

# Westrick Home And Office Shut, He Slips Away

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## Hitler Agent's Family and Aid Leave Scarsdale House and Waldorf Suite

Dr. Gerhard Aloys Westrick, whose usefulness as Adolf Hitler's special trade envoy to America business men was virtually destroyed by nation-wide publicity ten days ago, closed his residence in Scarsdale and his business office in the Waldorf-Astoria yesterday, moving away to an undisclosed destination.

Dr. Westrick's wife, Mrs. Imtrud Westrick and their two children, Klaus, nine years old and Peter, six, moved away from their residence at Scarsdale after apparently well-thought out plans to elude newspapermen. Dr. Westrick's assistant, Baroness Irmgard von Wagenheim, who has been living in one of the three rooms of Dr. Westrick's suite at the Waldorf-Astoria, left there during the afternoon, leaving no forwarding address.

Meanwhile, it was reported that Dr. Westrick, who had not been seen for two days, visited his residence in Scarsdale late Friday night and left in the early hours yesterday. Agents of the New York office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation said last evening that they had no information as to where the Westricks or the Baroness von Wagenheim had gone.

The Westricks notified Scarsdale police that the Waldorf-Astoria was their forwarding address, but the Waldorf-Astoria said the Westrick had given them no new address. An assistant manager said they would hold any mail that arrived, and expected the Westricks would get in touch with them sometime next week.

Mrs. Westrick and her two children left their rented home at 183 Mamaroneck Road, Scarsdale, without telling the hour to Scarsdale police, who have been maintaining a night-and-day guard for the Westricks' protection. All the Westricks told the police was that they would be out before 6 p. m. Early yesterday morning Mrs. Westrick drove away in a taxicab. About noon, while the policeman assigned to the house went to lunch, Klaus and Peter were playing on the lawn in play suits, creating the impression that the departure would be made later in the afternoon.

A cab drove up on Brookby Road at the side of the house, and suddenly Peter and Klaus darted over to it, jumped in and the cab raced off. The Westricks' Buick remained behind in the garage. A maid told police later that Mrs. Westrick telephoned from Manhattan that they would not return. She told the servants to remain and give the house a good cleaning preparatory to the return on Tuesday of Mr. and Mrs. Harold A. Callan, owners of the house, who leased it to Dr. Westrick for \$1,000 for three months ending tomorrow.

It was learned that, prior to the publicity, Dr. Westrick had liked the secluded place so much that he was thinking of renewing the lease. Mr. Callan, however, when he heard Dr. Westrick's business in this country, asked him to leave as soon as possible. Dr. Westrick had received many callers at the house, some of them prominent in American business.

The three trunks and several traveling bags which were shipped from the Westrick home on Friday to the Scarsdale depot of the New York Central Railroad were transported to New York City, police reported. The police guard was removed from the Scarsdale home at 6:25 p. m.

Dr. Westrick had had rooms 2423, 2425 and 2426 at the Waldorf-Astoria since June 17.