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Skorzeny Back In West Zone; In Exile 3 Yrs.

Aide Picked by Hitler
To 'Kidnap' Duce From
Allies, Had Fled Camp

By the United Press

FRANKFURT, July 27. — Otto Skorzeny, Nazi Germany's greatest war hero after his daring rescue of Benito Mussolini in 1944 under the noses of the Allies, returned to Germany yesterday after a three-year self-imposed exile, Western Allied officials said today.

Skorzeny flew to Stuttgart from Zurich aboard a Swiss Airlines plane, and then vanished. It was believed that he may address a meeting of German paratroop veterans tomorrow at Brunswick, in the British Zone.

Skorzeny, who skyrocketed from private to SS (Elite Guard) Colonel, was personally picked by Adolf Hitler to "kidnap" Mussolini from his Allied captors in the Gran Sasso Mountains of Italy.

Skorzeny also led Nazi troops in American uniforms behind Allied lines during the Battle of the Bulge. His mission was reported to be the capture of Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, but at the Dachau trial, where he was acquitted of war crimes, he denied that was his assignment.

Foiled Hungary-Russia Pact

Skorzeny thwarted a last-minute pact between Hungary and Russia in 1944 by arresting Adm. Miklos Horthy, Regent of Hungary, and kidnapping his son, Miklos Jr.

The six-foot-four, scar-faced Nazi troubleshooter escaped in 1948 from a Darmstadt detention camp where he was awaiting a de-Nazification trial and fled to France. He has since been reported in Paris, Spain and Argentina.

German authorities said they no longer want him for escaping his de-Nazification trial. Western Allied quarters said that so far as they are concerned he has a clean bill of health.

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