

GERMAN AGENTS FREE IN CHINA

Muddled Situation Allows Liberty to Nazis.

By Scripps-Howard Newspapers
SHANGHAI, Nov. 29.—While leading Nazis and Gestapo chiefs in Europe are on trial for their lives, here in China Nazis are enjoying a life of comparative freedom and comfort.

This situation, plus the fact that thousands of former Jap secret agents are moving freely about the country, results from:

First, the fact that the Chinese national government is fully occupied with fighting Chinese Communists.

Second, the apparent indifference of the U. S. government to what happens to Japs and Nazis in China. Furthermore, U. S. forces here have no authority to make arrests except in cases involving specific crimes against Americans.

Agents Active
Investigation of the activities of German agents in China today yields these facts:

1. American military authorities requested the Chinese three weeks ago to intern 103 of the 319 known Nazi party members in Shanghai. Not all the 103 have so far been interned.

2. Of those who have been interned many have been able to secure "passes" and move freely through the city.

One of these is Mrs. Eva Tong. She directed the German listening posts in Shanghai, was correspondent of the German Transocean propaganda news agency, and was engaged in intercepting American military radio communications. The day after American officers requested her internment she greeted them on the streets, gaily waving a "pass" in their faces.

George J. Marott Honored at Dinner Here for Gift of Building to Purdue

The Purdue university home economics department got out its best Hoosier delicacies last night for the dinner honoring George J. Marott, one of the university's benefactors.

Mr. Marott, proprietor of the Marrott shoe store and president of the Marrott hotel, recently gave the university the Purdue-Marrott building, formerly the Hoosier Athletic club.

Governor Gates, university executives and state and county agricultural leaders attended the dinner in the Purdue-Marrott agricultural center.

The Purdue-cooked dinner was prepared in the university's home economics building and brought to Indianapolis.

Part in Progress
Dean Frank Hockema, Purdue vice president, and Dean H. J. Reed of the Purdue school of agriculture, assured Mr. Marott that the center would become a force in proving to youth that farming is as dignifying and challenging as any other pursuit.

"In the next decade this center will play a great part in progress in soils, crops, tillage and harvesting machinery," Hassell E. Schenck, president of the Indiana Farm bureau, said.

Three of the most active Nazis in the Far East are: Baron Jescov von Puttkamer, director of the German information bureau; Lt. Col. Ludwig Ehrhardt, alias Eisenstrager, director of the "Ehrhardt bureau" (Hitler's commercial and military espionage organization in China); and Siegfried Lahrmann, ostensibly director of the German military radio communications. The day after American officers requested her internment she greeted them on the streets, gaily waving a "pass" in their faces.



A toast to George J. Marott . . . Frank C. Hockema, Purdue university vice president (left) and H. J. Reed, dean and director of agriculture at Purdue, honor Mr. Marott (center), one of the university's benefactors.

Attending the dinner were Lt. Gov. Richard T. James, J. Ralph Thompson of Seymour, Guy Wilson of Kokomo and Charles W. Cole of South Bend, all Purdue trustees; C. W. Reese, head of technical instruction of Purdue; V. C. Freeman, associate head of the school of agriculture; N. J. Volk, associate director of the experimental station; L. E. Hoffman, associate director of the agricultural extension, and H. E. Abbott, Marion county agricultural agent.

He made several trips to Tokyo in that period.

Ehrhardt—who is now "sick" in Shanghai's best hospital—established three bases in China—Peking, Shanghai and Canton. All stations were radio-equipped to communicate with Berlin and with Nazi submarines.

The Canton station monitored all traffic over the "hump" and attempted to break U. S. navy and merchant marine codes.

TESTS MAY AID U. S. CORN CROP

Guatemala Plants Checked For Cross-Breeding.

Times Foreign Service
GUATEMALA CITY, Guatemala, Nov. 29.—The average midwestern farmer, who looks on places like Guatemala as never-never lands, might be surprised to know that some are no farther away than his own cornfield, so far as their influence on his soil is concerned.

Experiments being carried on in Guatemala today may add as many as five extra bushels per acre to his next year's crop. And to the Guatemalan Indian, it may mean more tortillas for his slim diet of tortillas-and-frijoles. Or better still, a little corn to be spared from tortilla-making to trade for meat or other things to vary his monotonous fare.

