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WENTLEAD TRIAL

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EAST BERLIN, APRIL 13 (REUTERS) — AN EAST

BERLINER AND A WEST BERLINER ON TRIAL FOR SPYING HERE SAID TODAY THEY HAD BEEN RECRUITED BY THE AMERICAN CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY.

(C. I. A.) TO SNOP ON COMMUNIST DEFENSE MEASURES AND TO RECRUIT NEW EAST GERMAN SPIES.

SCHOOLTEACHER ERICH LORBEER, 60, WAS ON TRIAL WITH 36-YEAR-OLD GERHARD FRANZ, A WEST BERLIN BUTCHER.

AN EAST BERLIN MACHINE FITTER CALLED FRANZ FANKRAZ WAS ALSO ON TRIAL FOR WORKING FOR THE WEST GERMAN SECRET SERVICE ORGANIZATION B.N.D.

LORBEER SAID HE HAD SPIED ON SCIENTIFIC ESTABLISHMENTS IN EAST GERMANY AND HUNGARY, ATTEMPTING TO FERRET OUT COMMUNIST DEFENSE MEASURES AGAINST BACTERIOLOGICAL AND CHEMICAL WARFARE.

HE ALSO REPORTED TO THE WEST ON THE POSITIONS OF EAST GERMAN AIRFIELDS AND TROOP MOVEMENTS, HE SAID.

LORBEER SAID HE WAS RECRUITED BY THE AMERICANS IN 1953 AND WAS GIVEN THE CODE NAME "PRUSSIAN." HE SAID HE HAD BEEN GIVEN RADIO TRAINING SO HE COULD RUN AN INTELLIGENCE RADIO STATION IN THE EVENT OF WAR.

FRANZ SAID HE WAS RECRUITED INTO THE C. I. A. IN 1963 FROM A WEST BERLIN TUNNEL ESCAPE ORGANIZATION, WHICH HE HAD JOINED TO GET HIS EAST BERLIN FIANCEE TO THE WEST.

AFTER TRAINING AT A C. I. A. STATION IN WEST GERMANY HE CROSSED FREQUENTLY TO EAST BERLIN ON FORGED PAPERS TO CARRY OUT COURIER WORK AND TRY TO RECRUIT EAST GERMAN AGENTS. HE WAS ALWAYS ARMED WITH A GAY PISTOL.

SECURITY MEN ARRESTED HIM WHILE HE WAS TRYING TO DELIVER A MESSAGE AT A DEAD-LETTER MAIL BOX IN POTSDAM TO ARRANGE AN ESCAPE WITH U. S. VEHICLES, UNIFORMS AND PASSES, HE SAID.

FRANZ, 45, DID NOT GIVE EVIDENCE TODAY. THE PROSECUTION ALLEGED HE REPORTED ON RADIO DEFENSE EQUIPMENT PRODUCED AT AN EAST BERLIN FACTORY AND GAVE DETAILS OF THE EXERCISES OF THE WAR-MILITARY FACTORY TRAINING CENTER.

THE TRIAL WAS EXPECTED TO LAST THREE OR FOUR DAYS.

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