

= Columbus Globe for State and Industry Leaders =

The Columbus Globe for State and Industry Leaders (also known as Hitler 's Globe or the Führer Globe) was a globe designed specifically for Adolf Hitler and his Nazi Party .

Made in Berlin in the 1930s , the Columbus Globe for State and Industry Leaders was located in Hitler 's office throughout most of its existence . It became a widely known in the United States after comedian Charlie Chaplin parodied it in his 1940 film The Great Dictator . Comedy group The Three Stooges also made fun of it in two of their acts . One of the two limited editions was collected by John Barsamia , a private in the U.S. Army , at Hitler 's summer retreat shortly after the war and sold 60 years later at an auction in San Francisco for \$ 100 @, @ 000 . The globe in Hitler 's office replaced Ethiopia with Italian East Africa and was known for its size as well as manufacturing cost .

= = Origin = =

Two limited editions of the globe were made in Berlin in the mid 1930s , one for the Nazi Party and another for German dictator Adolf Hitler himself . The one made for the Führer was nearly the size of a Volkswagen car and manufactured at a great expense . It changed Abyssinia (today 's Ethiopia) to Italian East Africa . The other was made of standard wood with no special features . The actual number of globes produced cannot be verified as the factory that produced the globe , along with its archives , was destroyed in air raids in 1943 .

Wolfram Pobanz , Polish historian and globe enthusiast , believes that even though it was located in his office , Hitler was probably not particularly fond of the globe , declaring :

In 1938 , Hitler decided that the old Reich Chancellery was not big enough to house the ministries of the Third Reich . He assigned his favorite architect Albert Speer to build the new Chancellery . After the massive renovations were completed in early 1939 per Hitler 's insistence , the globe was moved to the Führer 's new office located at the heart of the new Chancellery , where it remained until the Soviets occupied the building in April 1945 .

= = Whereabouts = =

Numerous globes purported to have been owned by Hitler exist throughout the world , although the authenticity of many of them is doubtful . There are a total of three in Berlin , one at a geographical institute , another at the Marcher Museum , and the third at the German Historical Museum . Another two reside in public collections in Munich . Many of the globes show Germany with a bullet hole or simply wiped out , an act committed out of contempt by either Soviet or American soldiers .

Based on photographic evidence , none of these globes are the iconic one from Hitler 's office in the Chancellery .

In May 1945 , one globe allegedly owned by Hitler was found by American soldier John Barsamia among the ruins of the Kehlsteinhaus (" Eagle 's Nest ") , a personal retreat near the Bavarian Alps used by Hitler on several occasions before the war . The complex had been nearly completely looted by the time Barsamia arrived . He took the globe home and kept it for 60 years before selling it at an auction in San Francisco in 2007 . Bob Pritikin , an entrepreneur from San Francisco , bought the globe for \$ 100 @, @ 000 , five times the original estimated price of \$ 20 @, @ 000 .

= = Legacy = =

The globe is regarded as an iconic representation of Adolf Hitler 's megalomaniacal desire for world conquest . Chronologically , in The Three Stooges ' January 1940 @-@ released short subject You Nazty Spy ! ? the first @-@ ever Hollywood parody of Hitler and the Nazis ? followed by the October 1940 release of British comedian Charlie Chaplin 's parody film The Great Dictator , both the Stooges and Chaplin parodied the globe separately in their works . In the Stooges ' July 1941 @-@ released sequel to their 1940 short subject , named I 'll Never Heil Again , the globe is once again the focus of parody . In Chaplin 's 1940 film , the globe is portrayed as a beach ball that bursts in

front of the face of dictator " Adenoid Hynkel " . Similarly , in I 'll Never Heil Again , the " Axel " partners of Moronikan dictator " Moe Hailstone " play a game of " keep @-@ away " with the globe . Hailstone 's military commander , " Field Marshal Herring " , eventually smashes the globe over Hailstone 's head .