

ALLIES END DOENITZ GOVERNMENT

Flensburg's brief career as the seat of a new German government was brought to an end aboard the liner Patria, ~~which was the seat of the German government~~ to which allied officers summoned Admiral Doenitz to receive marching orders. While the Admiral was being informed of his arrest more than five thousand soldiers he had gathered about him at Flensburg were rounded up. A Brigadier General directed these operations. Full precautions were taken against any possible trouble. That was the end of the small army with which Doenitz tried to bolster up his authority.

The Admiral left the Patria with orders to pack his personal belongings at once, before being ~~taken away~~^{put} under arrest. General Von Friedeburg (left of this picture) was in his company. Von Friedeburg it was who capitulated to Field Marshal Montgomery. At the German Naval headquarters all the Doenitz officials were apprehended. By taking this action the allies largely ~~rectified~~ rectified the mistake of allowing Doenitz to continue his so-called government after Germany's ~~unconditional~~^{prominent} surrender. No soldiers or officials who served Hitler will be allowed to remain in authority. ~~Like their men~~ these high officers were ~~well~~ well searched. None will be allowed to escape justice by suicide if it can be prevented.

General Jodl was in the party. As chief of Staff he signed the unconditional surrender at Rheims. It was hoped at the British headquarters that the three most prominent captives might make a statement for the Press but as prisoners of war they refused. The Doenitz Minister of Production, Von Speer, ~~was~~ With the Admiral and General Jodl.

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Thus ended a typically German attempt to retain by cunning what they had lost by force.

~~Admiral~~ Doenitz lacked one companion on this occasion, General Von Friedeburg. ~~He was already dead.~~ Unable to face the consequences of defeat and ~~perhaps personal punishment~~ he poisoned himself. Like Himmler he leaves the world cleaner by departing from it.

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