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Colonel Otto Skorzeny visits Hamburg.

Weekly Report - Hamburg.

Ernest RIGGERT, Political commentator for the NDR and freelance journalist for Die Welt and DPA, informed an officer of the Consulate General that Colonel Otto Skorzeny visited Hamburg on November 11th. Skorzeny was connected with the abduction of Benito Mussolini on Hitler's direct orders. According to Riggert, Skorzeny had come to Hamburg from Soviet Headquarters in Karlshorst en route to London. Skorzeny claimed that his trips to Karlshorst and London were undertaken in cooperation with "high American intelligence officials". Riggert also stated that the increasingly frequent visits of Skorzeny to Germany from Spain, where he is now resident, were ostensibly and in part actually concerned with furthering Spanish German commercial relations. It was Riggert's opinion that Skorzeny would not only be an unreliable intelligence agent, but that he is also a clear danger to the interests of the Western Powers.

Contributed by: Douglas Bryan, American Vice Consul.
Source: Personal contact.

Sozialistische Reichspartei:

This party held two meetings here during the past week; both meetings drew an audience of about 80 persons. KNOKE, SRP member of the Lower Saxony Landtag, speaking at Hamburg, Glinde, confined himself to generalities, his speech being moderate in tone. He complained that people both inside and outside Germany had a false impression about the party. Knoke agreed with the SPD in rejecting the LEVEN and SCHUMAN Plans; on remilitarization the speaker put forward the well known demands for full equality and restoration of the German soldiers' honor before the question could be considered.

It is perhaps worth noting that Knoke refrained in his speech from attacking any political parties with the exception of the KPD.

At the second meeting at Hamburg/Brandstriede, Wilhelm HAAS, also from Hannover, was the principal speaker. Apart from an intemperate attack on the U's coupled with an assurance that the SRP would ensure a "real" right of co-determination for the workers, the speech contained nothing worthy of note. Copies of MOSLEY's books "The Alternative" and "The Saving of the West" were circulated during the meeting.

Association for Civil Rights Holds First Public Meeting:

Edgar ENGELHARD, Chairman of the FDP Buergerschaft Fraction, was the principal speaker at the first public meeting here of this association. In his speech he declared that the rights of the ordinary citizen must not be violated and hoped that the creation of the Federal Constitutional court would prove to be a bulwark for the protection of these rights. He drew attention to the ground gained in this field since 1945, commenting dryly that those who were in power at that time were the first to complain now when they believe that their civil rights are being circumscribed. He also demanded the cessation of various forms of censorship.

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