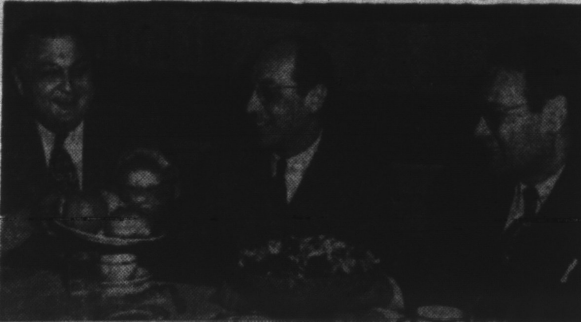
Experts from the Iowa State college experimental station have gone into the Guatemala highlands this year to seek in the native corn a something-new-to-be-added for United States crops.

May Aid U. S. Corn
They believe, for example, that the extensive root system found in Guatemalan and other Central American plants may help U. S. varieties through cross-breeding and other scientific processes.

Last year the Iowa experts set out Mexican, Guatemalan and other test plantings in Texas, Arizona and other southwestern states. But the plantings refused to flower, so now the experts have come down to Central America to see what they can do in the native ground. With the government co-operating, actual work is being carried on in conjunction with the Guatemala school of agriculture.

Crops here are puny against the

Discuss Firm's Expansion Program



M. A. Horseman, M. J. Newman and Gary Garelick (left to right) of Pearson Co., Inc., Indianapolis area, discuss the company's post-war expansion program.

FUTURE POLICIES and the post-war expansion program of Pearson Co., Inc., Indianapolis area, were discussed by 110 employees and the management of the firm at a dinner in the Athenaeum last night.

M. J. Newman, general manager; M. A. Horseman, merchandise manager; Gary Garelick, manager of the appliance division; Roy S. Kane, controller; Bert Heikam, credit manager,

and Jack H. Munro, advertising manager, were among the speakers.

Entertainment was provided by Ruth Noller, organist, and Ada Straub, pianist, two of Pearson's personnel.

A similar dinner will be held next month for personnel of the stores in Elkhart, Goshen and LaPorte. Employees of the Muncie, Anderson and Richmond stores attended a dinner in Muncie recently.

flush yields normal to the U. S. corn belt. Where the Iowa farmer can expect 60 bushels per acre the Guatemalan Indian is lucky to get 14.

So far nobody seems to have tried to figure out how much the Indian could increase his crop by more scientific farming. Our experts think that it could be raised 25 to 50 per cent simply by proper seed selection.

Left alone to scratch out a scanty barefooted, uneducated existence, the back country native is an acquisitive tool for rapacious men who seize and manipulate govern-

NAZI FILES LIST FRENCH HELPERS

Discover Secret Records on Collaborators.

Times Foreign Service
PARIS, Nov. 29.—Many prominent Frenchmen, who up to now have escaped court action as collaborators, shivered in their boots today after newspapers reported the discovery in the former German embassy and Hotel Majestic here of secret Nazi files.

The Majestic was the center of Germany's "collaboration with France" during the Nazi occupation. The number of persons under investigation by the ministry of justice has increased from 1800 to 18,000 since the discovery of these files.

Many well-known French aristocrats reportedly are involved including Prince Beauvau-Craon, who is said to have brought together at his Paris mansion French and German personalities in monthly round-table dinners.

One faithful guest, apparently, was the late Pierre Laval's son-in-law, Count Rene de Chambrun, a descendant of LaFayette, whose American citizenship up to now has stood him in good stead.

Suspect Countless
Another uncomfortable member of the French aristocracy—if she can be placed in that category—is the 72-year-old actress Cecile Sorel, who by marriage became the Countess de Segur. In 1942 she addressed a letter to the German commander in Paris which she signed, "Gräfin (Countess) von Segur." She has already been suspended from theatrical appearances for a year and may be declared by the court an "unworthy French citizen."

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TREASURY AID QUILTS

WASHINGTON, Nov. 29 (U. P.).

Daniel W. Bell, undersecretary of the treasury and one of Washington's best liked "career men," will resign Jan. 1 to become president of the American Security and Trust Co. here. He will succeed Corcoran Thom who is retiring.

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