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As noted in West German Weekly Political Review 30, the renaissance of German military leaders now includes the colorful Colonel Otto SKORZENY. His presence in Bremen was reported in the Bremer Nachrichten of August 8, 1951. The story, which is slightly sensational, is forwarded as enclosure No. 1.

Filing in the newspaper story, Skorzeny was in Bremen from August 7 to 10. During this period he stayed at Delmenhorst (about 18 km from here) as the guest of a former SS officer, M. W. LUTHE, a dealer in construction material, residing at Hoykenkamp. Skorzeny did have several talks with former SS officers, though not all of them looked with favor on the much publicized colonel. These conversations are alleged to have been only general and exploratory on the question of the future of former SS personnel, particularly in respect to pensions. German sources report that contrary to the newspaper story Skorzeny had no part in founding the HIAG organization.

It might be of interest that at least one German officer here believes Skorzeny to be working for SHAPE.

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Enclosure No. 1 to Bremen Dispatch No. 93, August 14, 1951.

Translation

Skorzony in Bremen

"Liberator of the Duce" founded relief association of former SS members.

Former SS-Obersturmbannführer Otto SKORZENY stayed in Bremen yesterday and the day before. Many German denazification panels have been trying to find the "liberator of the Duce" for years, and the American prosecutor in the Dachau proceedings called him "the most dangerous man in Europe". He left Bremen for Delmenhorst yesterday afternoon in the private car of a Delmenhorst business man. On Monday night Skorzony held discussions with representatives of rightist circles in a small restaurant of the Bremen city. As in other towns of the Federal Republic he founded in Bremen a so-called "Relief Association on a Mutual Basis (HILF - Hilfgemeinschaft auf Gegenseitigkeit)" which is to look after the interests of former SS members. Discussions of a similar nature will be held at Delmenhorst from where Skorzony intends to travel to Hamburg.

According to our information Skorzony has been in the Federal Republic for some time. Since his escape from the Internees Camp at Darmstadt end of July 1948 several legal authorities in Germany have been trying to find him. The international press reported at short intervals that he had turned up in Brazil, Denmark, Sweden, again in South America and in Paris. Shortly after he came to Hamburg where he offered his memoirs to an editor. He is assumed to have his permanent residence with friends of his in the Italian Alps.

We have been informed that the legal authorities of Hesse no longer have any particular interest in arresting Skorzony.

From: Bremer Nachrichten, August 8, 1951.