

# U. S. Writer Prefers <sup>5/23/42</sup> Germany

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Washington, May 23—Robert H. Best, former Pulitzer traveling scholar from Columbia University and for many years a foreign correspondent, has voluntarily left Lisbon to return to Germany in what he called "the interests of history."

This information was made public today by State Dept. officials in answer to reports that Best, one of the American correspondents scheduled to return here on the steamer Drottningholm from Lisbon, had departed.

Recent dispatches from Lisbon also said Best had gone to Berlin to be married to an Austrian woman.

Best, 220-pound South Carolinian, was graduated from Columbia in 1923, and went to Europe on the \$1,500 travelling scholarship he won while attending the Graduate School of Journalism. He was, for many years, United Press correspondent in Vienna and the Balkans.