



In rear seat of especially-built, bullet-proof Mercedes cabriolet, Reichsmarschall Hermann Goering

sadly contemplates then-uncertain future. Later, on May 9, 1945, he surrendered to the U. S. Army.

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DANISH TYCOON BUYS GOERING'S CAR

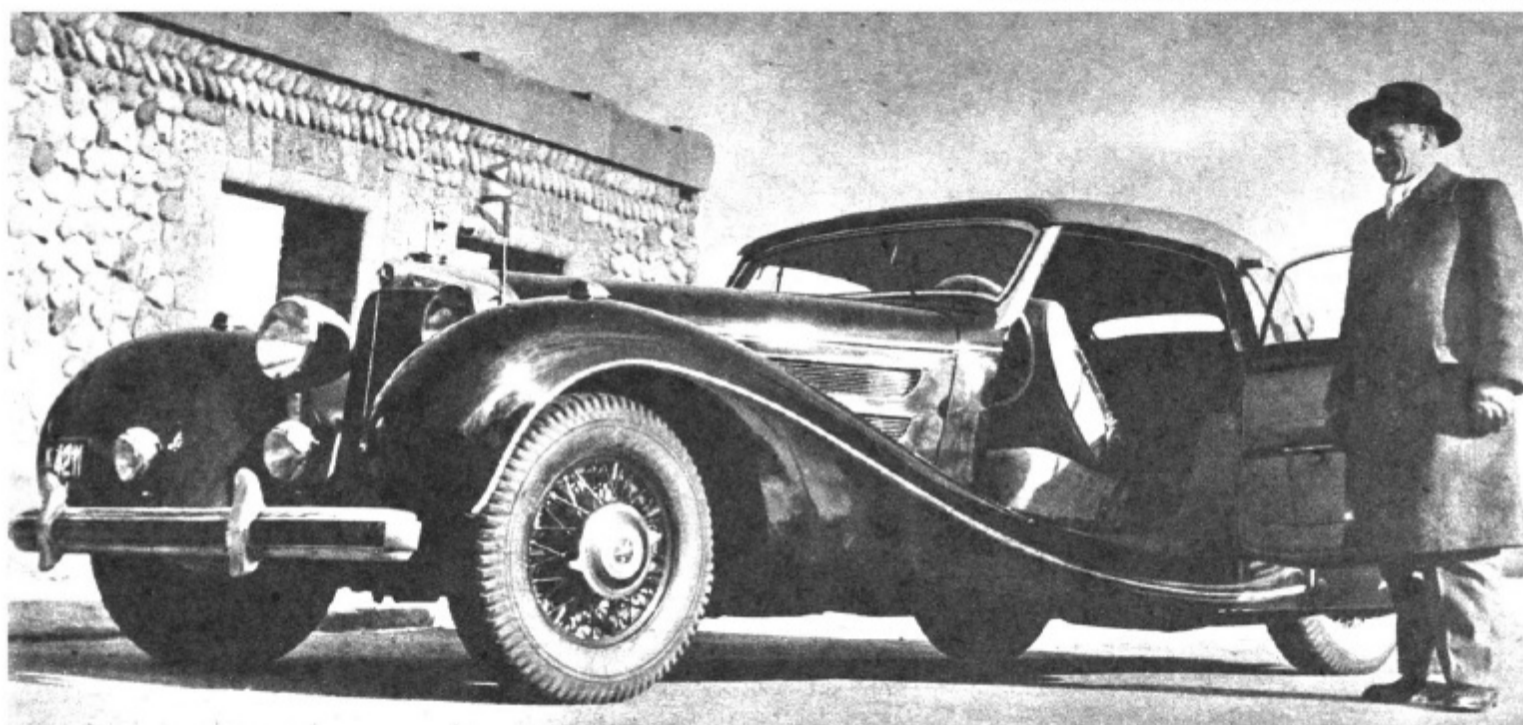
ADOLF HITLER'S private, armored, 7-passenger Mercedes sedan (on loan from its present owner: the French Government) currently is on display at Toronto's Canadian National Exhibition.

But the late, unlamented Field Marshal Hermann Goering's high-powered, bullet-proof, 4 passenger, Mercedes convertible sport roadster was purchased by Danish industrial tycoon Svend Vestergaard, one of Denmark's long-established machine and tool-manufacturing Vestergaard Brothers.

