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Author Branded As Nazi Spy in Dies Report

Colin Ross Used Secret Camera, Probers Charge

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—

Reading like a motion picture scenario of international intrigue and high life, a report on the activities in this country of an alleged Nazi spy and propagandist was made public today by the Dies Un-American Activities Committee.

Named as the master intriguer who rode about the United States in a high-powered car equipped with secret cameras was Dr. Colin Ross, well-known German author and lecturer.

HISSED IN NEW YORK.

Dr. Ross, according to the report, lived for a time in Chicago, where he was said to have moved in a swank circle of professors and social leaders in order to have the proper background for the dissemination of his propaanda.

(Dr. Ross spoke in New York at the meeting of the Foreign Policy Association Jan. 14 last. He was roundly hissed when he said he was present to give the German view of Hitler and felt he was entitled to uninterrupted expression.)

(When the Hitler apologist made a plea for dictatorship before the Foreign Relations Committee in Chicago, hecklers shouted: "It's a lie—it's a lie!")

(In San Francisco Dr. Ross' remarks on dictators were answered by Mayor LaGuardia.)

NAZIS SUPPLIED FUNDS.

The report charged he was lavishly supplied with funds by the Nazi government and his lectures were arranged by Nazi consular agents and promoted by the German-American Bund.

In a long summary, the report alleges that Dr. Ross was guilty of espionage and "vicious attempts to undermine this government." It recommends flatly "that Dr. Colin Ross be prevented from ever again setting foot on American soil."

Dr. Ross, author of "Our America" and other well known works, received a long training under various political ideologies for his role of male Mati Hari, the report relates.

SPY IN WORLD WAR.

During the first World War he was said to have acted as a spy for the German Imperial Government. Then, it is alleged, he became a Communist leader in the post-war Germany, and finally entered the service of the Nazi Government.

He lived for several years in Chicago, making lecture tours and frequent trips to Germany. His children attended the University of Chicago, his daughter, Rena, receiving a Ph.D. degree, the report said.

Items from social columns were quoted in the report to show that he attended functions with prominent Chicagoans and also with university educators.

TOOK SECRET PICTURES.

During these years, however, the report alleges he was touring the country taking secret pictures of factories, military structures and scenes depicting some of the more squalid aspects of America for showing in Germany.

In some of his lectures and writings, it was said, he urged all Germans in America to get behind Hitler and establish a dictatorship in this country.

The report said while Dr. Ross had a residence in Chicago, he "had expensive photographic equipment attached to his automobile in such a manner that pictures could be taken quickly and from any angle."

Dr. Ross left for Germany several months ago.