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Officials said that Rieth, in his application for a visa, also stated he had never been in the United States, but that records disclosed he had visited this country in 1928.

German Embassy "Astonished"

In entering this country he gave his occupation as a retired "capitalist."

The German Embassy, when informed through the press of Rieth's arrest, said it 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.

The embassy said he had been in the German diplomatic service until he resigned in 1937 and since then had been living as a private citizen in Germany.

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