

Gehlen's Book Is Runaway

Best Seller

FRANKFURT (AP) — A book written by an ex-German general, Reinhard Gehlen, which claims that Martin Bormann was a Soviet spy is becoming a runaway best seller in West Germany, its publisher reported Friday.

Walter Hansen, head of the Ullstein Hase und Kochler publishing house of Mainz, said at the Frankfurt international book fair that the entire first German edition of 100,000 copies had been sold out and orders already had been received for 37,000 of the planned 50,000 second edition. Paper for the third edition is on order.

The book, by Gehlen, who is West Germany's former intelligence chief, has shot up to the No. 2 spot on the best seller list to be published Monday in the news magazine Der Spiegel.

Spied for Russians
Hansen attributed the success of the book, entitled "Der Dienst" (The Service), partly to the publicity given to its content that Bormann, Hitler's top aide, spied for the Russians and died in the Soviet Union several years ago.

The publisher dismissed as nonsense reports circulating that the German general had been put in the director of the West German government.

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