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Allied prosecutors representing the United States and Great Britain had Hermann Goering on the run today, and the bulky former Luftwaffe Commander made no effort to show his great displeasure when confronted with documents that made it exceedingly difficult... even for loquacious Hermann Goering... to talk his way out, ~~out~~. Until today, Goering had gotten the better of the cross-examination conducted by American Chief Prosecutor, Mr. Justice Robert H. Jackson. This morning, the tables turned... Mr. Justice Jackson insisted in definite terms that the Number One Nazi Defendant be forced to confine himself to relevant answers, ^a ~~his~~ practice he had heretofore ignored... mouthy Hermann was being muzzled.

But though Goering's ~~long~~ long, drawn-out tirades propagating the Nazi's special brand of venom, were brought to ~~and~~ an end in the cross-examination... there was little added to the American case, ~~save~~ save, perhaps, the ~~the~~ already strong suspicion that either Hermann Goering or the German's own documents are lying. As in previous days, Goering was quick to admit all-encompassing ~~charges~~ accusations brought by Mr. Justice Jackson, but when confronted with specific instances... almost many of them ~~insignificant~~ insignificant in the over-all indictment... the one-time Reichsmarshal puffed up his dropping-chest, leaned forward and shouted his denials into the microphone.

The one thing, above all others, he couldn't take was ridicule... and ~~Mr. Justice Jackson~~ he had several opportunities today to prove it. Quoting verbatim minutes of a meeting called by Goering in 1938 to settle "once and for all" the ~~Jewish~~ Jewish problem, Mr. Justice Jackson cited a passage in which Goering and Goebbels were in disagreement on how to ~~segregate~~ segregate Jewish ~~train~~ train passengers from the Herrenfolk. Goebbels favored making the Jews wait until all Aryans were seated... Goering wanted a special coach ~~for Jews~~ for Jews. "But what if the train is crowded and there are only three or four Jews on the coach... Goebbels questioned... then they'll have a special coach ^{all} to themselves... what will we do in that case?" "Lock them up in the toilet and let them ride that way," Goering was quoted as saying. "I expressed myself," *In answer to what* the former Reichsmarshal testified, "in accordance with my temperment... this utterance has no ~~historical~~ historical significance."

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Throughout the day, Goering was defiant and arrogant. He was brusque in his yes and no answers, ... current in his explanations of incidents pertaining to his ~~antisemitic~~ anti-Semitic activities, his art collection and treatment of prisoners of war and civilians in occupied territories. Asked if he knew of any "forced" labor in Germany, he replied: "I knew of "duty" labor." Asked if he thought the forced labor program in Germany was effective, he retorted: ~~Without~~ "Without manpower, you can't do any work."

Goering's most insistent denial came when Mr. Justice Jackson quoted a letter ~~in~~ which ~~he~~ said ~~that~~ Goering was looking for criminals to combat Russian partisans in 1942. ~~He~~ gave three reasons ~~supporting~~ ~~the~~ ~~action~~, and ~~the~~ The gray-uniformed witness shouted: "The whole matter never took place" ^{any way} and he went on "I gladly will take responsibility for most serious acts, but I will not take the responsibility for this utterance." Then ~~when~~ Mr. Justice Jackson read the notes of a meeting in 1945 concerning the transfer of ten thousand prisoners of war, ^{in the document} and Goering was quoted as ~~saying~~ instructing: "Make them take their pants and boots off so they can't run in the snow", ^{He of Reichsmarschall answered by challenging} ~~he~~ challenged the accuracy of the shorthand notes of Hitler's secretary. On another occasion, Justice Jackson showed him five photographs and asked him ~~to~~ ~~identify~~ ~~them~~ ~~as~~ ~~being~~ ~~taken~~ ~~by~~ ~~the~~ ~~Luftwaffe~~ if they were taken by the Luftwaffe. ^{Goering} ~~he~~ looked at the photographs intently, and went into a wordy explanation on why he didn't think they were German Air Force pictures. "But," he concluded, ^{impudently} "I'll ~~admit~~ ~~they~~ assume they are Luftwaffe photographs, even though I doubt it."

Late in the afternoon, Mr. Justice Jackson relinquished the floor to Sir David Maxwell-Fyfe, the chief British prosecutor, who began his questioning with an incident in 1944 ~~in~~, in which seventy-five RAF officers, PWs in Germany, were shot for attempting to escape. ~~Sir~~ Goering said he learned of the incident only after it had happened, since he was on leave at the time. But the skillful trap set by Sir David offered strong contradiction that Goering ~~was~~ ~~not~~ ~~present~~ ~~at~~ ~~the~~ ~~time~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~incident~~.

probably had returned to duty before the action was carried out.

But regardless of who's asking the questions, Goering is certainly no push-over.

This has been a report by AFN Correspondents Harold Burson and Jack Hooper, speaking from the Palace of Justice, Nuremberg. We return you now to the AFN Newsroom, Frankfurt.