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Erhard Milch, Secretary of State and General of the Luftwaffe

In the days of the republic Milch was connected with the "Bayerische Motorenwerke" and with the Lufthansa. He used to attend many press receptions with scores of other, equally colorless men. He did display a great interest in racial problems. Even before the Nazis seized power I remember Milch being kidded by some other Air experts about his unhappiness that he had only small daughters and no sons to carry on the Milch tradition.

As representative of a big industrial concern, Milch had a comfortable income which made it possible for him to help his friend Goering when his funds were so low that he could not go on. He was amply rewarded for this help when the Nazis came to power. Milch and the Bayerische Motorenwerke fared well under Goering's protection.

But it did not take people long to remember that this little man who suddenly seemed prominent had had a Jewish father. His mother was "allright" - but nobody could deny that his Father was non-Aryan. The matter was brought up in court. In view of Milch's importance to the Nazi party, the court sat in camera. Everybody who attended that secret meeting talked about it. Milch, the little man representing the party that supposedly stood for the sanctity of family life, stood up in court and swore that his Mother had committed adultery and that his Father really had been a certain Herr von Bier. Milch had a number of tell-tale Jewish relations in Germany. He helped them get out of the country in time. He must have financed them quite generously because I never heard of any coming to the fore claiming intimate knowledge or kinship with Goering's right hand.

Milch, despite his mild looks, is a fanatic. He believes in the sacred mission of the Nazis and the Germans. He is known as a good organizer. He has also been credited with sincere efforts to curb terrorism in Germany. He shares Goering's violent dislike and distrust of Heinrich Himmler.

His life pattern has remained bourgeois. His wife's main ambition is to marry off the Milch daughters as well and safely as possible. Milch has practical, valuable knowledge - whether he would ever place that at the disposal of a non-Nazi Germany seems doubtful. Even if he tried to make a compromise for the sake of the safety of the family he loves, he would always remain a danger to a Non-Nazi state. He has inculcated his Nazi fanaticism into his daughters who are bound to be fully as dangerous as Papa.

Some day it might be quite useful to try by some ways and means to convey to Milch that he could get off the Black list of the United Nations if he made sure that prisoners of war of the United Nations were

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given the best treatment possible and if he kept evidence to that effect. He could probably do something to ease the situation for prisoners, specially flyers, and it might be a good idea to try to use him to help safeguard our boys who will be in great danger when the German crack-up finally comes.

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