

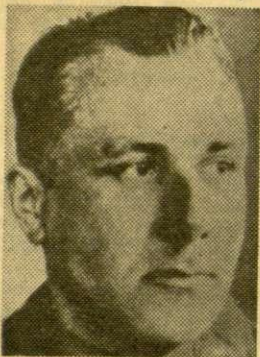
Farago's Lanzlo

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## The Bormann Truth?

Martin Bormann, Adolf Hitler's deputy, is alive and in hiding in South America, the London Daily Express says.



Martin Bormann

Bormann, condemned to death in absentia by the Nuernberg War Crimes Tribunal, "is today living the life of a prosperous businessman in Latin America," the newspaper said today in the first of a series of articles.

A nine-month search through six South American countries by American author Ladislav Farago and Express Correspondent Stewart Steven "turned up incontrovertible evidence that, far from having died in Hitler's Berlin bunker, Bormann succeeded in reaching safe haven," it said.

His escape was "thanks to the protection of the Vatican, former Argentine President Juan Peron and some of the most powerful politicians and financiers in South America," the newspaper said.

Bormann, who would now be 72, "bought" South American presidents and governments, according to the Daily Express, with gold and precious works of art smuggled from Germany before the war ended.

But the governments who granted him hospitality kept him under constant surveillance and built up voluminous files on him, the newspaper said. These files have been smuggled to the United States and Europe and provide the basis for a book Farago will publish in the spring.

The newspaper said "we know precisely where Bormann is living—at least until this Daily Express story reaches him

He will go on the run again, of course." It did not disclose his alleged hiding place.—UPI

