

HIMMLER'S SPY RING TIGHTENED

Already Insidious System Is Made Even More Thorough.

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STOCKHOLM, Nov. 17.—Heinrich Himmler's increasing grip on every form of activity inside Germany is being implemented by newly established additions to his insidious spy system, which reaches every German.

Ostensibly, Himmler spies carry on their tale-bearing work for the protection of Nazi party interests. More accurately, they provide Himmler with opportunities for improving his own position. No German is immune from his informers.



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It did not seem possible that the German people could be more thoroughly spied upon, but Himmler, boss of the gестапо, the S. S., the Volksturm and the national labor service, is proving that it can be done.

His Latest Tricks

His latest orders oblige spies within the army deliberately to bait the soldiers with defeatist stories, criticism of the Nazi party, and pro-allied gossip. If the listener fails to report the informant, he is punished as severely as if he, himself, had originated the story.

Germany's new dictator has extended his informer ring even into the smallest mountain towns. In the cities every apartment block has a Himmler spy, who makes it his business to know every movement of every person in his section. Factories, of course, have their spies working alongside both German and foreign workers.

All this helps to explain why internal revolt is going to be so difficult inside Germany. Himmler's terroristic methods have left civilians dumbstruck with fear.

Like the wehrmacht privates, who keep on fighting because they fear the corporals, who, in turn, fear the sergeants, civilians are mortally afraid of their immediate superiors. They know only too well to what lengths of brutality the Nazis are ready to go at the slightest excuse.

Revolt Possible

Evidence obtained here from refugees and deserters shows that a civilian revolt is possible but that "it can only start from those able to give orders," as one recent deserter puts it.

If the people thought that a revolt was already under way, they might dare to take part. Any chance of a revolt starting from a lower level, among the little people, thus is ruled out from the start.

Himmler has planned his tactics cleverly, employing terror, brutality, execution—every possible way of preventing the Germans from thinking or acting contrary to Nazi party designs.

Now Himmler's agents are enforcing the Nov. 11 decree abolishing non-political activity within the army and making it compulsory for all soldiers, active or retired, to join the Nazi party.

These, thereupon, become propagandists for party ideas. And Himmler tightens his grip.

CIGARET RATIONING OKAY, OPA REVEALS

PITTSBURGH, Nov. 17 (U. P.).—Although the OPA will not ration cigarettes, local vendors have found a way to foil the "curbstone sparrows" who "picket" store counters.

Several proprietors have issued printed ration cards, which are punched every time a "regular" gets a pack.

It's perfectly okay with the OPA as long as the merchant doesn't force customers to buy other items to get the cigarettes.

4th Term Finds Henry Homeless

WASHINGTON, Nov. 17 (U. P.).—Secretary of Treasury Henry Morgenthau Jr., revealed yesterday that he is finding out what a lot of other Washingtonians have known all along—that house-hunting in the capital is a "discouraging proposition."

Morgenthau told his press conference the lease on his residence expires in February and "we can't find another house."

He said when he signed the lease three years ago "I didn't know President Roosevelt would seek a fourth term."

SHIRLEY BELCHER HEADS FRESHMEN

Miss Shirley Belcher, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chester A. Belcher, 2003 Ruckle st., has been named president of the freshman class at Indiana Central college.

William Koons, Wabash, is vice president; Miss Willoughby Allison, Washington, secretary, and Miss Lois Nicodemus, Ft. Wayne, treasurer. Members of the student council include Miss Opal Outler and David Catlin, Decatur, Ill., and Miss Julianne Herzog, Chicago.

Miss Mary Louise Pruitt, Columbus, and Russell Robbins, Olney, Ill., were named Booster club members.



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