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Rudolf

Frau ~~Ilse~~ Hess (Rudolf's wife) is planning to go to Nuernberg soon to speak for her husband. Just what she understands by "speaking" she herself ~~is not quite sure~~ ^{seem to} does not ~~really~~ know. ¹²⁻⁶² Unless the ~~Nuernberg~~ procedure ~~is~~ ^{deviates} the Nuernberg trials ~~essentially~~ from established legal standards, ~~the~~ ^{the} defendants' wives will not be permitted to testify either for or against their husbands. Mrs. Hess might be called as a witness in any, except the Hess case.

As it goes, however, ^{as a witness} it does not appear very likely that she will be called ~~at all~~. She is almost incredibly ignorant of political matters.

"Rudolf", she says convincingly "never wanted me to know anything. would not allow He ~~never~~ ^{never} ~~allowed~~ ^{allowed} me to participate in his work, ~~or in any way to mingle~~ ^{or in any way to mingle} ~~himself~~ ^{himself} into his affairs. That is why I ~~don't~~ ^{can't be sure that} know whether he'd like me to speak for him even now, when nobody else may be willing to do so."

We sat in the living room of a small annex adjoining the beautiful Hess mansion in Geiseltasteig near Munich. The main building has been bombed and partly destroyed, but the guest house was left intact. large A ~~white~~ ^{evanescent looking} forest-like garden ~~isolates~~ ^{isolates} the place from its suburban surroundings.

Olse

Russian

Frau ~~Hess~~ ^{Olse}, a severe looking ~~blond~~ ^{Russian} in her forties, apologized for the condition of the room.

"~~When speaking~~ ^{long time} ~~she said~~ ^{long time} "I am not living here", she said; ~~but she has been~~ ^{long time} ~~in the house~~ ^{long time} has been confiscated. I've come merely to pack a few personal belongings."

How wonderfully
felt strongly that she

"I've always belonged to the movement", she said.

"And now?" I inquired; "what do you think of National Socialism?"

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me

[illegible]

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Mrs Hess

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"What?" cried Mrs Hess,-

Frau

Allies was no small achievement and...."

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Nurnberg November 6th

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Most of the men in the dock at Nurnberg are married. Many have large families. But with the exception of von Papen, who is ^{co-} defended by his son and Jodl, whose counsel has been permitted to engage Mrs. Jodl as his secretary, none of the defendants have seen any of their relatives.

While during the first two weeks of the trial all seemed quiet on the family front, things started to happen early this week. Nobody knows how she ~~managed~~ managed to get there, but Mrs. Frick, whose husband, the former Nazi Minister of Interior, is charged on all four counts of the indictment, appeared in the gallery of the court room last Tuesday. Not content with ~~her~~ watching her husband from the back of the steeply sloping balcony, she descended towards the railing. As Sir Hartley Shawcross, British Chief Prosecutor, presented his case against Germany's top ~~ranking~~ ranking war criminals, the energetic young woman threw kisses at the bald-headed man who, framed by the defendants Frank and Streicher, holds the seventh seat in the front row. Elderly Frick denies any advance knowledge of his wife's unauthorized presence. Even so he noticed her at once and lost no time in returning her long distance kisses. Her mission completed, Mrs. Frick, who was found in the possession of a valid ticket, was removed from the gallery. Who had given her the ticket? Mrs. Jodl, a logical suspect, was able to prove her innocence. After a few days during which she was banned from the court house, she returned to her seat in the balcony.

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Second on the list of possible culprits was von Papen junior. He, too, was declared not guilty.

The incident caused considerable excitement among those responsible for security. If Mrs. Frick was able to throw kisses at her husband, anyone might be able to throw anything at anybody. Though purses and briefcases are searched at the entrance and visitors are not permitted to bring their coats into the court room, nobody is searched bodily. Small objects might well be carried and deposited wherever ^{their} ~~the~~ owner saw fit.

Another next of kin who recently attempted to invade the court house, is Mrs. Rudolf Hess. After what must have been a most unpleasant trip (instead of the normal five hours, it took her three days to get here by bus from Hindelang in the Allgaeu Mountains), Mrs. Hess, accompanied by her small son and her young sister, arrived in Nurnberg on November 25th. The house, where she had intended to stay, had disappeared. The Palace of Justice, which she had meant to enter, proved inaccessible. The man, whom she had planned to approach - her husband's counsel, Dr. von Rohrscheid - could not be found. His address was known in the courthouse and the court house was locked to Mrs. Hess. She departed. One week later a letter was received by von Rohrscheidt. On eight single spaced pages, Mrs Hess - a fanatical Nazi - tells about her anxiety, her love, her fears and her slender hopes. If only she could Speak to ~~see~~ her husband, once, for a few precious moments. If only she could show him his son, 9 years old Wolf Ruediger, whom he has not seen for so long. If only an exception could be made in her case; unlike his co-defendants Hess has been ~~separated~~ separated from his dear ones

for four years and a half. If only

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