## Spy Ring: Griebl Gets a Nazi Welcome-But for How Long?

# WAY GET DESERTS

Safe Now in Vienna, He Faces Punishment for Squealing on Aides

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### ARTICLE TWENTY-FOUR

Dr. Ignatz T. Griebl was lying in the letters he sent to his wife and Miss Kate Moog, his sweetheart, when he wrote that the authorities on the S. S. Bremen would not let him communicate with Kapitan-Leutnant Dr. Erich Pfeiffer.

Or at least, if that was true, the Tuesday without passport-without ship's officials had a sudden change baggage—tourist cabin 656 of heart. For at Cherbourg, the "Dr. G first stop of the Bremen, Griebl handed a message to Johann Kleiber, assistant wireless operator, It was addressed to:

Dr. Erich Pfeiffer "c'o Marine Nachrichten Stelle.

"Bremen, Germany." And it read:

"Arriving on steamship Bremen

BREMEN CAPTAIN



ADOLPH AHRENS

His hands were tied. When Dr. Ignatz Griebl, spy fugitive from America, was sought on warrants, the captain did not give him up. Even a shipmaster obeys the Nazis.

"Dr. Griebl."

That was not the only message Dr. Griebl sent. The man had plenty message to Karl Gerstung, chief wireless operator on the Bremen. It was addressed to: "F. B. I. chief, New York," and it read:

"Will return in due time to testify at trial. Please arrange with American consul at Berlin

You might think that made us cidentally, I'm not blaming Ahrens, was that,

mad. It didn't. We had to laugh. He was between two fires. He had You had to know the man to un- to obey orders. derstand what made him try something like that. He had that insothing like that. He had that insotence and egotism, in a high degree,
treated the United States Governtreated the United States Governtr we found so often in these Nazis.

Remember Haupimann?

It was not that he seriously thought it would work-but yet he might as well try it. Bruno Richard Hauptmann had some of that almost insane conceit and contempt for the intelligence of every one except himself. It's in line with Griebl's daring to go to Germany. though death awaited him if Pfeiffer or Nazi spy chieftains found out

he could outsmart them. He now is practicing medicine in Vienna. He had applied for per-

the Nazi spy chiefs know how he ment. If he refused to waive ex- case, betrayed them, he will remain free tradition, that would be another matter. But here was the Nazi and alive?

But back to demonstrable facts. Government, protesting blandly it Naval Intelligence Bureau at Bre-tecting the master Nazi spy in of gail. At Southampton he handed men and directing genius of the America against us, refusing to let vast, dangerous Nazi spy con- us get to see him. spiracy in this country, met him at

Bremerhaven.

More Insolence This was after Captain Ahrens, ommander of the Bremen, refused

preparations were made to put United States Army? to surrender Griebl at Cherbourg, without a passport. They had to Lonkowski and Otto Herrmann punish him for that, they contended Voss lured him into this spy ring denberg!"

ship without permission.

German Government."

here, when he fled as a stowaway, adored.

And they didn't put Griebl in testify. jail, either. The moment the hue So we did, and he stood the test. Aircraft Company at Bristol, where Southampton. and cry died down a bit, and our For instance, when we sent him Gudenberg worked. He had not Under the new county charter State Department relaxed pressure, word to appear May 26 to testify shown up since he started the day voted in November, 1937, Bleakley, Griebl was, according to official dis- before the Grand Jury, he promptly before to testify before the Fed-60 marks' fine."

patches, "released upon payment of came up to New York from Bristol, eral Grand Jury in New York. His Nothing more was said of de- the dot, and testified readily. In plant told me, was obviously fran- Hapag-Lloyd code, to the directors

for my passport, as I left too despite a cabled warrant, on orders porting him to the United States. view of that we relaxed all vigities with fear and worry. When I of the company in Bremen. They have burniedly to get one."

The bluff had worked, and that lance in his case.

Who Was His Banker? And where did Griebl get the gram asking us to get his passport country.

Lloyd to cable the New York office had protected so barefacedly of Griebl. They were Wil- Nazi spies whom we have not un- dangerous Nazi spy conspiracy "Advise American authorities ment, thus putting the whole Nazi Storm Troopers and political lead- before the Grand Jury. I believe They reported that they were Griebl will be taken to Bremerregime on the spot as directly reer on the Bremen; Chief Officer he was afterwards followed by these having trouble with bonding comhaven, where proceedings will be instituted against him for boarding against the United States, had Operator Gerstung, both of the they prevailed upon him, either by put up bond for men we held as squealed on them to me?

