

Spy Ring: Griebel Gets a Nazi Welcome But for How Long?

FUGITIVE TRAITOR TO 2 COUNTRIES MAY GET DESERTS

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

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BREMEN CAPTAIN



ADOLPH AHRENS

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

for my passport, as I left too hurriedly to get one." You might think that made us mad. It didn't. We had to laugh. You had to know the man to understand what made him try something like that. He had that intelligence and egotism, in a high degree, we found so often in these Nazis.

Remember Hauptmann?

It was not that he seriously thought it would work—but yet he considered everybody except himself such a fool that he thought he could outsmart them. 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 Griebel's daring to go to Germany, though death awaited him if he was caught there. He was sure that he could outsmart them, believing he was practicing medicine in Vienna. He had applied for permission to practice medicine in Germany several years previous when he was in hot water here for his Nazi propaganda activities here. The permission came through suddenly and secretly, by way of the office of his close friend, Dr. Hans Borchers, Nazi Consul General here, shortly after the spy case broke.

But I wonder how long, now that the Nazi spy chiefs know how he betrayed them, he will remain free and alive?

But back to demonstrable facts. Pfeiffer, who is head of the Naval Intelligence Bureau at Bremen and directing genius of the vast, dangerous Nazi spy conspiracy in this country, met him at Bremerhaven.

despite a cabled warrant, on orders from the Nazi Government. Incidentally, I'm not blaming Ahrens. He was between two fires. He had to obey orders.

Who Was His Banker?

And where did Griebel get the sixty marks to pay his fine? His letters said he had no money left. When searched on the ship he had only \$180, and out of that he paid \$166 passage money, and paid for radiograms to Pfeiffer and to this country. Wonder what the Nazi spy chiefs in Hitler's inner circle said when they learned that the spy they had protected, so brazenly against the United States Government, thus putting the whole Nazi regime on the spot as directly responsible for the Nazi conspiracy against the United States, had squaled on them to this country? Particularly in view of the fact that, apparently as reward for successfully engineering the feat of getting Griebel safely back to Germany, Kapitän-Lieutenant Pfeiffer was promoted to full Kapitän in the Nazi Naval Corps. (Kapitän-Lieutenant corresponds to the rank of Lieutenant-Commander in our Navy, and Kapitän to the rank of full Commander.)

Not Punished

They went all the way. At first preparations were made to put Griebel in jail there for entering without a passport. They had to punish him for that, they contended blandly. Afterwards, they would deport him to us, they promised solemnly. The idea of jailing him for entering without a passport was, of course, ridiculous. That's almost never done, where the entrant can prove identity. It wasn't done in the case of Fritz Ewald Rosberg, assistant chief of the Nazi Gestapo here, when he fled as a stowaway, on a German ship, without a passport. He wasn't jailed. He was received with honor and has a good job in Germany now. But we didn't go after him and so it wasn't necessary to plan to protect him from us by making believe they were going to put him in jail. And they didn't put Griebel in jail, either. The moment the hue and cry died down a bit and our State Department relaxed pressure, Griebel was, according to official dispatches, "released upon payment of 50 marks fine."

Another Stowaway

"I just received this, Mr. Turrou," he exclaimed. "It is from Captain Koch of the S. S. Hamburg, which sailed last midnight. You said you wanted me to inform you right away of all stowaways. . . . Yes," I said, instantly interested. "Well this says they found a stowaway on the Hamburg this morning. It says he says his name is—"

Prosecution Threatened

Drastic action was recommended and our State Department gave authorization to go as far as deemed necessary to get Gudenberg off the S. S. Hamburg at Cherbourg. Johann Schroeder, general manager of the Hapag-Lloyd here; Christian Ahrenkiel, his assistant and a director of the Hapag-Lloyd here, and Captain Drechsel were told to appear at the United States Attorney's office here and that unless an immediate stop was put to this aiding and encouraging of Nazi spy-ring witnesses to flee back to Germany on German ships using this port the officials of the German steamship line would be prosecuted and the American public told openly and officially that the German steamship lines not only permitted this flaunting and defiance of the United States Government but even encouraged it.

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They were a badly worried group. Schroeder and Ahrenkiel pledged their words of honor they would do absolutely everything they could to put a stop to it. They swore they would impress the seriousness of the situation on their home office in Bremen and would urge with all their authority that Gudenberg or Southampton. They kept their word. I took pains to verify that.

