

BEST AVAILABLE COPY

CONFIDENTIAL

WALDMAN, Ing. Anton

17 Feb 1955

AA-670001-B-1-1 JE

On 4 Feb 1955, Ernst Waldman, born 22 Mar 1894, Sozialistische Partei Osterreichs (Socialist Party of Austria) (SPO) Nationalrat (National Assembly member) for the Innviertel area of Upper Austria was interviewed at his home at Subilnaustrasse 20, Braunau, District Braunau, Land Upper Austria, pertaining to his knowledge of WALDMAN, and he stated substantially as follows:

a. Source first became acquainted with WALDMAN during the 1920's in Land Upper Austria. During this period, SUBJECT was a radical and ardent follower of the National Sozialistische Deutsche Arbeiter Partei (National Socialist German Workers Party) (N.D.A.P.) and was active throughout Upper Austria as a public speaker for the N.D.A.P. Source frequently appeared at political meetings where SUBJECT spoke for the N.D.A.P. and during the discussion periods, source spoke on behalf of the SPO against WALDMAN. Conversely, when source spoke at political meetings on behalf of the SPO, SUBJECT frequently represented the N.D.A.P. during the discussion periods. Source knows that SUBJECT previously resided in Wettmach, District Nied, Land Upper Austria, where he had property, and also that WALDMAN had other property located in the Attersee area, probably in St. Georgen am Attersee, District Voecklabruck, Land Upper Austria. During the period of Dr. Seyss-Inquart's regime in Austria, SUBJECT was Minister of Agriculture and, after 1938, he went to Berlin and became an official in the German Agriculture Ministry. SUBJECT is considered to be a specialist in agricultural and forestry problems. After World War II, SUBJECT is believed to have been tried as a war criminal at the Muenberg war criminal trials and to have been interned, probably by the United States authorities, for a long period. Source does not definitely know, but believes that WALDMAN was released from this internment in about 1952 or 1953. Further, source recalls hearing a report that WALDMAN's properties in Wettmach and in the Attersee area were confiscated by the Austrian government.

b. About two (2) weeks ago, approximately 27 Jan 1955, source read in the Upper Austria SPO newspaper, "Winterabend", an article which stated that the Verband der Unabhängigen (League of Independents) (VdU) were attempting to secure WALDMAN for their party activities. On 3 Jan 1955, at a party attended by source in the Vienna Rathaus Keller given by the Buergermeister of Vienna for members of the National Assembly and which was attended by National Assembly members of all Austrian political parties, various party leaders spoke. During a short speech, Max Tendebrach, VdU leader in the National Assembly, made reference to the VdU as a "Dritte Kraft" (Third Force). Source could not recall the theme of Tendebrach's speech, but

Page 1 of 2 pages

Copy 1 of 6 copies

FOR COORDINATION WITH ^{ed}

US Army

1945, 430th CIC Det.,
Region "B"

DECLASSIFIED AND RELEASED BY
CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
SOURCE METHODS EXEMPTION 3B2B
NAZI WAR CRIMES DISCLOSURE ACT
DATE 2002 2006

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

AGENT REPORT

RE: REINHARD, Ing. Anton

17 Feb 1955

AA-020381-B-1-()

JM

believes that he mentioned the "Dritte Kraft" facetiously.

c. Source has never heard of any request made by the SPGe to REINHARD to become the SPGe Buergermeister of Mattsch. Further, as Source is the SPGe leader in the Innviertel area, in which is located Mattsch, SPGe party discipline requires that Source be informed prior to such action. Further, in Source's opinion, the SPGe would definitely not become associated with REINHARD in any way because of his background as a former Nazi official.

d. Source, in his activities as SPGe leader and member of the National Assembly, has not heard of any attempt by the Oesterreichische Volks Partei (Austrian People's Party) (OeVP) to support or organize another political party or group. (C-2)

CONFIDENTIAL

Page 4 of 6 pages

Copy 5 of 6 copies

1903, 430th CIC Det.,
Region "B"

CONFIDENTIAL