"If American Government dehow he squealed on them, believing sires Griebl they should institute that apparently as reward for suc- ant told me that a man who said he Sudenberg went voluntarily and in cause of the way Nazi witnesses extradition proceedings with the cessfully engineering the feat of was Captain William Drechsel, his right mind. German Government."

That was ridiculous. They must many, Kapitan-Leutnant Pfeiffer port here, wanted to see me.

The superintendent of the Hapag-Lloyd up, as you shall see shortly. mission to practice medicine in Ger- have known full well there can be was promoted to full Kapitan in I was always glad to see Captain many several years previous when no extradition proceedings in es- the Nazi Naval Corps. (Kapitan- Drechsel, but I wondered why he, partment at Washington was in- part of one of the cables, "and he was in hot water here for his pionage cases, because this was a pionage case, because

shortly after the spy case broke. Griebl, an American citizen, want- ment slapped our Government in form in his hand. But I wonder how long, now that ed by the United States Govern- the face in this spy investigation

Gudenberg's Case Remember George Werner Gu- taln Koch of the S. S. Hamburg. But back to demonstrable facts. Government, protesting blandly it Remember George Werner Guwhich sailed last midnight. You provide the Nazi knew nothing about a spy ring, prodenberg, the Nazi aviation spy said you wanted me to inform you whom we caught at Bristol, Pa., and right away of all stowaways. . . . who had given Wilhelm Lonkowski, master Nazi aviation spy, blueprints

of the experimental Curtiss X-2 away on the Hamburg this morning. They went all the way. At first scout bombers, being built for the It says he says his name is-Gudenberg was an honest sort of fresh his memory from the radio-Griebl in jail there for entering chap and investigation showed that gram.

landly. Afterwards, they would after long persuasion and gradual I must have jumped three feet deport him to us, they promised wearing down and that this was I'm sure my eyes popped. his only slip. The idea of jailing him for enter- He was pretty frank with us and berg, who had appeared just yestering without a passport was, of impressed the Federal Grand Jury day voluntarily, who had had so outed and the American method course, ridiculous. That's almost the same way. He had a fine job many other opportunities to escape

course, ridiculous. That's almost the same way. He had a thic job man steamship lines not only pernever done, where the entrant can in Bristol and money in the bank and had scorned them, had now fied man steamship lines not only perwards? prove identity. It wasn't done in and a home. He had a wife with of his own free will. It was adding mitted this flaunting and defiance the case of Fritz Ewald Rossberg, whom he was obviously deeply in insult to injury. assistant chief of the Nazi Gestapo love and a small son whom he I found it so hard to believe that

and war games understood to test Speech Assails Spending ceived with honor and has a good made any move to aid him, as they description of the stowaway. job in Germany now. But we didn't did others in the spy ring. He did But when the answer came back put a stop to it. They swore they go after him and so it wasn't neces- not contact any one in the spy ring it was our Gudenberg all right. Cap-Hemisphere against a thrust from Special Dispatch to New York Post sary to plan to protect him from us We talked it over and decided it tain Koch reported that when found the situation on their home office WHITE PLAINS, Jan. 3.-William by making believe they were going was safe to let him go home and to Gudenberg had no passport, no lug- in Bremen and would urge with all his work until we needed him to gage and no money with him.

Ahrens, commander of the S. S. ing to flee to Germany. Bremen, was before the Grand Jury

Wonder what the Nazi spy chiefs anteroom, guarding other witnesses Grand Jury on May 26. considered everybody except himself such a fool that he thought he
self such a fool that he thought he
might as well try it. Bruno RichThey were will be not be against the United States Governsponsible for the Nazi conspiracy Erich Warning, and Chief Wireless Nazi Gestapo men or spies, and that panies whom they approached to

Bremen.

Another Stowaway

"I just received this, Mr. Turrou," he exclaimed. "It is from Cap-"Yes," I said, instantly interested, S. S. Hamburg at Cherbourg.

"Well this says they found a stow-Captain Drechsel paused to re-

"It says his name is-George Gu-

None of us believed that Guden-

I got Captain Drechsel to radio Cap-

appeared before the Grand Jury on wife, the superintendent of the

force or by threats or in some other witnesses and that one company re-Particularly in view of the fact The door opened and an attend- manner. I still don't believe fused to write bonds for them be-

The next morning the State Dedenly and secretly, by way of the officials and members of but hands man over to American the office of his close friend, Dr. Hans couldn't extradite for that—all we Borchers, Nazi Consul General here, asked was that they let us get at stance in which the Nazi Government, and there was a radiogram lines, in giving assistance and en-

### Prosecution Threatened

Drastic action was recommended and our State Department gave au- down with orders, and we did not thorization to go as far as deemed get Gudenberg. necessary to get Gudenberg off the