Peril to Business

They sent lengthy cablegrams, in Hapag-Lloyd code, to the directors of the company in Bremen. They talked to her afterwards that fear and worry seemed real enough. I doubt she had any idea he was going to flee to Germany. Gestaop is Blamed I doubt very strongly that Gudenberg had any such idea when he came to New York. My years of experience in reading men convince me Gudenberg had no such idea when he testified before the Grand Jury on May 26. I believe Gudenberg was observed by Nazi Gestaop men and Nazi spies whom we have not testified before the Grand Jury. I believe he was afterwards followed by these Nazi Gestaop men or spies, and that they prevailed upon him, either by force or by threat or in some other manner. I still don't believe Gudenberg went voluntarily and in his right mind.

Prosecution Threatened

There are indications to back that up, as you shall see shortly. The next morning the State Department at Washington was informed in no uncertain language of the seriousness of the situation and of the conduct of the Nazi Government, the officials and members of the crews of the German steamship lines, in giving assistance and encouragement to escapes from our jurisdiction.

Another Stowaway

I must have jumped three feet. I'm sure my eyes popped. None of us believed that Gudenberg, who had appeared just yesterday voluntarily, who had had so many other opportunities to escape and had scorned them, had now fled in his own free will. It was adding insult to injury. I found it so hard to believe that I got Captain Drechsel to radio Captain Koch, on the Hamburg, now some 300 miles to sea, for an exact description of the stowaway. But when the answer came back it was our Gudenberg all right. Captain Koch reported that when found Gudenberg had no passport, no luggage and no money with him. I telephoned the Hall Aluminum Aircraft Company at Bristol, where Gudenberg worked. He had not shown up since he started the day before the Grand Jury in New York. His wife, the superintendent of the plant told me, was obviously fran-

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DR. HACKER QUILTS TEACHERS UNION

Blames Communist Trend—Counts Stays In, Hoping for 'Democracy'

By EDWARD LEVINSON
Dr. Louis M. Hacker of the economics department, Columbia University, today announced his resignation from the College Teachers Union, Local 537, A. F. of L.

U. S. FLEET READY FOR ATLANTIC TRIP

Nearly 100 Warships Expected to Sail Tonight
LOS ANGELES, Jan. 3 (UP)—The warships of the United States battle fleet took on last supplies today for a cruise into the Atlantic and war games understood to test the vulnerability of the Western Hemisphere against a thrust from Europe.

BLEAKLEY BEGINS NEW COUNTY JOB

Starts Naming Westchester Aides—Inaugural Speech Assails Spending

Special Dispatch to New York Post
WHITE PLAINS, Jan. 3.—William F. Bleakley, today assumed his duties as the first county executive of Westchester County. Under the new county charter voted in November, 1937, Bleakley, to whom the oath of office was administered yesterday by Supreme Court Justice Frederick P. Chase, will act as administrative head of all county departments.

BURKITT SNUBS HAGUE AT PARTY

Attends Mayor's Reception, but Refuses to Shake Hands

Special Dispatch to New York Post
JERSEY CITY, Jan. 3.—Mayor Frank Hague's faithful followers—those who have jobs and those who want jobs—went by hundreds to City Hall yesterday to drink punch, shake the big boss' hand, and wish him a happy New Year.

NEW AID TAXES FACED BY CITY

Mayor Gives Warning in Conciliatory Address to Council

Mayor LaGuardia and City Council have started off the New Year with a love feast—but there was indication today that the drafting of new local taxes, often a cause of battle, may be lurking around the corner.

Amalgam Political Tendency

"The amalgamation of Professor Childs and myself," Dr. Hacker wrote, "was that our real work lay in the Columbia campus, because of the unique situation that confronted us there."

AIRLINE SAFETY UP

86.9 P. C. DURING 1938
CHICAGO, Jan. 3 (AP)—Notable progress in commercial aviation in the United States during 1938 was reflected today in a survey of reports by operators.

STEALS A BOX CAR

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 3 (AP)—A box car containing a quantity of cotton bolls was stolen from a freight train in Philadelphia today.

SEX TEST BY VOICE

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 3 (AP)—George McLevander, director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, today announced that he had successfully used a voice test to identify a woman getting into a room after the party started.

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