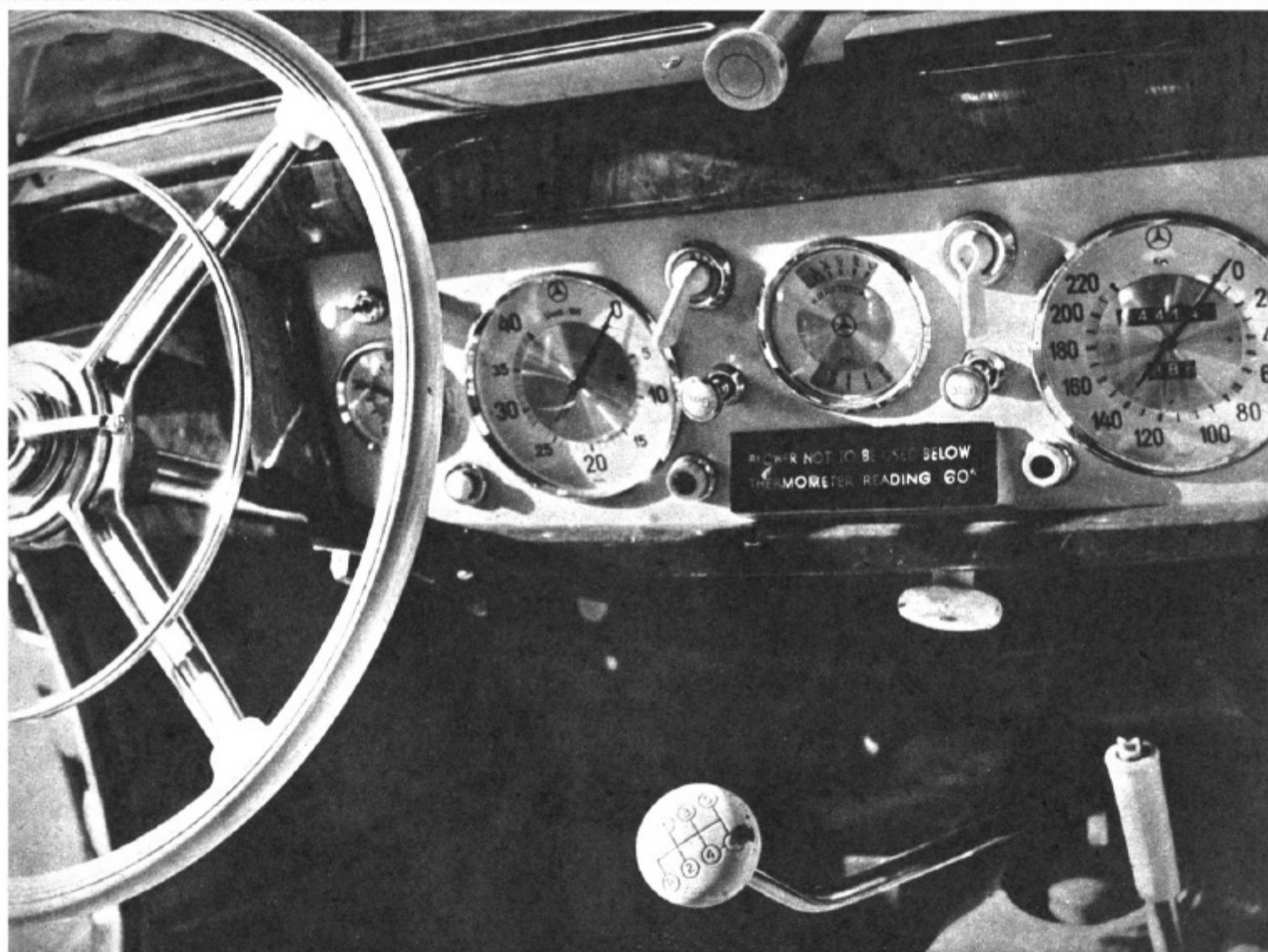
Vestergaard purchased the 8-cylinder, 240 h.p., under-slung speedster from British occupation authorities, who "liberated" the vehicle after the collapse of the Third Reich. To overcome delays caused by war-disrupted train schedules, he drives it on company business to all parts of Europe.

Especially-built according to the ostentatious Number 2 Nazi's exacting specifications, the German-made product of Stuttgart's famed Daimler-Benz Aktiengesellschaft (pre-World War I makers of the subsequently discontinued 4-cylinder Blitzen-Benz) is 11 feet long, weighs three trucklike tons, has six forward speeds. A "compressor" enables the lefthand-driven machine to burn up the road at 248 kilometers (156 miles) per hour.

The company's last prewar catalogue was prideful of the normal, 6-cylinder, 78 h.p. cabriolet's "racy elegance, the smart design of its Sindelfinger coachwork." Asserted 30-mile-per-gallon fuel consumption apparently was substantiated by gas tank's meager, 7 1/4-gallon capacity.



VESTERGAARD POSES WITH HIS UNIQUE ACQUISITION IN FRONT OF THE RUINS OF COPENHAGEN'S ONCE-FAMED LINGELINIE PAVILLION, DESTROYED DURING THE GERMAN OCCUPATION



CLOSE-UP OF THE DASHBOARD SHOWS THE IVORY-KNOBBED INSTRUMENT PANEL, WARNING ATTACHED BY BRITISH CAPTORS BEFORE SELLING NOTORIOUS NAZI'S CAR TO VESTERGAARD



TANKLIKE AUTO'S PRESENT OWNER, DANISH INDUSTRIALIST SVEND VESTERGAARD, HOLDS OPEN BULLET-PROOF CARDOOR. HIS CUSTOMERS GET THRILL OUT OF RIDING IN THE ROADSTER