

Ried Withdrawn From U. S. by German Gov't

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The German Foreign Office has notified the U. S. State Department that Friedrich Ried, who became a German consular assistant here after being forced to leave Brazil, will be withdrawn.

The decision of the German Foreign Office was made public after an announcement by Acting Secretary of State Sumner Welles. It was understood that Ried would go to Kobe, Japan, to join the consular staff there.

He came to the U. S. six weeks ago after having served as German consul-general at Porto Alegre, Brazil, for six years. He was forced to leave that country after he questioned a Brazilian police officer on the question of domestic press censorship.

Recent stories in the press have charged that Ried was a Nazi agent now working in this country.

No further comment other than the announcement of Ried's transfer was forthcoming from the German consulate here at 17 Battery Pl.