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Reich Writer Sentenced to Life Term

BERLIN, Jan. 10.—The German writer, Ernst Niekisch, was sentenced to life imprisonment today after having been found guilty of carrying on illegal underground activities.

Besides serving the prison term Niekisch will lose his civil rights permanently. Included in the charges against him was the distribution of anti-Nazi literature.

In British newspapers Niekisch is named as former confidential agent of the late Colonel General Hans von Seeckt.

Niekisch is a former teacher who became an author and publisher. He appears to have been a follower of the Ernst Roehm group among the Nazis which called for reforms in the "Third Reich."

In a book of Niekisch's he called Hitler Germany's misfortune. He was arrested last March.

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