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FRANKFURT, Dec. 27 (AP) —A dental technician who assisted in treating Martin Bormann has recognized his handiwork in the teeth of a skull recently unearthed in Berlin and believed to be that of Hitler's long-missing deputy, Frankfurt Chief Prosecutor Wilhelm Metzner said today.

But Metzner said he will need more than the dental evidence before he can conclusively close the files on Bormann, who disappeared in the final days of World War II.

Further evidence is expected to come from the Institute of Dental Medicine in West Berlin, which is comparing the teeth of the skull with a sketch of Bormann's teeth made from memory by his dentist, a Dr. Blaschke. The dentist, who is now dead, made the sketch right after the war at the request of allied authorities.

"The original X-rays were lost," Metzner said in an interview. "When one has to rely on memory, there is a certain instability factor."

The prosecutor said that much of the evidence gathered to date tends to support a con-

clusion that the skull, one of two unearthed on Dec. 8, is that of Bormann.

Joachim Richter, Metzner's assistant and a Bormann specialist, said last week that one skull "very probably" was Bormann's and the other that of Dr. Ludwig Stumpfegger, Hitler's physician.

Richter also reported that the teeth in both skulls contain traces of what could be splinters from a glass cyanide capsule. This would indicate death by suicide, the classic mode of death for Nazi leaders at the end of the war.

Meanwhile, Metzner said, dental records from a Nazi document center in Berlin have made investigators "fairly certain" that one skull was Stumpfegger's. If one skull is Stumpfegger's, this would be further evidence that the other is Bormann's, Metzner said.

Former Hitler Youth leader Arthur Axmann, who fled Hitler's bunker with Bormann, Stumpfegger and several other top Nazis, has testified that he saw the apparently lifeless bodies of Bormann and Stumpfegger on May 2, 1945.

The bodies lay near the Lehrter railroad freight station in Berlin. It was in this area that the skulls and other human bones were unearthed earlier this month by workmen digging trenches for power cables.

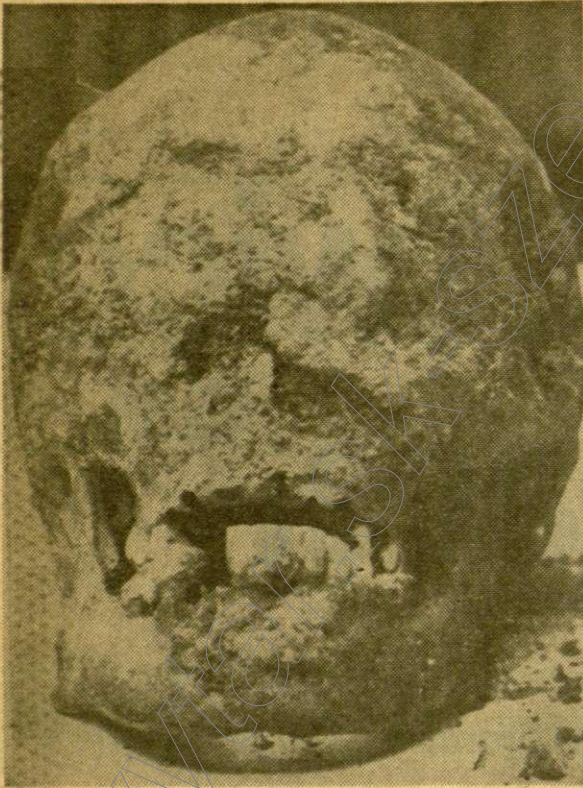
"We still do not have the final evidence," Metzner said. "But we are very hopeful that the picture can be rounded out and that we can say the remains are those of Bormann and Stumpfegger."

Among the medical reports that Metzner is awaiting is one on bone measurements that would determine the sizes of the two dead men.

Metzner expects to issue a final report in mid-January. If the Berlin findings are confirmed, this would put to rest recurrent reports that Bormann is still alive in South America or elsewhere.

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The Frankfurt public prosecutor says a preliminary check of this skull found in a Berlin rail yard indicates it may have been that of Nazi Martin Bormann.