Johann Schroeder, general manager of the Hapag-Lloyd here; sick bay, and too sick to talk or be Christian Ahrenkiel, his assistant taken off. and a director of the Hapag-Lloyd here, and Captain Drechsel were told to appear at the United States ship's hospital, and when inter-Attorney's office here and that un-viewed said feebly that he didn't less an immediate stop was put to this aiding and encouraging of Nazi go to Germany.

spy-ring witnesses to flee back to I wonder what made Gudenberg. Germany on German ships using a husky, healthy, comparatively this port the officials of the German young man, who looked absolutely steamship lines would be prose-cuted and the American public told openly and officially that the Ger-man steamship lines not only perof the United States Government

but even encouraged it. absolutely everything they could to would impress the seriousness of their authority that Gudenberg be I telephoned the Hall Aluminum surrendered at either Cherbourg or They kent their word. I tool

pains to verify that,

Peril to Business They sent lengthy cablegrams, in

The next day, May 27, Captain doubt she had any idea he was go- ficers of the Bremen, on which Griebl escaped. They pleaded that unless the German office co-operated and handed Gudenberg over,

ment with the same kind of scorn only \$180, and out of that he paid when he had york to Bremerhaven, and as to came to New York. My years of of his own advising co-operation and almost insane conceit that \$156 passage money, and paid for Griebl treated the F. B. I in his teleradiograms to Pfeiffer and to this radiograms to Pfe I was sitting in the Grand Jury idea when he testified before the grounds, and citing terrific loss in business because of the revelations

were skipping on German boats.

"United States Government has issued warrant for his (Gudenberg's) arrest in Cherbourg," read couragement to escapes from our and company therefore should have no interest whatsoever in carrying

him to Germany stop. But it did no good. The Hitler high command cracked

At one port Gudenberg was in

At the other he still was in the

I wonder what made Gudenberg,

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### IN TOMORROW'S POST

do to protect ourselves from systems of government that do not understand ours? The glamour is taken out of spyingbut what of the real danger?

## TEACHERS UNION

Blames Communist Trend ing for 'Democracy'

By EDWARD LEVINSON

resignations.

Professor George S. Counts, ington. expectation "that democratic tend- San Clemente Island. encies" which, he said, generally govern the parent American Federation of Teachers, will "triumph" at Teachers College."

Boas to Join Union

During the week-end, Dr. Franz Boas, professor efferitus of anthropology at Columbia, said that by way of reply to Dr. Childs' reasons

charges of Communism. Professors Herbert Weehsler and Walter Gellhorn of the Columbia Law School, who are members of the union, also came to its defense, denying Dr. Childs' charges.

Dr. Wechsler called them "a disstructor, at New York University, City Hall yesterday to drink punch, places one granted under the laws said they intended to remain in the shake the big boss' hand, and wish of the Duke of York in 1703 when

Dr. Hacker, who for two years him a happy New Year. was vice-chairman of the Columbia Today Mayor Hague was able to section of the union, said some of boast that he had held his twentythose who have criticized Dr. Childs never accepted responsibili-Childs never accepted responsibili. Hall and that the only uncomplities in the union.

Amails Political Tendency

"The great of Professor Childs and myself," Dr. Hacker wrote, "was received in America." Burkill said unique situation that confronted us there. As one of those who was actively in charge of that work, I know how unstintingly Professor Childs gave of his time and energy, policemen, street sweepers, teambut the factionalists were hot for sters, and others of the political had a union on the campus.

"Meetings therefore were con- head of the receiving line. bate and resolutions -the Spanish aren't they." Hague said. "They battle, may be lurking around the child-labor question. Fascism, part Fifty floral pieces were piled. New taxes may be necessary to ticipation in the May Day parade high, the police hand played, there finance relief, the Mayor warned in question, the Chinese question, the most est reguarly."

them, if my recollection serves me thumb that wears you out." right, ever same to a union meeting on Columbia company of the AIRLINE SAFETY UP cruited a member "

union and to The Post declared eral condemnation of the American ports for operators.

to the union at Teachers College. hope of correcting evils and abuses record the domestic lines filing to the World's Fair and suggested the there.

