



AS IN MOST countries of the Western Hemisphere, there are many Germans in Mexico. They form a clique, go to German schools and model their lives as much after the Nazi fashion as they dare. Above, a group of German-Mexican girls drill in the best Hitler Strength-through-Joy manner. The main threat to Hemisphere unity would, be dispelled if the hold on

German and Italian nationals by their home governments could be broken. As it is, these governments permit their nationals to take out citizenship in foreign lands all the better to serve the Axis' nefarious purposes. This results in discrimination against the truly patriotic naturalized citizens of German and Italian origin who live and work in Mexico and elsewhere.



LEON OSSORIO is one of Mexico's conspicuous Axis sympathizers. A former labor leader and rabble-rouser, he is now distinguished chiefly for his anti-Semitic views. When police raided his office, they found checks drawn on German Embassy.

UNDERGROUND WAR IN MEXICO

By FRANK ORTEGA

WERE it not for the insidious political possibilities of such a relationship, Germany and Latin America could get along very nicely. Germany has plenty of manufactured products but little home-grown food. Latin America has plenty of food but few manufactured goods.

The United States has an abundance of both food and manufactured articles and therefore cannot offer a natural market for Latin American products, with the exception of coffee, rubber and certain minerals.

These incontrovertible facts form the nub and crux of Nazi propaganda south of our border. It is on account of these facts, moreover, that Nazi propaganda has made inroads on American interests in the western hemisphere. If we do not expose and counteract the activities of the fascist agents, we will have submarines at the entrance to our Golden Gate and Galveston, submarines based in the hundreds of undeveloped bays and inlets of Mexico which are this day surrounded by German coffee plantations.

In order to preserve the integrity of Mexico,

and other Latin American nations, we must be prepared to outsell the Axis, both economically and politically.

In Mexico, the Axis is playing the game it has played in half a dozen now-defunct European democracies. It pits capitalist against labor. It stirs old feuds and hatreds, directed chiefly against "Yankee imperialism." It recalls the bitterness of the 1914 bombardment of Vera Cruz and the conquest of Texas in 1848. It invokes the policy of divide and conquer. The worker is told that the Jew is responsible for labor's ills and that Jews will be exterminated; the capitalist is told that he will regain the right to exploit the worker.

Six magazines and several newspapers—all of which exist because of the munificence of Axis agents—are clamoring against the pro-Ally policy of the Mexican government.

One periodical—*La Semana*—headlines daily that Mexican blood must not be sacrificed to Yankee ambitions. It recently reprinted an article by William Randolph Hearst which stated that if England could not win when she had

allies throughout Europe, she will not win now that Greece and Yugoslavia have been lost to her. Other issues contained articles by Monsignor Fulton Sheen, Charles A. Lindbergh and Senator Burton Wheeler—all advocating that the United States stay out of war. Undoubtedly, these articles have been reprinted without the authors' permission. But nobody cares.

Mexico Nuevo is publishing a series entitled "The International Jew," with authorship credited to Henry Ford. *Patria* features a translation of pamphlet (written by three prominent

Britishers) discrediting the motives behind Britain's war effort and blaming the Jews for interventionist pressure in the U. S.

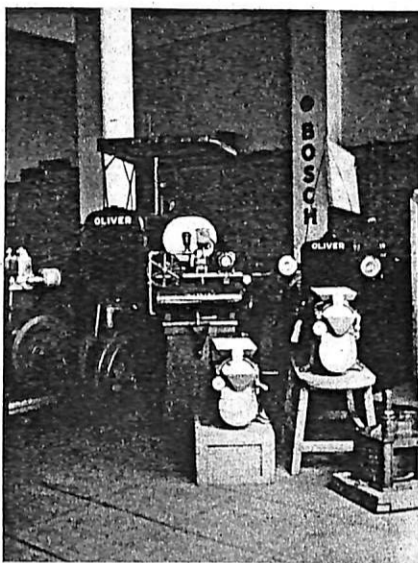
None of these periodicals has a large circulation, according to newsdealers with whom this writer has spoken. They are given away free, in some cases. There is little or no advertising in them. The money for these publications comes from German and Italian businessmen, under pressure from home.

The fascist minorities are well-organized in Mexico. During the recent elections, the

Italians were ready to support their candidate with force. They were drilled and armed—from boy to man. There is legal action pending to dissolve such groups, but it does not appear likely that the government is yet prepared to prosecute severely the leaders. Arthur Dietrich, however, was promptly deported when it became known that his chief mission in Mexico was sabotage. He is the gentleman who hired Leon Ossorio, a Mexican agitator, to plant "stink bombs" in cinema theaters which exhibit "The Great Dictator."



