in Himmler's facade would widen, exposing the depth of his treachery.

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