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AIDE TO EICHMANN IS BACK IN AUSTRIA

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Tipoff Apparently Enabled Rajakovic to Escape

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BELGRADE, Yugoslavia, Oct. 3—A warning by the Yugoslav police that he was not to leave the seaside town where he was vacationing apparently tipped off Erich Rajakovic, a wartime aide of the late Adolf Eichmann, that arrest was imminent and enabled him to escape.

Rajakovic's lawyer said in Vienna that his client, a 61-year-old Austrian citizen, was in Austria and would appear at a news conference tomorrow.

Rajakovic, who served a two-and-a-half-year prison term in Austria for wartime crimes committed as a Nazi official, is accused of having sent 100,000 Dutch nationals to their death in German concentration camps and is being sought by the Netherlands for extradition.

According to his wife, he was visited by Yugoslav policemen at 11 o'clock on Sunday night at the resort town of Piran, on the Istrian coast. Mrs. Rajakovic, who was staying with her husband and their 9-month-old baby at a rented cottage, said that the police took her husband's passport and told him not to leave town. The next day, she said, he disappeared.

Mrs. Rajakovic's account was given to a local correspondent of the Associated Press who lives in nearby Koper. No other details were given from her account.

Mrs. Rajakovic's account appeared in the newspaper. The embassy reported to The Hague yesterday that Rajakovic had been detained. Today a Yugoslav spokesman reported that he had managed to evade arrest.

It was not clear why the local police gave Rajakovic, who if extradited to the Netherlands could face life imprisonment, what in effect was notice that he was to be arrested.

The explanation may lie in the fact that some time was needed to prepare the warrant after receipt of the Dutch request. Possibly the local police, behaving somewhat according to the region's former tradition of Austrian legalism, thought that depriving Rajakovic of his passport and ordering him to stay put was a neat way of keeping him secure.

Rajakovic, a lawyer who was born in Vienna, has been living in Austria in recent years. Because he served a term there for his wartime activities he is, under Austrian law, immune from extradition proceedings based on these activities.

It was not clear why he had forfeited the security of Austria to spend a two-week vacation in Yugoslavia.

Mrs. Rajakovic attributed the effort to arrest her husband to what she said was a tip by Simon Wiesenthal, head of the Jewish Documentation Center in Vienna who has devoted his life to tracking down Nazi war criminals and bringing information leading to their arrest.

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