

# Nazis Have Strong Spy Ring In Mexico, French Disclose

(Editor's Note: This is the first of a series of two articles based upon a report compiled by the Mexico City offices of the Free French organization in the early fall prior to the rupture of diplomatic relations between the United States and Germany and between France and Germany. Quotations from this report reflect conditions as they existed in Mexico at that time, conditions which the Free French wished to impress upon the republic through a forceful information campaign. The writer can vouch for the reliability of part of the material from personal knowledge, part from contact knowledge. The Spanish language bulletin was obtained from an informed source in Mexico.)

By NATHANIEL W. MCKELVEY  
Functioning in Mexico today, albeit under strict observation and control, is as strong an arm of the Nazi machine as exists anywhere outside of Europe. According to "Accion Democratica Internacional," a Free French agency for the dissemination of anti-Nazi information, German ideological conceptions are perpetuated in the Mexican republic through well organized groups ranging from the illegal German National Socialist Workers' Party to the German Cultural League.

Between these two extremes operate such legal and illegal agencies as the Gestapo, the German Cultural League, the German night schools, German medical societies, the German chamber of commerce, the German college, the German women's society, the German youth, the espionage system in the ports, the better information agencies, the contact bodies working with the Mexican Socialist movement, and—of paramount importance because of their diplomatic status—the German consular act as consular representatives for various South American countries.

**Divided In Districts**  
For purposes of administration, the Nazi machine in Mexico is divided into seven districts: The Central, the West coast, the Northwest, the Northeast, the East coast, the South, and the Southwest. Referring to the Central district, the bulletin has this to say: "The chief of this district is, probably, Max Döberl. He lives at Calle General Canales street, Tacubaya, D. F. The chief of the engineer district is the engineer, Hans Dier, whose address is Reforma 374, Mexico, D. F. The chief of the exterior commerce section is Erwin Friedrich who lives at Monteblanco, 845, Lomas de Chapultepec. Exact information of this type is given for each of the other districts."

The party chief (Landesgruppenleiter) governing all Nazi activities in the country is said to be Edgar Von Wallenberg-Fachly, secretary of the German Legation in Mexico City. This man has taken over the post of the notorious Dietrich whose activities became so prominent that the Mexican government was forced to ask him to leave the country. The bulletin says: "It has been confirmed that Wallenberg-Fachly is a personal friend of Ribbentrop and of Count Dürrenheim, chief of the so-called 'Buck-troop' in Berlin."

**Many Will Be Stopped**  
At the present time, Mexico has taken up diplomatic relations with Germany, and many of the Nazi agents will, therefore, be shipped out of the country. It is stated that to contemplate, however, the misuse of diplomatic immunity and facilities for the purpose of extra consular activity.

Prior to the United States' declaration of war against Germany, the Nazi agents in Mexico operated with great freedom and according to a plan prepared long in advance. These agents received special instructions from the Nazi government in Germany twice each month or as needed on special occasions. Orders from the Nazi headquarters in Germany are transmitted to Mexico on small mimeographed sheets which must be read and then returned to the party within 24 hours of their receipt. Such instructions are distributed through one of seven Mexican administrative districts by special traveling agents such as quoting the French bulletin: "One Reissner, who lives at 17 San Angel avenue, Villa Obregon. This agent also uses the name of Friedrich Henderson, 'Robert Reissner.' One other agent named was said to have been formerly a representative of the Skoon Arms factory in Czechoslovakia and, at present, the brains of a 'secret mail' service in Mexico."

**Border Spies Active**  
Regarding conditions along the 3,000 mile United States-Mexico border, the bulletin says: "In the frontier cities the Nazis have an organization similar to that in the ports. They have sent their best agents to the border in order to aid in the work of contraband and espionage." Following this assertion is a list of agents: Juan Negules, Nogueles, Ciudad Juarez, Piedras Negras, and Matamoros.

Apart from the illegal groups which operate, there is one society that has in theory at least no right to function. This is the German Community in Mexico (Deutsche Volksgemeinschaft in Mexico) offices in Mexico City at Uruguay 485. The honorary president is the German Minister, Baron Rudolph von Colberg. Actual control lies with a municipal council, the chairman of which is present is also Von Colberg. Among those who form the council are: Leon Hildebrand, Max Herold, stationed at Veracruz, Richard Eberhard, Tampico, and Dr. Carlos Petersen.

