

NAZI FANATICS TURN WEREWOLF

Propaganda Myth Becomes Grim Reality.

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FRANKFURT, Germany, Oct. 5.—After traveling several weeks throughout Germany, I am convinced that a Nazi underground is actively operating.

Hardly a day passes without some incident. There are always assaults, sometimes killings, of "German collaborators" — meaning anti-Nazis who have aided the allies. Many soldiers of the occupation forces have been killed too. Most of these incidents have occurred in French and Russian-occupied zones and in Southern Bavaria, where SS men constantly escape from prison camps.

These aren't publicized, explains one high-ranking allied officer, because it would only encourage nationalist groups inside Germany to commit more violence. But anyone can read between the lines of news releases in official papers and know what goes on.

Werewolf Tactics

Almost daily one finds stories of "raids on unauthorized meetings" and subsequent arrests. Or of death sentences pronounced by military courts against Germans for crimes which are only vaguely referred to as "attempts at resistance."

The beginning of the werewolf has been difficult to trace. I was lucky enough to find one of the intimate collaborators of Goebbels, who said the werewolf was the idea of Robert Ley. The generals and Himmler declared it an impossible plan and without military value. Goebbels, however, felt the idea had propaganda value and immediately began to broadcast stories of supposed werewolf attacks against allied occupation troops.

Many members of the propaganda ministry were taken in by the broadcasts, until it was discovered that werewolf reporters who supposedly had come back from allied occupied territory under hair-raising conditions, were known never to have left Berlin. Goebbels during the last days of the war acknowledged that there wasn't any such organization, but predicted that there would be.

2000 Rounded Up

He proved to be right. Many youngsters, particularly in Russian-occupied Berlin, believed the broadcasts and decided to become werewolves. So many murders occurred that the Russians decided to act. Working with a number of anti-Nazi Germans, who pretended to be werewolves, they were able to round up some 2000 women and youngsters who were once members of the Hitler youth movement.

But allied intelligence has discovered still another resistance group, which was organized by Himmler when it was obvious that the Nazis couldn't survive. Because he was anxious to keep this resistance movement a secret from the allies, Himmler opposed the werewolf idea.

This Himmler group is probably the real underground organization. Their leaders know that any attempt to strike now would mean discovery and suppression. They are biding their time until surveillance is less rigid.

However, during the coming winter, which will bring many hardships to Germans, these leaders may not be able to restrain their followers from creating a number of incidents which will give them away. So say allied intelligence officers who are studying the problem.

SENATOR MISQUOTED ON PALESTINE TOPIC

WASHINGTON, Oct. 5 (U. P.).—

The United Press yesterday erroneously attributed to Senator Edwin C. Johnson (D. Colo.) a statement that he would favor sending U. S. troops to Palestine if increased Jewish immigration resulted in an Arab uprising there.

This resulted from an incorrect interpretation of a question and answer exchange between the senator and a U. P. reporter.

In view of Johnson's support of demands that Great Britain permit a large number of Jewish refugees from Germany to immigrate to Palestine, the reporter was asked to inquire of Johnson:

"Would you favor armed intervention to put down a revolt in Palestine?"

Senator Johnson, relating the incident to the senate, said he replied merely:

"Our plans for a peaceful world include Palestine."

The reporter who talked to Johnson had understood him to have prefaced this sentence by the word "yes," which had been erroneously interpreted as meaning he would favor use of American troops to prevent a revolt in Palestine.

NAMED U. P. MANAGER

TOKYO, Oct. 5 (U. P.).—Appointment of Philip R. Curran as United Press manager for Australia was announced today by Frank H. Bartholomew, U. P. vice president and manager of the Pacific area.

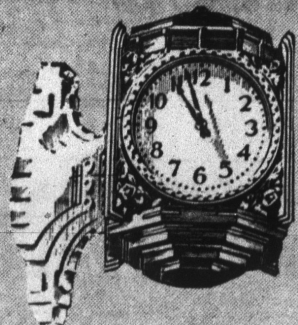
Ration Calendar

MEAT—Red stamps A through E are valid through Oct. 31. F through K will be good through Nov. 30. L through R will be good through Dec. 31. S through V, good through Jan. 31. Meat dealers will pay four red points and 4 cents for each pound of waste fat.

SUGAR—Stamp 88 is good for five pounds.

Canning sugar forms are available at ration boards. Spare Stamp 13 in Book 4 must be submitted with application for each person listed. All applicants must establish eligibility for canning sugar.

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