

Westrick, Nazi Mystery Man, T-H 8/6/40 Silent on Visit to Embassy

Dr. Gerhard Westrick, mysterious German commercial counselor at New York, slipped quietly in and out of Washington yesterday, leaving behind him a trail of important questions, all unanswered.

Was the counselor, appointed only four months ago over the half-hearted protests of Dr. Hans Thomsen, German charge d'affaires, discharged or "dressed down" for his recent unpleasant New York newspaper publicity?

Was he here to discuss possibilities for Nazi trade barriers against this country?

Or was he here, as Dr. Thom-

sen says, on merely "routine business?"

Immediately upon arriving he went to the German Embassy where he was closeted with Dr. Thomsen for several hours. After the interview he slipped away from reporters and headed right back to his New York office.