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## The Republic On The Rhine

# Iranian Spy Terror Reported In Germany

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**Bonn.** IRANIAN STUDENTS and technicians who work or study at West German institutes and universities claim they are being watched and terrorized by SAVAK—the Iranian secret service agency.

Last summer an Iranian student disappeared from Cologne under mysterious circumstances. Not long afterward his half-charred body was found near Brussels. He had been done in, by SAVAK his associates alleged.

Last December 3 two more Iranian students in Bonn and Cologne vanished. West German newspapers and political figures immediately raised a hue and cry, blaming the Shah's agents again.

The students' complaints that SAVAK and West German police officials have a tacit working agreement prompted calls for a Bundestag investigation and some rather rhetorical questions such as: "What are spies doing around here, anyway?" and "Why doesn't somebody make them register?"

As Karl Guenther von Hase, the Government press secretary, pointed out a few weeks ago, "as a rule," there is no legal authority for such cloak-and-dagger organizations in the Federal Republic.

### Knowledge Denied

Von Hase said he did not know anything about the activities of SAVAK or the Spanish secret service, which is also said to be active here.

However, he told reporters, that does not preclude the possibility there are some kinds of clandestine activity afoot.

Apart from the intelligence apparatuses belonging to the three Western allied powers, no outsiders are permitted to operate, spy

rings here, he said, "but as you know, there are foreign agents all over the place."

There are, indeed, according to Hassan Massali, the publisher of INF Information, a bulletin of the anti-Shah European Organization of the Iranian National Front.

In one issue, the bulletin listed the Cologne address and telephone number of SAVAK's alleged central bureau for Europe and the name of the office director.

Massali then asked for police protection, saying he feared for his life.

### Inquiry Demanded

The Social Democratic party's news service recently demanded a full parliamentary airing of the matter, charging: "The Iranian secret service SAVAK, which has its headquarters in Cologne, is obviously entrusted with the job of watching over the Iranian students."

It is uncertain, the party noted, whether or not SAVAK and the West German authorities cooperate. Allegedly a secret agreement exists between the two nations' police organizations, and the circumstantial evidence is provocative.

The Iranian students insist their mail is opened and read or even disappears altogether.

As the West German police are hardly experts in the Persian language, who gets the mail and reads it, the Social Democrats inquired.

### Some Called Foes

Spokesmen for the Iranian Government report that some of the students are Communists and members of the Tudeh party and bitterly oppose the Shah's policies.

On occasion, it was added, SAVAK hears of a plot against the

Shah's life while he is traveling in Western Europe on his frequent vacation trips.

As a result, the Iranian agents feel constrained to confer with the West German authorities to prevent any serious trouble.

Some of the steam went out of the editorials calling for an inquiry when two missing students turned up in East Berlin behind bars.

According to ADN, the Soviet Zone's news agency, the pair had attempted to smuggle people out of East Germany with falsified passports.

### Control Difficult

But while SAVAK could not be blamed for that, the newspapers said the investigation should still be held to see what SAVAK really is up to.

The work of foreign secret ser-

vice agents here is hard to control. There is no law against their operation as long as they do not spy against the West German Government.

During the Algerian crisis, for example, the French "Red Hand" agency hounded Frenchmen and Algerians who had fled to the Federal Republic and what they thought would be safety.

Hermann Schmitt - Voelckhausen, a Social Democrat and chairman of the Bundestag's Interior Committee, has asked Paul Luecke, the Federal Interior Minister, to make a report to Parliament.

The Government, most commentators agreed, should propose ways of curbing some of these organizations before there are any more unpleasant and embarrassing incidents.