

*Born Latvia 1914 of family of parents
sent to Siberia's camp. Subj. not known
U. of Riga in 1938.*

LAUNAGS, Alfred Vanags @

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and member for political affairs Member in underground
Present leader Latvian Contact Group in Sweden. Joined underground immed.
after first Soviet Occupation in 1940. Activities included distribution
of anti-Bolshevik literature and assistance to the underground fighters
in obtaining weapons. He is also said to have been instrumental in organising
underground cells on a nationwide scale and "on orders of the leadership of
the Resistance Movement (LCC?) reportedly joined Commie organisations. Organised
armed partisan group near Riga which captured Sov. ammunition train and defeated
Red detachment. Arrested by local Germans while fighting Russians, but released
without arms. Began compilation of anti-Nazi documents by Lat underground with
copy of Himmler's project for colonisation and Germanisation of Latvia/

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Arrested by Gestapo in 1943, three months interrogation and torture, prison term
at VALMIERA. Liberated Dec. 43. Drew up plans with other Lets in Aug. 44 for
creation anti-Bolshevik General Staff- base of operative staff of Lat Natl
Guerilla Org of which Vanags became asst to the political chief. Operated in
Purzeme ~~area~~ after capitulation to Soviets in May 45. Wrote first illegal
undergrnd leaflet. Aug 45 transferred with group to Sweden for purposes of
seeking contact with intelligence services of western democracies. Wrote reports
to ZARINS, Lat minister in London. *Admitted in U. S.*

was pilot under Lat Resistance

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