

Zapp Linked to Nazi Propaganda Chiefs At Transocean Trial

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Government Introduces Postscript to Letter Sent to Kinsman

Correspondence to show that Manfred Zapp, expelled former manager of the Transocean News Service in this country, had a "great deal" to do with the "representative of the German propaganda ministry" at the German Embassy here was introduced at the trial of the news service at District Court today.

The information was contained in the postscript of a letter assertedly addressed by Zapp, now on his way to Germany under orders of the State Department, to a kinsman in his native land.

Zapp said in the postscript he had met "Mr. Von Ginand," who was the propaganda ministry representative with the Embassy and that he had "a great deal to do with him."

The news service is charged with failing to register with the State Department as the principal of a foreign government. The prosecution charges it was an agency for disseminating Nazi propaganda in this country and South America.

Letter to Minister Introduced.

The Government also introduced a letter purportedly written by Zapp to the German Minister in South Africa, dated 1938, in which Zapp said he thought he would be successful in "influencing the press of this country," despite the fact that almost all New York is "enraged against the German barbarians."

He also told the minister in the letter that the New York papers carried atrocity stories recalling the "cutting off of hands of children in Belgium at the outbreak of the (World) War." Zapp claimed in the letter that English newspapers were the sources of the stories, mentioning the News Chronicle and the Manchester Guardian.

The prosecution introduced for identification voluminous letters from the files of Transocean which later will be read into the record.

The prosecution told Judge Whitfield Davidson the Government probably would finish its case Wednesday. Defense counsel indicated its case would take only a few hours.

Cost of Transocean Service.

Three more officers of German-American newspapers testified during the day that they paid German consulates \$1 per month for the service which the Government contends was propaganda directed from Berlin by the Nazi regime.

A fourth officer of a German-American paper, Joseph Simmons, business manager of the Detroit Daily Abendpost, said his paper paid nothing for the service from 1938 to 1939.

William B. Maloney, special assistant to the Attorney General, emphasized by questioning of Mr. Simmons that no other news service was "so generous" with its news as to give it away.

Refused to Pay \$25.

Herman Ferno, managing editor of the Rochester (N. Y.) Abendpost, said he received the service for the nominal sum of \$1 a month after he had informed Transocean that he would not pay the \$25 per month first asked. Postage alone on the service, which came by mail, amounted to from 6 to 12 cents daily, he said. He paid the German consulate general in New York City, he testified.

Paul H. Mueller, publisher of the Chicago Abendpost, said he paid his \$1 to the German consulate in Chicago for four years beginning in 1935, but that in the spring of 1940, Manfred Zapp, manager of the service in this country, called on him to ask for more money and he discontinued taking the service.