

GERMAN ESCAPE GROUP

Quentner TOULKE, head of the DISPATCHER 1 DANEMARK, has in the course of his work had occasion to travel back and forth across the border from Germany to Denmark. It now develops that he has been smuggling Germans into Denmark under the guise of members of his group, and these individuals have been passed along on Argentine PPs. Police stated confidentially that Argentine representatives implicated are Carlos R. PINERO and Richardo Maria FERNANDEZ IBA. They further suspect that this operation has not been directed by the Argentine Govt. and that the Minister may not have even been aware of it. The names of those involved have not been submitted to the press.

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Danish press reports arrest at Mastrup Airfield of 2 German subjects and Lt. Quentner TOULKE. Investigation revealed organized scheme whereby Germans were being smuggled from Germany into Denmark for the purpose of eventual evacuation to Argentina. Police indicated that an important dispatch post operates from Hamburg under a German ex-Lieutenant named SCHUMANN.

(IA Report
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German national arrested bearing Argentine passport bearing name Don Ernesto FOURCADE, revealed to be Dr. A. T. S. Thalut, radio engineer from Germany. Argentine Legation made statement to press that FOURCADE passport legally issued. TOULKE also arrested and several other German suspects who may in time divulge info to trace leading dispatchers from Germany. Danish police have disclosed that Carlos R. PINERO, Counsellor of the Argentine Legation, and Ricardo Maria FERNANDEZ IBA, Secretary, have participated in the smuggling and have been under suspicion for about five months.

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Status and disposition of German subjects apprehended by the Danish police. Prof. Kurt TANK, German aircraft expert, in May 1947 assembled some 15 air experts and searched for ways of evacuation of them and himself to the west. In the summer of 1947 he made acquaintance of Lt. TOULKE in Hamburg. TOULKE already knew Carlos R. PINERO, and according to the police had assisted PINERO in smuggling plots prior to the TRIAU episode. Early in November TANK and Air Engineer JURGEN NABLANN were smuggled into Denmark and quartered in TOULKE's office near Copenhagen. Within 5 days all necessary papers and details were completed and TANK and NABLANN were flown to Argentina. The police are of the opinion that TANK and NABLANN are the only two of the air experts who successfully escaped Denmark. Prof. THALUT and Engineer TANK, both air experts and members of TANK's circle, were apprehended late in November attempting to run the Danish customs. The Danish police are holding the following for further investigation: Lt. TOULKE; Lt. GUELCHOU; Rudolf GUEPPEL; Dr. SAJNER. None of these are associated with the air-group, with the exception of TOULKE. SAJNER initially was believed to be a dispatch agent in Hamburg, but he is a businessman with friends in Argentina.

(IA R-31-48
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Denmark)

Cable to L and C are the German/Swedish/Danish ring smuggling German scientists to Argentina. Every effort should be made to obtain all info on carrying on identities of scientists smuggled or to be smuggled out.

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Danish Police are planning to use black market business operated by the Communist faction of "Preis Deutsche Kulturgund" as a basis for the arrest of persons believed to be the leaders of the present illegal routes between Sweden and Denmark. (LDC-205 Apr 47)

The Danish Police have come on the track of a widespread illegal organization which was engaged in the clandestine transportation of German fascists to Argentina. Had connections in Sweden. (FBIB-26 Nov Moscow, 25/11/47)

Danes aware of illegal Nazi work in Denmark. There will be sensational developments in near future in regard to it. A Swedish Legation man secretly renders support to Nazis over illegal route over Oresund; the location of this route is well known. (JC-14 LDC-140 1/31/47)

Emigration to S. A. thru Copen. (LDC-115 22 Dec 46)

Press report that Werner SCHULTZ, a member of the recently discovered forgery gang has been actively enrolling people and primarily nazis for the Argentine Army. The Swe police stated that the Nazi Organ'n which was recently disclosed in Copenhagen has been in contact with the Stockholm forgers. Some months ago subject grp bought the vessel FALKEN. The vessel was to be used to transport people to SA but it yet has not left Sweden. (FBIB-26 Nov 4 Norwegian Home 25 Nov 47)

