

Fourth Wife Sues Spreckels, Says He Fetes Nazi Agents

Beating Charged ^{T-8}
In Divorce Action ^{9/7/40}

SANTA BARBARA, Calif., Sept. 6 (C.T.P.S).—Adolph B. Spreckels, young heir to the Spreckels sugar millions, was accused in a divorce suit filed here today of consorting with agents of Nazi Germany.

His wife, the former Baroness Emil von Romberg, declared her friends now shun her because of Spreckels pro-Nazi sympathies and his entertaining of Nazi agents. She said they were once hissed out of a New York restaurant when her husband refused to remove a German flag from his table.



Charges Sportsman Beat Her

Mrs. Spreckels, fourth wife of the 28-year-old sportsman, said he beat her so severely she required medical care after she remonstrated in an attempt to curb his heavy drinking. The couple separated August 25.

Alimony of \$2,500 a month was asked by Mrs. Spreckels pending a financial settlement. She said Spreckels has an annual income of \$150,000 and is worth \$2,500,000.

Divorced Twice at Reno

Spreckels' first wife was Mrs. Louise Clarke De Ruyter Spreckels, who divorced him in Reno, Nev., in May, 1935, after they had been married nearly three years. They had one child.

A Reno divorce also was obtained by his second wife, Mrs. Gloria Debevoise Spreckels, of New York and Paris, whom he married in September, 1935, after a romance on the French Riviera. She obtained her decree in May, 1936.

No. 3 was Spreckels' second cousin, Geraldine Spreckels, also an heir to the sugar fortune. They

MRS. ADOLPH B. SPRECKELS
Seeks to divorce sugar heir

were married in London in July, 1936, and separated in this country the following May. Following her divorce in November, 1937, she sought a career in the movies.

Spreckels is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Spreckels 2d and the grandson of the late John D. Spreckels of the well known California family.