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Charge Nazis Planned Mexican Revolt

Government Party Says Almazan Support- ers Got German Arms

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MEXICO CITY, Nov. 12.—Sensational documents in code purporting to prove that Nazi Germany has supplied Almazanistas with airplanes and ammunition were shown to newspapermen here Monday by Gen. Heriberto Jara, head of the Mexican Revolutionary Party.

He said that the swastika-marked documents, discovered in a mysterious way he would not discuss, had revealed the plans of Gen. Juan Andre Almazan, defeated presidential candidate, with such thoroughness that it would now be difficult for him to lead a successful revolt.

Gen. Jara offered an impressive series of hieroglyphics to prove that the German freighter *Weser*, before its capture by the Canadian Navy Sept. 26, had landed 12,000 boxes of .44 caliber cartridges and eight airplanes at Manzanillo, a port on Mexico's west coast. These supplies, Jara said, were received by the rebels. Other officials of the PRM declared that the documents, purporting to reveal plans for the capture of arsenals and government buildings and the assassination of government leaders, would form the basis of wholesale deportation of Nazis from Mexico.

The papers given over to newspapermen for examination included a black leather note-

book and some 30 maps and charts, each one of which bore a swastika. The paraphernalia included photographs of Hitler and a list of Mexican generals and reactionaries who, according to Gen. Jara's interpretation of the code, were scheduled to lead the German-supplied revolution.

In all some 22 army officers were named as leaders of the revolt in which 440,000 men were to participate. If the documents are valid, as the PRM declares they are, they undoubtedly reveal that Nazi Germany at least to some extent has conspired with Almazanistas to overthrow the present government of Mexico. If the documents are on the level, they are as important, perhaps, as the Zimmerman disclosures during the World War, which revealed that Germany was trying to organize a Mexican invasion of the U. S. A.

However the U. S. A., according to one official of the PRM, will have to take no action because Mexico will clean its own house; in revealing the documents and thwarting the Nazi coup, he said, Mexico has shown it is capable of handling its own affairs.

Subversive Activities

The opinion of the party is, said Gen. Jara, that these documents prove subversive activities by leading Almazanistas in co-operation with foreign elements chiefly Nazi. The party will turn over this proof to the proper judicial authorities.

Although Gen. Jara and other officials of the party tried to give the occasion considerable dignity, the documents themselves

somehow seemed sufficiently lurid to give the proceedings a faintly Buck Rogers or Superman quality. The maps and charts were carefully and skillfully drafted, and, moreover, were numerous enough, taking up radio, army divisions personnel, cities and areas, to indicate they outlined a real coup. But there were so many x 5689q24s and similar segments of code, which no one could understand, that the examination of the documents lent itself a little to the comic. Each page, whether of maps or lists of generals and army divisions or those in the notebook, was stamped with what purported to be the seal of the General Staff of the Mexican Army.

The notebook contained the names of many New York hotels, and after each hotel there was a notation apparently in code. There was a similar notation about the New York Times.

Revolt Date Fixed

The hotels mentioned included the Seymour, the White, the Wellington and the Woodrow. After the latter hotel were the words "one person, plane, cottages." There was a Western Union cable blank in the notebook, and on it was written the name Mr. John Williams, Hotel Wellington. Other notations in the notebook included such cryptic references as targets, listed, extend, multiply, ministry, methods, experience and censors, raids, attack.

The most lurid exhibit was a large map of all of Mexico, which included southern United States and Central America down to Panama. This map, at least that part of it indicating Mexico, was covered with green

Secret Documents Say German Freighter Weser Landed 'Planes

stickers, each sticker bearing the designation of an army division and a date presumably that of revolt. The dates were chiefly in October and November. In addition, this map contained a swastika in the middle of the Gulf of Mexico and one off the West Coast in the middle of an area labeled zona peligrosa or danger zone, as well as two others off the Mexican coast. The swastikas were incorrectly drawn. To me the documents seemed a little too lurid, but the Mexicans defending them say these are lurid times.

Other articles on Mexico by Mr. Boyer will appear soon.