

# 'No. 1 Nazi in U. S.'

## Held for Deportation

### On Four Charges

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True Reason for Coming  
Here, Officials Assert

By the Associated Press.

NEW YORK, May 30.—The German diplomat who lost his job for meddling in the Austrian crisis which followed the assassination of Chancellor Dollfuss in 1934 was a prisoner today—held on Ellis Island for deportation because, Federal authorities said, he did not state the true reason for his visit when he entered the United States.

Dr. Kurt Heinrich Rieth, the meddling Minister to Austria, was arrested yesterday and taken to Ellis Island where he is held without bond. Officials of the Justice Department asserted he was "the No. 1 Nazi in the United States," whose claim to be here on private business was false.

Seized in the midtown area, Dr. Rieth was permitted to visit his suite in the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel and obtain his personal belongings before being taken to Ellis Island.

B. E. Sackett, special agent in charge of the New York office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, disclosed that the G-men had "known about" Rieth, but declared his office had nothing to do with his seizure.

"I can't comment about Rieth," Mr. Sackett said when queried on his detention. "All I can say is we've known about him for some time."

(The German Embassy in Washington has been asked for a report on Rieth's case, authorized sources in Berlin said today. They added that no official word of his arrest had yet been received. It was said that Rieth has had no official contact with the German government for seven years and is in the United States as a private individual on private business. He is traveling on a visa issued in Berlin by the United States consulate, it was said.)

Rieth, a Belgian of German parentage who fled to Germany in 1914, entered the German diplomatic service in 1918 and became Minister to Austria in 1931.

On the day on which Dollfuss was slain by insurrectionists, Rieth went to the besieged chancellery and, by implication or otherwise, made guarantee that the Austrian Nazi slayers of the chancellor would receive safe conduct to Germany.

This led to his removal by Chan-

cellor Hitler, who was quoted as saying the assassination "was not our fault" and was "regretted and condemned by the government."

After his removal, Rieth was little noted in the German scene until March 8, 1941, when he arrived in Rio de Janeiro on a reported special mission in South America.

March 22 he entered the United States at Brownsville, Tex. Last Saturday the New York Herald-Tribune disclosed his presence here and declared he was seeking to buy up American-owned oil properties in Eastern Europe.