Among minor societies used for the recruiting of Nazi agents are the German club whose secretary general is the well known agent, Kurt Giese. Others also represent

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**GERMANS LAUNCH RAIDS ON BRITAIN**  
LONDON, Dec. 30. (AP)—German bombers launched their heaviest assault in many weeks on Britain last night on the first anniversary of the great London fire bombings. The raid, which was reported to have been aimed mainly at the northeast coast, had caused only a few casualties and no serious damage.

Three of the raiders were shot down, the air ministry said. Some German planes flew over the United States, but there were no immediate reports of damage there.

**REPORTERS SCORE TWO**  
BUFFALO, N. Y. (AP)—Two newspaper journalists escaped the fate which Japan's 'bomber Pearl Harbor' had meted out to them in a declaration over the radio Sunday afternoon and published an extra edition of their newspaper. Headlines read: "Extra: We are now at war with Japan."

Nearly 115,000 opossum skins were sold within a few hours in Auckland, New Zealand, and shipped to other countries recently.

**Unidentified Man Held Victim Of Fraud**  
FIDELITY STAFF, Dec. 30. (AP)—An unidentified man whose body was found near the railroad tracks was a victim of a fraud, a coroner's jury concluded after hearing testimony that he apparently had been stabbed before being run over by a train.

Dr. A. H. Schermann, county physician, expressed the opinion the man had been killed "between midnight and daybreak" yesterday. The man, about 60 years old, was well dressed. In his overcoat pocket was found a pocket-knife, reported finding two sets of footprints leading from a highway to the railroad right-of-way, but only one set returning.

Panama plans to relax some of the restrictions on Americans so that desirable Americans engaged in legitimate business may be encouraged.

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# Garden Fertilizer Found To Check Effect Of Meningitis

By STEPHEN J. McDONOUGH  
BALTIMORE, Dec. 30. (AP)—A common garden variety fertilizer has been found effective in checking meningitis, a widespread disease that usually kills children and young adults as well as adults.

Ordinary urea, first organic chemical compound made synthetically and misnamed urea because was first discovered in body wastes, is capable of dissolving and making non-infectious meningococcus germs which account for half of all cases of meningitis. Dr. C. Philip Miller, of the University of Chicago medical department, told the Society of American Bacteriologists today.

Meningitis, inflammation of the brain coverings and spinal cord, is a frequent cause of death. Urea, manufactured by thousands of tons annually to stimulate crop growth, in recent years has been proven highly effective in healing wounds by physicians collaborating with Dr. William Robinson of the U. S. department of agriculture, Washington, who isolated it from secretions of maggots formerly used in treatment of non-healing wounds. It has been used successfully in infections ranging from running sores to suppurating bone infections.

Dr. Miller, reasoning that the toxicity of the meningitis germ is due to the protein or malleable part of the bacteria, tried to dissolve the protein with urea. New and vibrant cultures of the germs were treated with urea and spun at high speeds in centrifuge. The sediment which

**Public Records**  
WILLIAM G. HALL, Presiding  
State vs. Lawrence Brothers, Robert Lee White and Edwin White, burglary, grand theft, and conspiracy to commit grand theft, judgment of imprisonment.

**SUPERIOR COURT**  
Evo De Concel, Presiding  
Estate of Zula Wilton Stockwell, order to show cause.

**SUPERIOR COURT**  
C. W. Gardner, Presiding  
Eugene Johnson, speeding, \$10 fine.  
Carl Evans, reckless driving, \$30 fine and 30 days in jail.  
Richard Hernandez, carrying concealed weapons, \$20 fine or 20 days in jail.

**POLICE COURT**  
Paul J. Cella, Presiding  
Fallice D. Bone, vagrancy, 10 days in jail.  
Hamilton Jackson, vagrancy, 10 days in jail.  
Richard Hernandez, carrying concealed weapons, \$20 fine or 20 days in jail.

