

Nazi Officials Indifferent to Rieth Arrest

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Just 'Private Citizen,'

Embassy Declares

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NEW YORK, May 30 (N. Y. News).—Dr. Kurt Heinrich Rieth, denounced by U. S. agents as the No. 1 Nazi agitator in this country, today was permitted to languish at Ellis Island while German officialdom acted as if his arrest was a matter of complete indifference to them.

The accused super-envoy of Hitler did not even receive a visit from Dr. Hans Borchers, German consul general in New York. The German Embassy at Washington withheld any official comment, but a spokesman there said he was "astonished" that Dr. Rieth had been taken for a person of any official importance in Nazi circles.

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The German spokesman reiterated that Dr. Rieth came to the United States only as a private citizen and termed all other versions of his presence here as "bunk from beginning to end."

Dr. Rieth was arrested Thursday in a surprise raid on his \$600-a-month suite at the Waldorf-Astoria. He was taken to Ellis Island, pending deportation proceedings, on immigration law fraud charges, and was placed under guard.

Later, officials said they had information one of the prisoner's most important missions in the Western Hemisphere was to whip up war hatred between Peru and Ecuador.

Rieth spend 16 days in South America before he presented his credentials to U. S. immigration officers at Brownsville, Tex., on March 22.

Release Sought

After his arrest, an effort to obtain his release was made by Consul General Borchers. The latter told immigration officials that in event of such a release, he would produce Rieth whenever the Government so requested. But no further move was made toward obtaining the Nazi's freedom.

Even Philip F. Farley, partner in a law firm which is counsel for the German consulate, said he would take no action until Monday. Farley's firm represented Baron Franz von Werra, Nazi aviator, escaped Canadian war prisoner, who jumped bail of \$15,000 and reportedly fled home via Brazil.