GERMAN BOOK STORES are convenient outlets for Axis propaganda. Displayed prominently in the above book store window is book entitled, "Mexico, Europe and the Jews." In the background is a copy of "Signal," the German illustrated war magazine.



WAREHOUSE of Sommer Hermann, one of the many prosperous German dealers in Mexico. Although this company is at present selling American made tractors, it normally is an outlet for German products which compete with ours.



ANTI-JEWISH propaganda of the Vanguardia Nacionalista, Mexican fascist party, depicts Mexico in the clutches of Jewish interests. Such propaganda usually makes the point that the Jews are internationalists, servants of Wall Street.



ONE OF THE most sinister figures in Nazi diplomatic circles is Arthur Dietrich, former press secretary to the German Embassy in Mexico, who was deported when it became known his mission was chiefly one of spy work and sabotage.



THE VANGUARDIA NACIONALISTA is the homegrown fascist party of Mexico. It regularly holds public demonstrations in which the Jews and the United States are castigated as enemies of Mexican independence. The party is the nucleus of outspoken opposition against the Mexican government's pro-Allied policy. Back of its growth are the same economic maladjustments which caused the rise of National Socialism in the German Reich. Although still lacking in power, it is a definite menace.

More dangerous than Ossorio is Ruben Moreno Padres, who thinks of himself as another Hitler. He makes his headquarters at the Vanguardia Nacionalista offices. Padres once refused to be interviewed by the *New York Times* because he believed it to be Jewish-controlled.

His political career began in Sonora where he waged an energetic campaign against the Chinese and succeeded in removing them as an influence in that State. His father, a general, was assassinated by a Communist who, in turn, was assassinated by Padres' sister (she was exonerated).

Germany is influential in Mexican commerce because her nationals (or former nationals) control the hardware and drug businesses. Since the war

and the application of the British blockade, German firms have replaced their merchandise with U. S. goods, but this will last only so long as war cuts the sea lines. Sommer Hermann, leading hardware distributor, now sells Oliver tractors. Beick Felix is an agent for American cosmetics and patent medicines. Telefunken temporarily is selling RCA products.

Until the Fascist hold on their nationals living in Mexico and other American countries is broken, this situation will persist. Unpatriotic adopted citizens must be curbed and a boycott invoked on German goods which slip by the blockade. The shock troops of Axis invasion are the agents and diplomatic attaches who sell politics along with their tractors.

WOULD-BE MEXICAN HITLER IS RUBEN MORENO PADRES (AT MICROPHONE BELOW), LEADER OF THE VANGUARDIA NACIONALISTA.



Fasci Italiani All'Estero
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 México, D. F., El Ocho de Junio 1940-XVIII

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 Apartado 10
 Monterrey N.L.

Vi prego di farmi sapere se avete ricevuto la mia circolare del 17 giugno, indirizzata a tutti i Segretari del Fascio e delle Sezioni, nella quale, d'accordo colla Segreteria Generale del Fascio all'Estero, ordino a tutti i Fascisti del Messico di tenersi pronti il 7 luglio prossimo.

Saluti fascisti.

L'Ingegnere di Fascio
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ON NEWSSTANDS in Mexico are many pro-Axis publications. These periodicals have no advertising, make no money, yet circulate widely. They are subsidized by German and Italian agents, and some receive financial support direct from the Axis embassies. "Afirmacion" asserts "Mexico will never be sold to the Yankees." "La Semana," another Axis-inspired newspaper, screams "Mexico will never be the area of expansion for the United States." Others make similar outcries.

is distribuida al Duce y a las Leyes del Fascismo, y quiero tener la instrucción de registrar alrededor del simbolo fascista a las solicitudes italianas que viven en el extranjero.