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### HACKER QUITS U. S. FLEET READY FOR ATLANTIC TRIP BLEA

Nearly 100 Warships Expected to Sail Tonight

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 3 (UP) -The warships of the United States Starts -Counts Stays In, Hop- day for a cruise into the Atlantic chester Aides—Inaugural on a German ship, without a pass- while. No official Nazi sources some 300 miles to sea for an exact the vulnerability of the Western

Europe, Dr. Louis M. Hacker of the The sailing time, secret, is expecteconomics department, Columbia ed to be after midnight tonight. F. Bleakley today assumed his to put him in jail, University, today announced his Shore leave for the thousands of duties as the first county execuresignation from the College dinarily the ships slip out with all Teachers Union, Local 537, A. F. extra lights doused, simulating wartime conditions.

union, gave as his reasons alleged harbor will go nine dreadnaughts, ministered yesterday by Supreme Communist domination of the with their 14- and 16-inch guns, led Court Justice Frederick P. Close. union—reasons similar to those by the U. S. S. Pennsylvania, flag-will act as administrative head of which last week led Professors ship of Admiral C. C. Bloch. Also from this port will sail more than the last official act will be to and Bruce Raup to announce their a dozen heavy cruisers and the two

Teachers College, Columbia, who Light cruisers, destroyers and subcounty departments. His recommendations, announced yesterday criticism, announced he would re- Diego Bay, and the nearly 100 war- are: Miss Ruth Taylor, Commismain in the union in the hope and ships will make a rendezvous off

for leaving the union, he would Attends Mayor's Receptories "for the State." tion, but Refuses to Shake Hands

Special Dispatch to New York Post further county spending is attempt-JERSEY CITY, Jan. 3.- Mayor ed. torted view of the situation. Out-side of Columbia, Professor Robert those who have jobs and those who side of Columbia, Professor Ropert those who have jobs and those who and the park commission. atructor, at New York University, want jobs-went by hundreds to

> Burkitt, old Hague for, who attended but scornfully refused to shake

> the Hague hand, "I just wanted to see how a king

> > 4,999 Hands to Shake

About 5,000 persons they were

and the like. There never was any was a punch bowl in the Marriage serious preofcupation, with the basic License Bureau, and from time to problems of trade union life on a time there were vocal offerings by university campus.

"I am slad to see that a group of

active participation in its affairs. first, he said. Don't let 'em get the Mayor said that even if it does "This is interesting to me, notably you. Make rure his thumb doesn't not, the cuty will ask for a greater in view of the fact that name of press against your hand. It's the share of State aid than the 40 per

### Dr. County letter sent in the 86.9 P. C. DURING 1938 problem of finding relief revenues.

that he did not "want environg I progress in commercial evision in action to solve this problem in any have said regarding the work of the United States during 1938 was way that it may develop," he added the teachers union at Teachers reflected today in a curvey of re-

Federation of Teachers.

What I have said regarding by containful a lit per cont increase in the 7,000,000 people of the city experience with certain tendences both fields upon 1937.

Mayor LaGuardia announced to the union at Teachers College. The industry's calety properly was he will soon bring to Council a set he continued "was and with the san per trut in excess of the last of legislative proposals relating to

> your errors of ficial dis-STEALS A BOX CAR

taid, were sell at the state personality

Naming West-

Dr. Hacker, in a letter to the From Los Angeles-Lon Beach to whom the oath of office was ad-

aircraft carriers Saratoga and Lex- Board of Supervisors the appointment of four commissioners to head sioner of Public Welfare, William B. Folger, Budget Commissioner; Charles H. Sells, Commissioner of Public Works; Herbert C. Gerlach,

Commissioner of Finance. Hits Road Building "for State" In his inaugural address, delivered vesterday in White Plains before 300 Westchester residents, Bleakley recommended an end of construction by the county of through traffic ar-

Asserting that 50 per cent of the county's taxes is for reduction of bonded indebtedness and 34 per cent for relief, he urged reduction of the county's fixed obligations before

He pledged the continuation of Westchester's new charter re-

### the county was created. FACED BY CITY

that our real work lay on the Co-lumbia campus because of the if not the last." Mayor Gives Warning in Conciliatory Address to Council

Mayor LaGuardia and City Counpolitical activity before they even faithful-began arriving at 10:30 cil have started off the New Year A. M. Mayor Hague stood at the with a love feast-but there was indication ioday that the drafting of stantly given over to political des "They're a healthy-looking lot new local taxes, often a cause of

"I am glad to see that a group of parallel paral

cent reimbursement if now receives Relief Crisis Threatens A "real erisis" threatens on the

CHICAGO, Jan 2 640 Notable, "The city will depend upon your New Year, he said, "After all, we New Year, he said, "After all, we New?; one and a half publish must both serve the same masters-

Mayor LaGuardia announced that \$40,000 revenue in Schiger infles per appointment of a special World's Fair committee

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The concluding article in Mr. Turrou's series will appear in the Post tomorrow. It clears up things, and at the same time leaves a question that all Americans must face-what are we to