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U. S. Musician, Jailed by Nazis, Assails Consul

Says American Officials in Hamburg Refused to Aid Him During 5 Months in Prison on False Charge

Harry Dick, forty-year-old cellist and naturalized American citizen, who was released two weeks ago from a prison in Hamburg, Germany, after he had served more than five months on what he insisted was a trumped-up charge, arrived here yesterday on the President Roosevelt of the United States line and announced his intention of seeking an investigation of the United States Consulate at Hamburg by the State Department in Washington.

He asserted that from the time of his arrest on May 17, on a charge of attempting to buy gold for export from Germany, to the date of his release on November 22, he had been unable to see the American Consul in Hamburg, Wainwright Abbott, and that the Vice-Consul, Sabin Jean Dalferes, had paid slight attention to his protestations of innocence or his pleas for permission to communicate with friends in this country.

Dick, complaining that he had been disabled by rheumatism contracted from sleeping on prison floors, said he had signed up more than a year ago as a member of the orchestra on the Washington of the United States line and had made a number of trips to Germany. Aboard the vessel, he said, he was outspoken in criticizing the Nazi regime.

Valises Broken Open

On his last trip, he said, he was in a cafe when a man he had met the previous day introduced him to a Czechoslovak exporter, who tried to induce him to take money out of the country and deposit it either in England or America. Dick, a Jew, declined to do so. The Czechoslovak suggested that Dick visit him the next day before the Washington sailed.

On his return to the liner Dick found his valise had been pried open and rummaged. Its contents included literature from a Soviet tourist bureau, and correspondence from Leftist organizations in New York, for whom Dick said he had

played. The next day, May 17, Dick visited the Czechoslovak and again refused to take any money out of Germany for him. A short time later two policemen in plain clothes met him on a street and took him to a police station. He was questioned and put in a cell. On asking to see the American Consul he was told that the Consul had informed the police he "didn't have time" to see Dick.

Tells of Vice-Consul's Visit

Two weeks later Dick again sought an interview with the Consul. The Vice-Consul came, but departed immediately after refusing to grant Dick's request for a private interview out of hearing of the police officials. After being in prison a month, Dick suffered rheumatism in the shoulders.

Once more, he said, he sought the assistance of the Consul, this time to send a cable to friends in New York. He wrote out a message, but the Vice-Consul, he said, after vainly trying to dissuade him from sending the cable, at length told him that it would displease German officials. The cable was not sent.

On August 17 he was sentenced to prison for five months and twenty-five days after a trial at which the Czechoslovak testified against him. He was released November 22 and placed aboard the President Roosevelt after the line agreed to take him as a "work-away." Until the ship cleared Southampton, he was locked in a cabin at every port. This action was taken, according to Captain George V. Richardson, master of the ship, on advice of the Consul in Hamburg as a precaution against Dick's leaving the ship.

2 Americans Face Nazi Trial

VIENNA, Dec. 6 (Tuesday) (UP). —Two Americans, Oskar Lavine and Michael G. Albert, accused of attempting to smuggle currency abroad, will go on trial in Criminal Court today. The defendants, arrested last August, are expected to plead not guilty.

Albert was named in the indictment as the alleged leader of a smuggling plot and Lavine as the alleged recipient of part of a total of 60,000 marks (\$24,000). The two are accused of contracting to deposit dollars in a Zurich bank at the rate of eleven marks to the dollar. (The regular rate of exchange is two and a half marks to the dollar.)

The indictment described Albert as a native of New York and Lavine of Elmira, N. Y. The latter's present home address was said to be Mount Rainier, Md. Each is thirty-two years old.