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MYSTERIOUS GENERAL

A slim, bald-headed army officer, dressed in a tight-fitting German general's uniform, sits stiffly on a wooden chair. His face bears the features of a typical Prussian militarist. Apparently, the photograph is taken from a group picture since one can see at his side a pair of feet wearing boots and behind him several breasts decorated with iron crosses. The caption states that this is a photo of General Reinhard Gehlen, that there does not exist a post-war photo of the general, and that he is now in charge of a counter-intelligence organization, financed by the USA.

On 20 August 1954, WELT, a Hamburg newspaper published his photograph and playfully added that this was the "mysterious" Gehlen, the "man without a face" as known by the "~~REINOLD N. 100~~" and the German, as well as other, news publications. *Reinold's name*

When Gehlen, using a pseudonym, arrived in Bonn during the early part of August, the German press announced that he had visited Shneider, Minister of Interior at Bonn, had held discussions at the Federal Chancellery, and had frequented Blank's office, i.e. the Ministry of War at Bonn. It also stated that Gehlen's organization would be incorporated with the government at Bonn and that Gehlen would be in charge of all intelligence organizations which sprouted in West Germany. *Schneider*

This news was designed to appease the nerves of several Bonn operators. For example, Zinn, Prime Minister of Hesse, complained that Bonn, West Berlin, and all of West Germany have been transformed into "spy jungles." It would be well if all of these intelligence centers and organizations would fulfill their functions. A check has indicated that spy gangs collapse, one after another. The GDR is not flourishing as Bonn is, and several Bonn operators have preferred to go over to the GDR. *H*

Who is this Gehlen?

During the war, Reinhardt Gehlen was in charge of that Intelligence Directorate of Hitler's Military General Staff designated as the "Foreign ~~Army of the~~ East" which was directed principally against the Soviet Union. The work of Gehlen's Directorate was coordinated closely with that of SD (Security Service), SS, and gestapo.

In 1944, after the shooting of Admiral ~~Kanaris~~^C, Chief of Hitler's Military Intelligence and Counter-intelligence, ~~the~~ military intelligence including Gehlen's administration was placed under the complete jurisdiction of Himmler. Although Gehlen was a close friend of Kanaris, he knew how to get along with Himmler, Kaltenbrunner, *Sch* Shellenberg and other high executioners of the Third Reich. After the fall of the Third Reich, Gehlen appeared in the American Zone. He was a "war prisoner" for only a short time. Already in 1946, he began, with American sanction, to create a huge espionage organization. From the very beginning, his lieutenants were chosen from lists of "specialists" which included Hitler's spy and gestapo agents. While other espionage centers were organized, Gehlen remained in the dark.

On 17 March 1952, Delmer wrote in the British DAILY EXPRESS, "Attention is called to the name 'Gehlen', a name which will cause much displeasure, - Gehlen ~~is~~^{has} ~~been~~ the key to the spy network created by Kanaris, Himmler, and Shellenberg." In conclusion, Delmer noted that Gehlen apparently became the Chief of Intelligence Services of the future European Army.

This article did not create any sensation on the streets. As revealed by spies unmasked in GDR, Gehlen received 17 million dollars in 1951 and 25 million dollars in 1952 from the Americans. Other sources state that he has received 47 million dollars annually.

SPIES, COURIERS, SPOTTERS

The trials of West German spies unmasked in the GDR revealed that Gehlen's organization consists of a political directorate with 3,000 people and a military directorate with 1,000 people. Among the agents, there are couriers, radio personnel, spotters, spies for recruitment, investigators for determining the suitability of personnel for

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espionage activities, guides for bringing recruited personnel into West Berlin, and finally sources (agents) for collecting and transmitting intelligence information. The latter, likewise, are classified according to their "specialty."

Fronts of various commercial firms are used to cover up Gehlen's organization. Forged documents are prepared by the "Secret Technical Services" in Stuttgart, using the name of the "Swabian Industrial Representative Company" as a cover. The Americans supply documents to many agents who become Gehlen's couriers to and from West Berlin and who travel not as ordinary passengers but on American transport planes.

Recently, NEWSWEEK, an American newspaper confirmed that Gehlen's Headquarters, the "General Directorate" is located in Pullach, a suburb of Munich in the American Zone and that it is surrounded with a barbed wire fence. American barracks and warehouses are used to camouflage the "Directorate". In addition to 40 CIC personnel, there are over 400 people working for the "~~Administration~~" "^{Directorate}". CIC agents look after Gehlen's organization and control the expenses of their appointees. The "~~administration~~" "^{Directorate}" has branches in Munich, Bremen, Karlsruhe, Darmstadt, and Shtoknits near Munich. These branches are subdivided into a network of sections in West Germany, West Berlin, and the Saar District.

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Specialized schools are organized for training spies.

GENERAL ASSIGNMENTS TO ALL

At the end of August and the beginning of September, the East Berlin newspapers published information about the cases of several hundred of Gehlen's agents who were arrested on 2 and 3 August. One of these articles revealed how one of ~~these~~ "^{Gehlen's} agents was carrying a concealed document entitled "General assignments to all." This document was printed on ~~microfilm~~ microfilm hidden in an electric light switch.

