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Bormann a Suicide, Dental Expert Contends

Dr. Reidar Sognaes, acknowledged as one of the world's foremost "dental detectives," will report in London today that he has conclusive evidence that Martin Bormann, Hitler's one-time right-hand man, is dead and not hiding in Argentina. Dr. Sognaes, professor of oral biology and anatomy at the University of California, Los Angeles, will tell the world congress of the International Dental Federation that Bormann committed suicide in Berlin in 1945 by biting a cyanide capsule.

The professor, who played a leading role in establishing through dental forensic means that a charred body found by the Russians in 1945 was that of Hitler, says in the International Journal of Forensic Medicine that he based his conclusion that Bormann is dead on his examination of a skull and dental bridge uncovered in 1972 in Berlin by ditch-diggers.

He compared the bridge with records of Bormann's former dentist, he said, and discovered that the bridge-work fitted into the dental structure of the skull's jawbone. For many years, Bormann has been reported to be alive in Argentina.

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