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Westrick and Ried Are Lost to U. S.: Nazis' Efforts Sterilized By Publicity

Dr. Friedrich Ried, the Nazi propaganda-breeding specialist without a country to spawn in, and Dr. Gerhardt Westrick, frustrated Hitler business emissary whose fumbling tactics have cost a leading American industrialist his \$100,000-a-year job, are both abandoning their fifth-columning here. They are going to Japan.

Ried, whose undermining value in New York has been effectively sterilized by the publicity thrown on his presence here by anti-Nazi groups, has been appointed German Consul General to Kobe. Official announcement of his change was made in Washington by Sumner Welles, Acting Secretary of State.

Westrick and his family were discovered as passengers on the Japanese ship *Nitta Maru* when it sailed yesterday from Los Angeles. He sullenly withdrew to his cabin and refused to reveal his destination. It is believed he is headed for Berlin by way of Japan and Russia.

Westrick was flushed out of his leased home in Scarsdale two weeks ago and the subsequent publicity of his association with Capt. Torkild Rieber, chairman of the board of the Texas Co., caused Rieber to resign. Westrick also was discovered to have falsified his state motor licenses.

Rieber, who had known Westrick in Ger-

many, had used his influence to have Westrick's car financed by the oil company's funds. He explained it as "good business."

Ried Kept on the Move

Ried, the doctor of fifth-column surgery, came to New York last June after having found Brazil tougher than Norway or Belgium. Brazilian authorities had forced the German Foreign Office to withdraw him because of his arrogant misuse of diplomatic privileges in the course of his crude propaganda activities.

While serving as German Consul in the Brazilian province of Rio Grande do Sul, Ried used Nazi-supplied funds to build more than 1000 private schools in which Brazilian children were inoculated with National Socialism. He financed several German-language newspapers and littered the country with propaganda pamphlets.

Forced out of Brazil, Ried was transferred to the staff of the German Consulate in New York.—w. r.