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Summary.

After the partial retirement of Hypolite Worms from the management of Worms et Cie, this firm, which had been decidedly pro-British, became the principal collaborationist firm in France. This was due to the advent of four or five men high up in the political and business world in France, all of whom were sympathetic to German interests. This was around 1935. The new coterie was made up of Jacques BERNAUD, former Inspecteur des Finances and an important economic advisor to the Blum government; and Gabriel LeRoy-Ladurie; Jacques Gaerard, an ex-treasury man; Paul MARION, a Jacques Doriot ex-communist. Eventually these men took over the operation of the business of Worms et Cie. The old managers became increasingly less active until finally, the finishing touch^{came} when Hypolite Worms was arrested and imprisoned by the Laval Government on charges of espionage.

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