

MEMORANDUM FOR: R. Files

SUBJECT: The Fascist International

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## THE FASCIST INTERNATIONAL

### General

1. The European Popular Movement (EPM) is an anti-American and anti-Soviet fascist organization. Although the EPM is independent of the European Social Movement (ESM) and the European Liaison Office (ELO) some of the leading personalities of the EPM in France, such as Maurice BARDECHE, Henri BONIFACIO, and René BINET, are also members of the ESM or the ELO. Gaston FIOU, the honorary president of the EPM, lives at 42 Rue de l'Yvette, Paris XV<sup>e</sup>.

2. The Italian Social Movement (MSI), the EPM, and Otto STRASSER had planned to convene a congress in Rome; however, the congress will not meet because of a quarrel between the MSI and STRASSER over the issue of South Tyrol, the same issue which caused the conflict between STRASSER and the ESM.

3. On 1-2 October 1955, the German section of the ESM held its congress at Bad Homburg. The German authorities are making inquiries into the financial sources of the German section, since it has only 800 members, of whom 300 do not pay dues. Nonetheless, the German section is known to spend considerable sums of money, a portion of which comes from England (Oswald ROSSLY) and from France.

4. The European-Asian Study Commission was established in Vienna by Oskar KUEHN, member of the Austrian section of the ESM and a former member of the National Council, and Dr. Hans WILHEIM, both of whom are from Vienna. While the official purpose of the Commission is listed as trade with Asia, it is merely a cover for ESM activities. No British, French, or Jewish firm may participate in the Commission's trade activities.

5. The ELO is in a difficult position following the resignation of Guy AMANDRUZ as secretary-general, and BINET has complained that the work of the French section, Comité National Français, has become more and more difficult. The choice of the MSI to direct the work of the ELO has brought strong objections from both the German and Austrian sections. The German bloc in the ELO wishes to maintain at least the Swiss People's Party and the Austrian Freiheitliche Sammlung Oesterreichs as an ELO nucleus.

### Organizations

#### Austria:

6. Oesterreichische Soziale Bewegung: secretary-general Wilhelm LANDIG, in ESM; developed from League of Independents; collaborates with Germans.

#### Belgium:

7. Mouvement Social Européen: led by Jean DEBBAUDT, expelled from ESM for excessive nationalism and anti-semitism; now in ELO.

101. HANDEL (name) former general, associated with German National Council, 1948.

102. Otto REBER: former SA leader, associated with the Committee for Internationalism, cooperates with ELO, has contacts with Leo DECHLE and the Fra. League.

103. Frans RICHTER (aka Fritz ROESSLER): was member of Bund der Arbeiter, under alias to conceal his Nazi background; attended the Munich Congress, 1951, cooperates with ELO.

104. Hans Ulrich RUEL: former air force colonel, lives in Argentina, founder of Deutsche Hilfswerk in 1948 with Carl Kasper and CARLBERG; liaison officer to ELO; candidate for Bundestag in 1957, seen by Dr. JAC. WUNDERHALL and FRIEDRICH.

105. Wolfgang SAEG: neo-Nazi since 1950; co-founder of Mitinform, was arrested in 1953; cooperates with the ex-Mitfi of Jerusalem; editor of Sankare in Oldenburg.

106. Ervin SCHONBOEN: lives in West Berlin, founder of Europa, broke with Karl Heinz FRIEDL; cooperates with the British Union of Fascists and ELO.

107. Siegfried SCHUG: former SA brigadier, member of Reichstag, pre-war Nazi, lives in Saeckingen, Baden, member of German bloc which collaborated with ELO.

108. Otto SEKREZNY: leading Nazi and former SS Colonel, interned by Americans, escaped to Spain, has Spanish passport, has close contact with SCHACHT, Frau Werner MADAMSKA, and Hans Ulrich RUEL, has an export license and travels extensively in Germany and Arab countries, interested in Spanish armaments industry, cooperates with ELO, contributor to Der Nazi and Vaegen Front.

Great Britain:

109. A. F. BARON: co-founder of Mitinform, has contact with Wolfgang SAEG.