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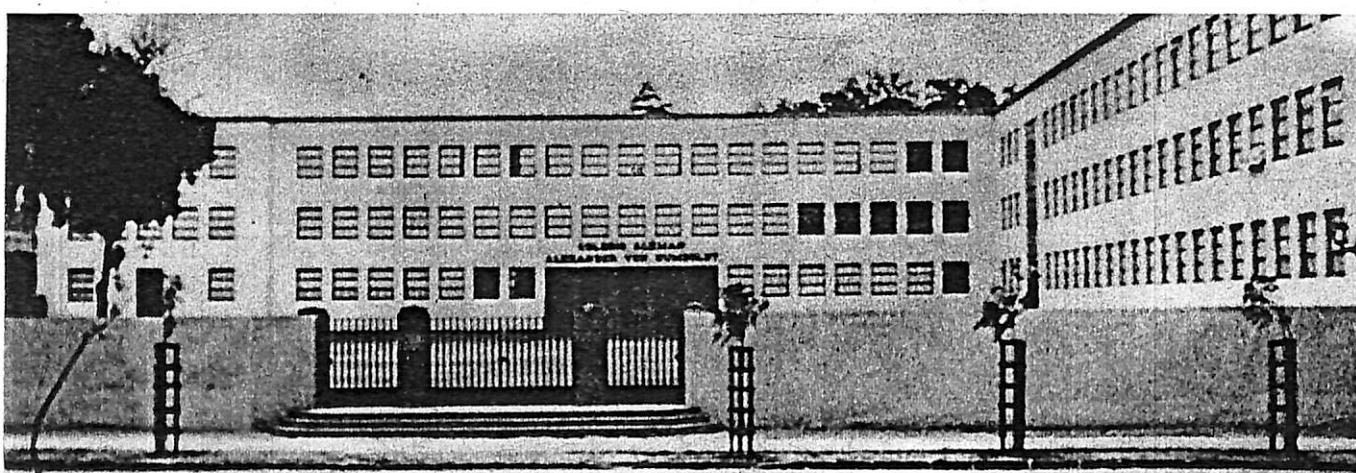
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GERMAN COMPANIES, normally distributors for German manufactured goods, are numerous in Mexico. Many of the German owners of these concerns are members of Nazi clubs and support, generally, certain subversive political movements which threaten national unity within Mexico.



GERMAN NATIONALS IN MEXICO SEND THEIR CHILDREN TO ELABORATE, GERMAN SCHOOLS WHERE THEY ARE PROPERLY INDOCTRINATED.

SOCIETY'S SILLY SYMPHONY



THEY are nocturnal creatures. After dark, they leave their caves in the big gray cliffs of the remote Pawkahvinoo region of Manhattan Island and prowl around in packs. The anthropologist intent on making first-hand observations, unless he is fleet as a gazelle, will have little success stalking the prowlers. Instead, he would do well to lie in wait at one of the various spots where they come to relax. One such oasis is the Stawkkklub, located in the hinterlands of the island. The anthropologist who has the time and funds to set up a camp at the Stawkkklub has an excellent chance of viewing species at close range. Both male and female are attracted by light, and should the observer desire to draw part of the pack to his point of concealment, he has only to touch off a flash bulb. Beware, however, of being trampled upon. Apparently they are not frightened by the human voice, and such pioneers of research as Zerbe and Morgan, it is said, have coaxed some of the bolder species within elbow distance by uttering a soft clicking sound as of a camera shutter closing.* Old and young alike are extremely

playful, especially in the early hours of the morning. Often they make sounds that can only be described in phonetics as "woops-mi-deah." These noises are thought to come from the female throats. The males are reported to emit low growls now and then, best interpreted as "wheresthatlousywaiter." All of the creatures have delicate appetites, and in foraging, seem to search for such odd things as goose-liver, fish-eggs, calf's brains, and frog-legs. Not a few have great thirsts. The water at the Stawkkklub has never been analyzed, but the theory has frequently been advanced that it contains a chemical stimulant of some sort.** If this be true, it would partially account for the coma which seems to come on some creatures during the daylight hours. With the approach of dawn, young and old hasten back to their caves where they hibernate until night again descends on the island. When bearded in their dens in the daytime, they may snap or snarl at the intruder, but there is little actual danger. In existence is one set of photographs which shows a male and female shrinking from the sun and blinking in bewilderment. Not much is known about their mating habits, but since there were originally only 400, and now more than double that number, it can be assumed that they do. During the winter months, they usually migrate in droves to Florida (some even range as far south as Bermuda) but whether this has anything to do with spawning is not known. Once it was believed that all were monogamous, but recent newspaper articles by such authorities as Knickerbocker and Beebe show divorce habits ingrained in some species.



* Prof. Artemus Goldsieker, in his book "Anthropoid Socialitus," however, warns that the creatures scurry to cover at the sound of "Gimme" and other such words.

** Dr. Scotchenaqu started to analyze the water, but inhaled some of the fumes, and has had to postpone his report until he has had himself analyzed.



PACK OF "ANTHROPOID SOCIALITÆ." This picture was taken by Prof. Bert Morgan at Oasis Sands Point Bath Club on Long Island. The center specimen with the odd typographical mark-

ings is of the genus "Josephine," species, "Johnson." The pack was celebrating the eighteenth birthday of the pretty young specimen. Some females mature at 18 while others never do.



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