**MARRIAGE LICENSES**  
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Matta John Nevra, 28, Tucson, and Teola Mae Polk, Negro, 21, Tucson.  
Ramon Amado, 32, Tucson, and Ramona Alvarado, 25, Tucson.

**CANADA NOT READY FOR FREE WAR AID**  
OTTAWA, Dec. 30. (AP)—Reports that Canada probably would write off the \$1,000,000,000 war debt to date were said by a government spokesman today to be unfounded.

The report was published by the Montreal Gazette which said that Canada was considering supplying Britain with supplies without cash, but that the report was "all of the rails."

**ANY COLOR EGGS**  
NAMPALA, Ida. (AP)—N. D. Vall, local producer, sees no reason why a person should not have green, red and other colored eggs for breakfast if they so desire. He has four hens that lay eggs regularly with either green or red yolk. He feels that a laying mash with the colored dye desired.

**News In Tucson**  
Tucson is just a little town but it is a big little town—interesting place to go—amusement park, plenty of shops, perhaps Tucsonians resent a new shop, some of you may feel that way. The new shop is just one too many. But (be that as it may) the ODDITY SHOP at No. 10 East Pennington has been accepted as another one of the things that are different. They are also reasonably priced. Then too, there is a 15% discount on everything in the shop all through January. This is done so that when Miss Berry returns from her buying trip the latter part of January she will have for you many new eastern and western things. Coats for suits, coats or evening are being featured. Do stop by Miss Berry is expecting you. The shop is directly across from the Pioneer Tap Room entrance but Miss Berry suggests that you shop first and tap room later.

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# ADJOURNMENT OF CONGRESS VOTED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30. (AP)—The senate today unanimously adopted and sent to the house resolutions providing for sine die adjournment of the current session of Congress on Friday and the convening of the new session on Monday.

A special action was necessary to postpone the meeting of the new session from Saturday, Jan. 3, the date arranged in the constitution. In addition to postponing the start of the new session until Jan. 5, the resolution provided that the 1943 Congress be delayed one day so as to begin on Jan. 4.

**Norwegians Executed For British Attack**  
LONDON, Dec. 30. (AP)—The Exchange Telegraph agency reported from Stockholm today that, according to Swedish newspaper reports, 11 residents of Stavanger, Norway, were executed publicly "probably in reprisal for the British attack on Vaagoe."

Those executed were said to have been sentenced on Dec. 5, five of them for espionage for Britain, five for espionage and sabotage and one for illegal possession of arms.

Swedish newspapers said that one of those executed was Dr. Carl Ostlund, member of a well known Stavanger family.

# CLAY FOR ANTIQUE PAINT

ST. LOUIS, (AP)—Architects for the Jefferson National Expansion Memorial on the St. Louis riverfront have ended a year-long search for clay. Near Cape Girardeau, Mo., they found the special clay to make Spanish brown paint, needed for correct restoration of the Old Rock House, built in 1818, on the waterfront.

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Recruiting Of Army To Fight Disease Asked

Scientific Society Proposes Training To Relieve More In Higher Brackets

By STEPHEN J. McDONOUGH BALTIMORE, Dec. 31. (AP)—Recruiting of an army of 5,000 of more young men and women for battle against disease during the present war began today.

The Society of American Bacteriologists at one of the closing sessions of its annual meeting urged that high schools, colleges, universities and commercial and industrial laboratories adopt immediately a planned national-wide program to educate the youth.

Society officers together with officials of the American Association of Immunologists and the American Society of Experimental Pathology, called upon members of their groups to begin at once a campaign of education for the young people who could help carry on America's program of research during and after the present war.

Urges Programs The society also urged such powerful scientific organizations as the American Chemical Society, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the American Medical Association and the Southern Medical Association, and publications of various research organizations to promote programs of education and training.

Captain Roger Reid, officer in charge of laboratories at Fort George G. Meade, Md., and a retired Johns Hopkins university scientist, declared it was possible to train young men and women within four to six weeks for routine laboratory work such as cancer cleaning and sterilization of equipment, preparation of bacterial culture media, and the care of instruments and machinery, thus relieving experienced workers for more intensive research studies.

