

Has Westrick A Wooden Leg? Ha! Who Knows? T-4 8/3/40 Question of Nazi's Soundness Assumes International Status

NEW YORK, August 2 (C.T. P.S.).—The blazing question whether Dr. Gerhardt Alois Westrick, Hitler's not-so-undercover emissary here, has a wooden leg, today assumed proportions of an international mystery—as intriguing as suspicions of authorities that the Nazi has a sinister penchant for ice cream on a stick.

The plot, overlarded with good humoresque touches, thickened after the Herr Doktor presented himself at the offices of Motor Vehicle Commissioner Carroll E. Mealey to protest suspension of his auto driver's license. Charges had been made that the Nazi had his leg shot away in the first World War, but neglected to

mention his disability in applying for the license.

Still in Doubt

Dr. Westrick was closeted with Mealey for half an hour, at the end of which the commissioner said he did not believe his visitor had a wooden underpinning. Mealey then departed before the subject could be pressed further.

The official interview, obviously, produced no fine meeting of the minds. On his arrival, Dr. Westrick denied emphatically that his visit had anything to do with his motor vehicle troubles. Mealey insisted, on the other hand, that it was the only subject under consideration.

At Odds On Status

The plenipotentiary declared he was here on a diplomatic mission and was, therefore, free from prosecution. The commissioner retorted he couldn't see it that way; that Dr. Westrick placed himself under the jurisdiction of the State bureau when he applied for a license.

Meanwhile, it was learned that the State Department and other Federal Government branches are preparing complete files on the Hitlerite.