

NAZI WAR CRIMES DISCLOSURE ACT

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...WEST GERMANY, MAY 11 (REUTERS)--IRON INDUSTRIAL MAGNATE ALFRED KRUPP IS BEING SUPPORTED BY THE WEST GERMAN GOVERNMENT IN ATTEMPTING TO BACK OUT OF A PROMISE TO BREAK UP HIS GIANT COAL AND STEEL CONCERN USUALLY WELL EMPLOYED. SOURCES SAID HERE TODAY.

THE SOURCES SAID THE GOVERNMENT'S BACKING FOR KRUPP WAS CONTAINED IN A NOTE SENT TO THE ALLIES LAST MONTH. OFFICIAL SOURCES HAVE REFUSED TO GIVE ANY DETAILS.

IN 1953 KRUPP, WHO SERVED ONLY TWO YEARS OF A 10-YEAR SENTENCE FOR WAR CRIMES, MADE HIS PROMISE AS PART OF DECONCENTRATION MEASURES PLANNED BY THE ALLIES. IT BOUND HIM TO SELL HIS 361,500,000 COAL AND STEEL INTERESTS--MUCH OF THE BACKBONE OF NAZI MILITARY might--BY ONE YEAR, (1953).

IT HAS BEEN NO SECRET AMONG WESTERN INDUSTRIALISTS THAT THE 50-YEAR-OLD KRUPP WOULD PLANT HIS OWN KIND OF SLAVE LABORERS, WANTED TO BE RELEASED FROM HIS PROMISE, AND HE DID NOT SAY SO UNTIL APRIL 28 WHEN HE TOLD EMPLOYEES TO BELIEVE OTHERWISE, WHICH SEEMED DESIRABLE IN 1945, WERE NO LONGER WORTH IN AN AGE OF EUROPEAN COOPERATION.

AS THE HEADLINE SAID, HEAR THE PLAN CONTINUES TO EXPAND I. V. KRUPP WANTS TO.

KRUPP RETURNED RECENTLY FROM VISITS TO AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND AND SINGAPORE. THIS VISITING A DEMONSTRATION FROM COMMUNIST CHINA VISITED THE GROUP HERE TO SEEK INFORMATION ON BUYING POSSIBILITIES IN WESTERN GERMANY.

KRUPP HAS ALREADY SOLD HIS INTERESTS IN TWO COAL MINES, AND HIS STOCK IN TWO SUBSIDIARIES. THE ONE MINES WHICH HE STILL OWNS PRODUCE ABOUT 1,500,000 TONS OF WAREHOUSE COAL A YEAR, ACCORDING TO A KRUPP OFFICIAL.

THIS IS ABOUT 100,000 TONS MORE THAN THE TWO WHICH HE SOLD AND ABOUT THREE PER CENT OF THE TOTAL WEST GERMANY WARE COAL PRODUCTION.

...AT THE MOMENT THE KRUPP CONCERN FACTORIES AND MINES ARE IN THE HANDS OF THE STATE, ACCORDING TO THE GOVERNMENT. THE PLANT AT DUISBURG, WHICH PRODUCES ABOUT 1,000,000 TONS OF CRUDE STEEL A YEAR--ABOUT 1/3 OF THE TOTAL WEST GERMAN PRODUCTION.

THE ALLIES ASKED KRUPP TO SURRENDER HIS BIG ENGINEERING CONCERN, WHICH LAST YEAR HAD A TURNOVER OF ABOUT 2,000,000,000 (20 BILLION MARKS) IN 1950.

KRUPP WAS TAKEN AWAY FROM HIS HOME IN DUISBURG HIS LAST OFFICE, HE WAS SENT TO LAURENCE PARK, MARYLAND, IN JANUARY, 1947, AFTER SERVING ONLY TWO YEARS OF A 10-YEAR SENTENCE FOR WAR CRIMES. THE DECONCENTRATION PLAN WAS A CONSEQUENCE OF THE NUREMBERG WAR CRIMES TRIALS.

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