An additional six weeks would qualify embryo scientists to do more technical work such as classifying blood types, making blood counts, inoculating test animals, checking laboratory readings and records, preparing microscopic slides, aiding blood transfusions, performing tests for syphilis, diabetes and other diseases.

Laboratories Available There are hundreds of laboratories in the United States with skilled teachers available to train these young men and women, Captain Reid said, and already many have offered their facilities and services at little or no cost to students.

It is gratifying to see this quick response and find many retired professors and industrial scientists who have offered their services free of charge to train young men and women in this vital defense effort.

He pointed out that laboratory training given not only would be of immediate aid to the nation but also offers young men and women valuable training toward careers in scientific research after the war is over.

Mexico Charges Axis Campaign Is Started

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 31. (AP)—Five members of the chamber of deputies asserted yesterday that a Communist-led campaign to overthrow the government was being planned by the Axis in Mexico.

The five deputies offered in a formal declaration to "settle accounts" personally with the Communists, and charged that Axis undercover agents here are headed by Rudolf Von Collenberger, German minister, until Mexico broke relations with Axis nations.

The Chilean official was beaten severely on the head in a suburban restaurant by a dozen men who set upon him as members of his party uttered vitas for Presidents Avila Camacho and Hoover.

The deputies did not say how they would "settle accounts." The senate meanwhile resolved to investigate "alarmists, saboteurs, international spies and fifth columnists who endanger the stability of our institutions."

War Averts Nazi Hurricane Gathering Force In Mexico

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By NATHANIEL W. MCKELVEY If the Mexican Revolution, meaning the progress toward a more satisfactory economic and social life, was ever threatened dangerously, it was not from domestic sources but more exactly from the efforts of external groups—particularly the thoroughly organized Nazi system of espionage and fomentation. Citizens of the United States have too frequently dismissed this threat with a casual lack of understanding. But work done by the Free French committee in Mexico City tells another story, fortunately, because of the turn of events, not a sad one.

Agents Are Held Before discussing Nazi activity in Mexico, we must remember that because of the United States' entry into the war against Germany and the subsequent rupture of diplomatic relations both here and in Central America, most of their known agents are now interned awaiting deportation.

But consider, for example, the formerly devastating strength of the Gestapo. As the Free French bulletin says: "There are two groups of the Gestapo in Mexico. One is called 'Hafendanz' (Fort Service) and is headed by Georg Nicolaus, the other functionaries independently of the Nazi party. Nicolaus is one of the most important Nazis in Mexico and, surely, the most feared. Georg Nicolaus lived formerly in Bogota, Colombia, where he was said to be a dealer in machinery. In reality, he was in charge of the work of the Gestapo in that country. Subsequently, he took part in the Polish campaign, returned to Colombia and was sent then to Mexico, having arrived in this country in March, 1940 by way of Tapachula. He lives at 23-D Luis Hoyos street. When traveling, he uses the name of Mann."

Force Is Weapon Quoting further, we learn: "The assistant chief of the Gestapo is Walter Westphal whose address is S. R. Rebollar street. The Gestapo effects a wide espionage service. It maintains, by terror, the unity of the German colony. In cases of insubordination, the Gestapo goes into action immediately and 'convincers' or 'coercers' . . . those who try to oppose the designs of Hitler."

Add to this the information concerning one Gustavo A. Ohm, chief of mechanics in the Ericsson telephone company. Says the report: "He spends his time tapping the telephone lines of different embassies and of known anti-Nazis in Mexico, listening to their conversation and giving information concerning them to the Gestapo."

Youth Is Organized Leaving the Gestapo, we turn to the organization of German youth. Even as in Germany, the Hitler Jugend, or Hitler Youth, attained a position of high importance. The asserted chief of this youth, Kurt Schlenker, "is in charge of organizing German youth, of transforming it into a tractable element of the Nazi party, and in extending this influence over the Mexican youth." Schlenker, a professor in the German College, coordinates the 20 local Mexican groups.

It is said of the aforementioned German College that in it the young German children are carefully educated in the Nazi doctrine. But worse than that: "Numerous Mexican youths, among them some children of public officials, also study in the German College."

