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The Soviet radio's 30 March broadcast of PRAVDA's charge that a U.S.-sponsored German espionage organization is operating in the Soviet zone of Germany has not as yet received any further reference in monitored Soviet broadcasts. The Soviet-controlled German press and radio, however, continues to publicize the accusation; and a statement attributed to Colonel Tulpanov of the SMA is the first monitored allusion by a Soviet official to "spies" coming from the British and American zones.

Tulpanov: Speaking on the tightening of the zonal border control at a Saxony-Anhalt SED meeting at Halle, Colonel Tulpanov made the following statement, as transmitted by the Soviet-controlled and Berlin radior:

"Spies come in masses from the British and American zones to Berlin, and hence into the entire Soviet zone of occupation, in order to carry on political and military espionage in this zone. It could not be permitted that these activities be continued merely because the boundaries have not been sufficiently guarded." (Leipzig and Berlin, in German, 1 April 1948)

"Gangster Methods Copied From Chicago": In an article criticizing the Western powers in connection with the recent events in and around Berlin, the Soviet-licensed BERLINER ZEITUNG writes:

"Agents, spies, provocateurs, and criminals are being sent forward like a swarm of locusts to get together underground organizations... to split and weaken the progressive organizations, to sow discord and unrest, to spread rumors, to ferret out political and military secrets, and to undermine the newly-created democratic order."

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"The Eastern zone is in particular the object of these methods copied from Chicago. The 'frontier along the Elbe,' established by General Clay, created a hinterland as the base for the employment and training of the groups of diversionists. And the teeming hosts of active Nazis, available thanks to the denazification farce in the Bizone, constitute a vast reservoir of individuals, ready for these tasks.

"In Allendorf, the counter-espionage organization of General Guderian, who has been permitted to reassemble his old co-workers, is at work. In Munich, Colonel General Halder is directing an espionage center, specializing in the Eastern zone. In Uelzen, a training college for agents has been established in which, among others, the British officers Colonel Cromwell and Major Milljen are collaborating.

"A good fishing ground is formed by the internment camps, whose occupants are set free on the condition that they permit themselves to be misused for a time as agents and provocateurs in the Eastern zone. In addition, there is a swarm of murderers, robbers, plunderers, and racketeers who are supported as welcome auxiliaries with a view to the stirring-up of unrest to the extent that they are given refuge behind the zone boundary without there being any need for them to fear that serious attempts may be made to apprehend them. ... The intensified control over the zone boundary has dealt a severe blow to these activities." (Hamburg, DPD, British-licensed, Press Service, in German Hellschreiber to the British zone, 4 April 1948)

German "Spy" Employed by British Intelligence Caught: Berlin radio also reported the arrest of a German spy in the service of British intelligence:

"The German painter Robert (Windig?), resident in Uelzen in the British zone, has illegally crossed the zonal frontier as a British spy. He surrendered himself to the Soviet district kommandantura in Salzwedel and confessed that he had been enlisted into the British Intelligence Service in Uelzen by two British officers, Colonel Cromwell and Major Milljen. He had been given the task of collecting information in the Soviet zone about units of the Red Army and about the position of airfields and industrial plants. He had been told that he should stop at nothing, and not even be afraid of murder. The spy handed to the Soviet authorities maps, compass, and a revolver, with which he had been equipped by the British intelligence officers." (Berlin, in German, 4 April 1948)

Tightening of Border Control as Counter-Espionage Measure: During recent weeks, the Soviet-controlled German radio has paid increasing attention to an alleged growth of "illegal crossings" of the zonal borders; and last week, the Soviet radio itself took up this subject. The "border violators" are said to include blackmarketeers, plunderers, and espionage agents—against whose activities the tightening of Soviet road and rail control is allegedly directed. In this connection, an AFP dispatch reports:

"Certain observers in Berlin note that the reinforcement of control measures taken by the Soviet authorities coincided with the period of the spring maneuvers. They think it is possible that the Soviet counter-espionage service wants to prevent indiscreet observers from watching the Soviet military operations at too close a distance." (Paris, AFP, in French Morse to North and South America, 4 April 1948)

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