Illegal immigration from Germany to Argentina via Scandanavia. Info re FALKEN SVEA. (LDC-115 19 Feb 47)

Helmuth Maurer, due for repatriation to Germany, is reported to have escaped from Sweden to Argentina sometime in Spring or Summer of 1947. Reported to be a director of the Nordic Trading Co, Stockholm and it is presumed that arrangements for his escape were made thru them. (LDC-115 26 Feb 48)

RIKDAL (gv-France) supplied with passport, etc., by well-financed Swedish Nazi group which arranges flights of Nazis to South America. (IN-10735 14 Mar 47 ad)

Document covers subject organiz, its members and activities. Hdq. located at C. G. HALLSOGES GULDBRIS A/B and its managing director, Otto Decker, is chief of the Nazi org. Swedish/Nazi organiz engaged in aiding Nazis to enter Sweden and to facilitate their escape through Sweden to another country. (LSS-165 FURC-1452 3 Mar.47)

Johan SCHNEIDER, manager of A/S SCHALS & CO., is reported to be in charge of the procurement of illegal boat passage from Sweden. He has two lines, one via Gotoberg and the other via Uskarshamn. He is also instrumental in procuring visas to U. A. and aided escape of Rikdal (IN-10735). (LSS-176 12 Mar 47)

A group of individuals (swedish) recently working in Sweden in an effort to assist Nazi underground activities and to specifically aid the escape of Finnish Nazis from Finland. (IN 991 18 Sept 46 ad)

will report on the illegal migration of Nazis to South America via Scandinavia. No new info. Report refers to Torkel HILDEBRAND, DENMARK, SWEDEN.

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Carlos E. Pinero, Counselor at Argentine Leg in Denmark, implicated in the smuggling of Germans into Denmark, who are then passed along on Argentine pas which are not forgeries but are issued at the Argentine Leg in Denmark. Subject's wife is German and had a wide acquaintanceship in Germany with the type of persons which were desired to bring to Argentina. Subject was Charge d'Affaires in early 1946, as well as Consul General & Attache. He is now designated Counselor. Recommended to the Foreign Minister that the subject be requested to leave his post at the Argentine Leg. Subject involved along with Richardo Maria Fernandez HITA.

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Guenther TORKES heads the DIENSTGRUPPE DANMARK. Subject in the course of his work has had occasion to travel back and forth across the border. It now develops that he has been smuggling Germans into Denmark under the guise of members of his group, and these individuals have been passed along on Argentine pas. The Foreign Office has issued a denial of a report in a Swedish paper that TORKES had also smuggled several thousand Germans from refugee camps in Denmark.

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Danish press reports the arrest of subject in connection with the organized scheme for smuggling Germans out of Germany to Denmark for eventual evacuation to Argentina.

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After the termination of hostilities there was established under agreement with the Allied Military Authorities a German military unit called "DIENSTGRUPPE DANMARK," which operated under the supervision of the British Military Mission. This organization assisted in the reparation of the German military forces and has since been performing other duties. The head of the organization is Guenther TORKES, who has in the course of his work had occasion to travel back & forth across the border. It now develops that he has been smuggling Germans into Denmark under the guise of members of his group, and these individuals have been passed along on Argentine pas.

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Berner Schultz - press reports from Stockholm report that subj, age 25, a member of the recently discovered PW forgery gang has been enrolling people & primarily Nazis for the Argentine Army. Subject has been in Stockholm posing as a businessman. Subject went to Oslo when the police became interested, applied for a post in the Treason Dept.

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Suspected net work of Nazi smuggling through Malsingborg. Mingleader reported to be Stig GONNAR (w. 5.1.)

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Investigations into activities of individual Swedish Nazis during the war are still being carried out by police. Investigations being made on info and documents obtained by police after the war. Legal proceedings will be instituted against Swedes who carried out transnational activities. Govt. will not publish a report on activities of Nazis in Sweden during the war.

Swed. Home
Services
11 June 47