Even the church organizations do not escape the burden of furthering the Nazi cause. The Deutsche Evangelisches Kirche, which comprises the German religious front, is headed, according to the bulletin, by the Protestant minister, Frustadt, personal friend of the Reich Bishop, Ludwig Muehler.

A secondary church group is the German Youth Christian Association which meets each Wednesday taken in secret in order to avoid prejudicial consequences."

Thus runs the pattern of Nazi activity in Mexico. It requires no great clairvoyance to see that it follows methods which the Nazis have employed and the employing universally wherever they are able. In the United States, prior to the rupture of diplomatic relations between this country and Germany, charges had been made public which claimed that Nazi consulates and embassies were misusing their immunity for the dissemination of

propaganda and as clearing houses for spies and Gestapo agents. Bad as the situation was in this country, it was in no way comparable to the Nazi activity in Mexico. If any one phase of the reported Nazi activity in our neighboring republic had been allowed to run its course, it would have been like an angry cloud hovering close to an unprotected field. All of the activities taken together had the potential force of a tropical hurricane. In this respect, the advent of the war has been a fortunate happening for it brought Nazi

machinations into the open and jeopardized the usefulness of the agents by publicizing their work or by confining their preparatory to deportation.

German College, 838 West Aramberr street. In Tampico, the German Restaurant, 5 South Aurora. The proprietor is Reynaldo Ulrich.

Seven Districts The Mexican Nazi party is formed into seven districts which control the various local organizations. The sources report says: "All of the functionaries of the Nazi group, including the local groups, swear allegiance to Hitler once each year, the 20th of April which is Hitler's birthday. This year the oath was

Conspire Against U. S. Concerning the Sinarquists and German influences, the pamphlet charges: "The Nazis are conspiring in Mexico against our institutions and are preparing a series of provocative acts which will serve to compromise Mexico's international situation. The German Nazis maintain strict contact with the National Sinarquist Union and with its director. The Sinarquists act and are organized in the image and semblance of the National Socialist party of Germany." Two principal agents are named as contact men between the Sinarquists and various contrarevolutionary sympathizers.

In the field of commerce, the chief of espionage is said to be Alexander Holste, chief of the German Auswahaendstellen. To quote "In his hands is all information relating to industrial production, commerce, imports and exports, monthly, he sends confidential information to the 'Auswahaendstellen' in Berlin, using for this purpose the diplomatic pouch."

Financial affairs are reported to be in the hands of Ewald Bork, head of the German Bank. According to the report, subsidies for Nazi agents operating in the United States, or at least some part of these subsidies, passed through his hands.

As aid centers to the Mexico City Nazi organization, the following groups are listed for other parts of the republic: In Mazatlan, Sinaloa the German Club, 14 Centenario street. In Puebla, the German Centro, 2 Oriente avenue. Also in Puebla, the German College, 901 13 Sur street.

In Guadalajara, the German College, 1120 North Pedro Moreno street. In Tapachula, the German Casino, headed by Hans Hitz, Nazi consul. In Monterrey, the German Club 405 West Matamoros street and the

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NICE DOGGIE—OH, YES! SNOW HILL, Md. (AP)—When Hargis Bradford bagged four quail, he immediately looked up friends who had ratted his hunting sack. But when Bradford got his friends out to his car to see the proof, he found his dog had eaten the birds, save for some feathers.

THE WAY WE FEEL ABOUT 1942



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HUACHUCA SOLDIER KILLED BY SHELL

FORT HUACHUCA, Dec. 31. (AP)—Pvt. Christopher R. Anderson, 20, of Red Jacket, West Va., a member of company G, 368th Infantry was fatally injured and another soldier hurt Monday night in the explosion of what was thought to be a dud mortar shell, the base officials disclosed today.

In a serious condition at the base hospital is Pvt. Alfred Higgins, Jr., of Fritchard, Ala., who suffered leg injuries as a result of the explosion. He was reported improved after a blood transfusion.

The men were injured while on field exercises. It misfired several days ago during practice but efforts to find it were unsuccessful, officials said.

Shell fragments struck both men in the legs. Anderson died of shock and hemorrhage. Anderson, inducted into the Army February 17, 1941, at Fort Thomas, Ky., is survived by his mother, Mrs. Pearl Anderson.

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