

### Entered Country in March

Rieth entered the country by way of Brownsville, Tex., on March 22 with a four-month visitor's visa. He said he had a little international business to transact, reputedly having to do with purchase of American oil interests in Europe at 25 cents on the dollar. But in arresting him today, G-men charged his explanation was false.

The Department of Justice accusation bolstered the revelation that Rieth had intrigued with other axis diplomats in reviving a 90-year-old boundary dispute between Peru and Ecuador, less than 600 miles from the Panama Canal.

### U. S. Mediation Refused

Rieth's mission in South America already has been productive of results favorable to the axis policy of creating trouble for the United States in its own hemisphere.

Troops of Ecuador and Peru are lined up on their borders and officials of each government accuse the other of listening to Italo-German agitation. Furthermore, Peru has rejected the offer of the United States, Brazil and Argentina to mediate the boundary dispute, which involves 100,000,000 acres rich in oil and rubber.

It was to exploit the ideal possibilities of the Peru-Ecuador breach, it was learned, that Dr. Rieth was sent from Berlin about the same time that Marshal Oscar Benavides, Peru's former dictator-president, was recalled from his post in Madrid as Peruvian ambassador.

# U. S. Arrests Rieth, Hitler <sup>T-17 5/30/41</sup> "Super-Envoy"

Nazi Agent Faces  
Deportation; Kindled  
Latin Row, Charge

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NEW YORK, May 29 (N. Y. News).—Federal officers today jailed Dr. Kurt Heinrich Rieth, branded as the No. 1 Nazi in the United States, simultaneous with disclosure of his part in whipping up war hatred between Peru and Ecuador.

FBI agents seized Rieth, who has been staying in a \$600-a-month suite in the Waldorf-Astoria, and whisked him to Ellis Island pending deportation proceedings, despite his suave explanation he was here on private business.

### Embassy "Astonished"

Rieth, Hitler's super-envoy, has a long record of service to the German cause of political legerdemain. Now 59, he was a Belgian citizen of German parentage when the Kaiser's troops invaded Belgium in 1914. He quickly changed allegiance and joined the German diplomatic corps in 1918.

He served in the embassies at Paris and Rome, and in 1931 became minister to Austria. He was in Vienna when Chancellor Dollfuss was assassinated in 1934.

The German Embassy in Washington, informed of Rieth's arrest, was "surprised and astonished because it was well known that Rieth was in the United States on a purely personal trip to look after his own personal investments in United States companies."