Gehlen's

Here is, for example, assignment 2 of the document: "Determine the results of allied aircraft buzzing of railroad lines, roads, bridges, large communications networks, etc. and observe the reconstruction work."

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The 19th assignment asks ^(agents) to observe the effects of aircraft buzzing of power industries and chemical enterprises and also to note reconstruction work as a result of the buzzing.

The 15th assignment calls for the observation of losses of population because of aircraft buzzing.

The 10th assignment, which is of a cannibalistic nature, asks for the observation of the number of patients in hospitals and the outbreaks of epidemic diseases. In other words, this assignment is designed for bacteriological warfare. This activity of spies in time of war is called "Operation E."

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Gehlen's agents do not hesitate to recruit minors for their vile assignments. Recently, because of the vigilance of railroad worker, a 16-year old student from West Berlin was arrested for distributing provocative leaflets ~~consisting of~~ instructions to pour sand in railroad-car axle-boxes, to destroy signal wires, etc.

It was revealed that this boy was recruited by *boy* adult agents in West Berlin. When the ~~parents of the boy~~ parents of the boy, who did not know anything of the incidents, appealed to a West Berlin court to punish the agents responsible for leading their son to such a reprehensible crime, the judge dismissed their plea on the grounds that similar activities are not punishable by law.

ON THE EAST AND ON THE WEST

against
Gehlen's spy gangs are active not only against the GDR but also other People's Democratic Nations, chiefly ~~Poland~~ Poland and Czechoslovakia. For example, in the beginning of August, a great Gehlen organization consisting of several dozen people was discovered in Czechoslovakia. Also recently, a gang of Gehlen's agents was arrested in Poland. On 12 July, NEWSWEEK, reported that Gehlen's agents are operating not only in Eastern Europe but also in Western Europe, the Far East, and the Near East.

Gehlen is especially active in France. His agents are trying to ~~penetrate~~ *penetrate* pro-French circles and to

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expose them.

Gehlen has a strong administration in Western Germany. His agents spy on West German people who struggle against the division of Germany, (try to provoke ~~them~~), and collect compromising forged documents. Commercial firms which try to restore their economic relations with GDR and People's Democratic countries are kept under observation. *(Call agents)*

Kussinger
In addition to this, the wide awake eye of Gehlen is always present at the Bonn Government. Some highly placed representatives of the West German regime are found to be his agents. Gehlen has his "rezidents" also in the Bonn offices which are competing with him. *(group)* General ~~Kussinger~~ is an agent in Blank's office and Radtke, the Deputy Chief of the Office for Guarding the Constitution is an agent, using the pseudonym ~~Radtke~~. The CIC penetrates into the Bonn Government through Gehlen.

At the time of the Berlin Conference of Ministers of Foreign Affairs, Gehlen tried, with false documents, to compromise such West German officials as Ollenhauer, Pfeifferer, Friedensburg, and Lemmer by criticizing Adenauer's political developments.

Both of the Hitlerites--^ZLentz, Adenauer's former Chief of the Chancery, and Globke, the present Chief of the Chancery--are closely connected with Gehlen. NEWSWEEK states that Globke is the liaison agent between Adenauer and Gehlen. WELT AM SONNTAG reported, "Gehlen is acquainted personally with Adenauer...His reports are sent directly to the Federal Chancellor in Spaumburg Castle."

THE SECRET BECOMES CLEAR

The security organs of the GDR have dealt heavy blows to Gehlen's gang of spies and murderers. Sections of gangs with full complements were caught, and not only the regular agents, but Gehlen's intelligence informers were also arrested and sentenced. The "democratic" press published full accounts of the structure of Gehlen's organization and its activity, the addresses of the many intelligence networks of Gehlen, and the names and pseudonyms of his leaders. All of this increased the vigilance

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of GDR citizens and opened the eyes of many complacent people.

The numerous traps have caused a panic among the spies. Many of them have decided to cease their activity and keep quiet; others, including several leaders such as Prater, Kapanke, etc. have appeared voluntarily and repented before ~~the~~ GDR security organs.

This does not mean that Gehlen's gang is completely liquidated. The West German press has reported that Gehlen will be the chief of intelligence in the projected London Conference of the nine western governments.

The secret has become clear ^{as to} how the American and Bonn powers had tried to "save face" with the scandalized General-Spy. The ugly picture of the Bonn regime, which was forced to seek support from the American-supported spy gangs, has been unveiled before the eyes of the public. All the world sees how the ruling circles of USA have decided to depend on the rebuked spies of Hitler to help them prepare the ~~operations~~ *evil* "Operation E."

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CAPTIONS FOR PHOTOGRAPHS

1. The so-called "General Directorate" in Pullach, an American restricted area near Munich, is the main espionage center of Gehlen's henchmen.

2. Material evidence of Gehlen's espionage activities was exhibited in the press conference room. This exhibit consists of propaganda leaflets and inflammable materials carried by air balloons and bombs with time-clock mechanisms which are designed for blowing up and setting fire to GDR enterprises.

3. In October 1954, at a press conference in Berlin, (Professor) Albert Norden, GDR State Secretary, submitted new documentary evidence about American intelligence activities and West German agents. James Starr and his brother William Henry Starr, American citizens, who escaped into the GDR, appeared at this press conference. William Henry Starr is shown answering questions of the correspondents.

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