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In Buenos Aires

Skorzeny Took Part In Peron-Krupp Talks

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BONN, Nov. 18.—Otto Skorzeny, one of Hitler's most spectacular commando officers, took part in recent talks in Buenos Aires between President Juan D. Peron and the Krupp interests of Essen, it was learned today.

Skorzeny, whose home for the last six years has been in Spain, was known in World War II for his air rescue of Mussolini from detention by the Badoglio government in the Abruzzi Mountains in Italy in 1943.

Since 1948, he has maintained an engineering contracts office in Madrid. Besides returning to Germany occasionally, he has traveled widely, and about two years ago appeared to be devoting special attention to the Middle East. He has also had his war-time memoirs published.

Contact with Naumann

Chancellor Konrad Adenauer charged in March, 1952, that Skorzeny was one of the contacts abroad of Werner Naumann, the most prominent and able neo-Nazi conspirator of the post-war period. Naumann, who was jailed but later released, confirmed that he had corresponded with Skorzeny.

However, Naumann, who was in the export-import business in Dusseldorf, said that he and Skorzeny were old friends and that their post-war connection had nothing to do with politics.

In his book, "Does Nau Nau Endanger the British Empire?" Mr. Naumann said that he and Skorzeny had written to each other "about the sale of cement, machine tools and similar goods" and that Skorzeny had, at one time, asked his help in obtaining a German visa.

Skorzeny is also understood to have been on friendly terms since the war with former Reichsbank president Hjalmar Schacht, who has a private banking firm in Dusseldorf. Skorzeny's other connections have included another prominent private bank in the Ruhr.

Krupps are interested in a sizeable venture in the Americas. It was learned last month that they have been extensively investigating the possibilities of participation in the expanding economy of Canada.

At Argentine Talks

His presence in Buenos Aires during the recent talks between the Argentine President and the Krupp firm, former German armaments makers, was confirmed today by the Krupp headquarters in Essen.

The Krupp representative at the talks was Erhard von Malzahn, an envoy from the Essen office. The conversations are said to have covered a considerable range of possible business which Krupp might undertake in Argentina.

However, the Essen headquarters denied categorically that Skorzeny represented the Krupp concern during the talks. They said the Argentine, not the Krupps, were responsible for his participation.

The Krupp firm's conversations with President Peron are the second recent indication that the

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