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A NEW ONE BORN EVERY MINUTE

Only a secret password, accompanied by a mysterious high sign, will open the doors of 10022 California Street, South Gate, Cal., for attendance at an "Americanism Banquet" to be held on February 11th.

NRS is in a position to state that the secret password is "R-O-A-D"; the melodramatic gesture that goes with it brings one hand, clasping the other, to the level of the eyes, with two forefingers of the one hand crossed so as to form an X while three fingers of the other hand complete the sign to a "XIII" in Roman numerals. Great exertion will be made to keep the whole atmosphere shrouded in an air of mystery since only initiates are supposed to know that the banquet is sponsored and arranged by the "Royal Order of American Defenders".

AMERICANISM BANQUET

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AMERICAN DEFENDERS

February 11, 1941

10022 California Street

Southgate, California

Time

Price

Original of this reproduction would not be sufficient to open the door to the "Americanism Banquet" of the American Defenders. To gain admittance, secret password and high sign must be known to guest. Story on this page.

According to Articles of Incorporation, filed at Sacramento, Cal., on December 21st, last, the Royal Order of American Defenders was organized

....to unite in thoughts, sentiments, and actions all Protestant Americans of Anglo-Saxon descent; to join them in a large, closely knit patriotic fraternity; to instil in them an intense love and patriotism for their country and a pride in its institutions and traditions; to cultivate, encourage and promote social and business intercourse among American Protestants and to inculcate the principles of charity, justice, brotherly love and fidelity.

Incorporators of the "R-O-A-D" are Chester B. Anderson of Los Angeles and W. J. Putnam of Long Beach, Cal. While the former, an attorney, is the head of the new order and a frequent attendant at meetings of organizations suspected of Nazi affiliation, the latter is the superintendent of the Long Beach airport, and for many years has been the guiding spirit of the Long Beach Ku Klux Klan.

As to qualification of membership (illustration on page 3), candidates for the "royal" order must be

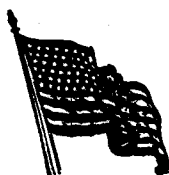
white, Gentile, Protestant American citizens who owe no allegiance to any foreign nation, government, institution, sect, ruler, prince or potentate, whose character and reputation are good and whose loyalty to the American Government, its institutions and traditions, is unquestionable.

It is characteristic of the "Royal Order" that, as far as this presumptuous adjective is concerned, the membership prospectus explains that

in the name of this organization "Royal" has no significance whatever, as far as the public is concerned. It is used for the sole purpose of carrying out a certain romantic fiction in the ritual.

Old Model -- New Name

It is by no means accidental that about 95 percent of the membership of the Royal Order of American Defenders formerly belonged to the Triple-K Knightshirt Brigade. Neither is it accidental that their "Americanism Banquet" is held in a hall belonging to the "Women of the Klan", and that the secret ritual of the Royal Order of American Defenders is practically the same as that of the Klan except for slight changes in the nomenclature. For example, in a Klan, a Kluxer is a Knight; among the Defenders, the member is known as a Squire. The head of a Klan is known as an Exalted Cyclops, whereas the president of the Defenders is called a Prince. The Klan opens to the twelfth chapter of Romans; the Defenders to the thirteenth!



Royal Order of American Defenders

(Incorporated)

ITS PURPOSE

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Reproduction of statement of purpose as issued by Royal Order of American Defenders to prospects "able to qualify". Story on page 1.

are absolutely identical....and so are the ways and means by which money is extracted out of the pockets of the members.

Money IS Everything!

As all these details clearly indicate, the new Royal Order is a mere outgrowth of the Southern California Kluxer Klan. A number of Holy Terrors came to the conclusion that the Klan, under the guidance of C. Earle Snelson, Grand Dragon for California, was not fear-inspiring enough. Moreover, it seemed to them that Snelson was much more interested in collecting dues than in furthering the ends of the Klan. Eventually it came to a showdown and, as a result, an appeal was made to J. A. Colescott, Imperial Wizard of the Klan in Georgia. However, Colescott, who knows very well on which side his "kake" is buttered, refused to oust Snelson, considering him an excellent money-raiser. Thus, a schism developed, and out of it sprang the Royal Order of American Defenders.

In time, these Defenders grew very aggressive indeed when it came to corraling members of the Klan, and at present the Defenders are working overtime

to absorb so many of the Klux members that Imperial Wizard Colescott will find it advantageous to let the local Klan die in favor of the Royal Order. This would be no new departure in Kluxdom. Despite the fact that, now and then, the Klan falls upon lean years, somehow it always manages to scramble to its feet. At the same time, it leaves in its wake over-zealous members who become imbued with the ambition to go into business for themselves.

The American Defenders' methods of carrying on subversive work is not only characteristic as regards Klan technique in general, but also in reference to their abuse of the American Constitution. In one sentence, the Defenders state:

We believe in the freedom of speech, press and religion as guaranteed in our Constitution....

However, in the very next sentence, the Defenders

maintain and assert that our forefathers in making those guarantees never intended them to be so abused as to permit the preaching or publication of sedition, and that anyone who is out of sympathy with our form of government should be immediately deported to the land of his choice.

Just as contradictory is the Defender's pronouncement:

We believe in tolerance with those who do not think or believe as we do, yet we believe that when the theory of tolerance is stretched to the point of protecting and encouraging malcontents, foreign agitators and subversive elements, it is no longer tolerance, but stupidity.

Like many other isms, Un-Americanism is now developing into big business. As a result, competitive organizations mushroom from coast to coast, many of them cashing in on the drawing power of a well-established subversivist outfit.

Southern California is just now witnessing such a case, two subversivist organizations growing where only one grew before.

RIBBENTROP "DIPLOMACY" ACTIVE IN USA

Every trick, diplomatic and otherwise, which eight years of an unscrupulous Nazi regime developed, is now being brought into play in the United States. Nazi higher-ups actually are hopeful of results, because all these tricks have been tried and found effective, in the over-run democracies, especially in France.

Nazi overlord there at present is Otto Abetz, in his position as Hitler's go-between with the Vichy regime. He is the only one of a whole string of "dynamic" swastika diplomats accredited to governments all over the world but especially in the Western Hemisphere. Abetz' case is particularly significant since he achieved more success than anybody else; also because his tactics

Application for Membership in the
Royal Order of American Defenders

I, the undersigned, do hereby make application for membership in the ROYAL ORDER OF AMERICAN DEFENDERS.

If my application is accepted, I hereby agree to abide by all the laws, rules and regulations of this order, and I further assert and affirm that:

I am a White, Gentile, Protestant American Citizen; that I owe no allegiance of any nature to any foreign government, sect or ruler; that I love my country and believe it to be my duty to uphold its flag, constitution and laws, and to go to its defense at any time it is attacked. I believe in its institutions, and revere its customs and traditions.

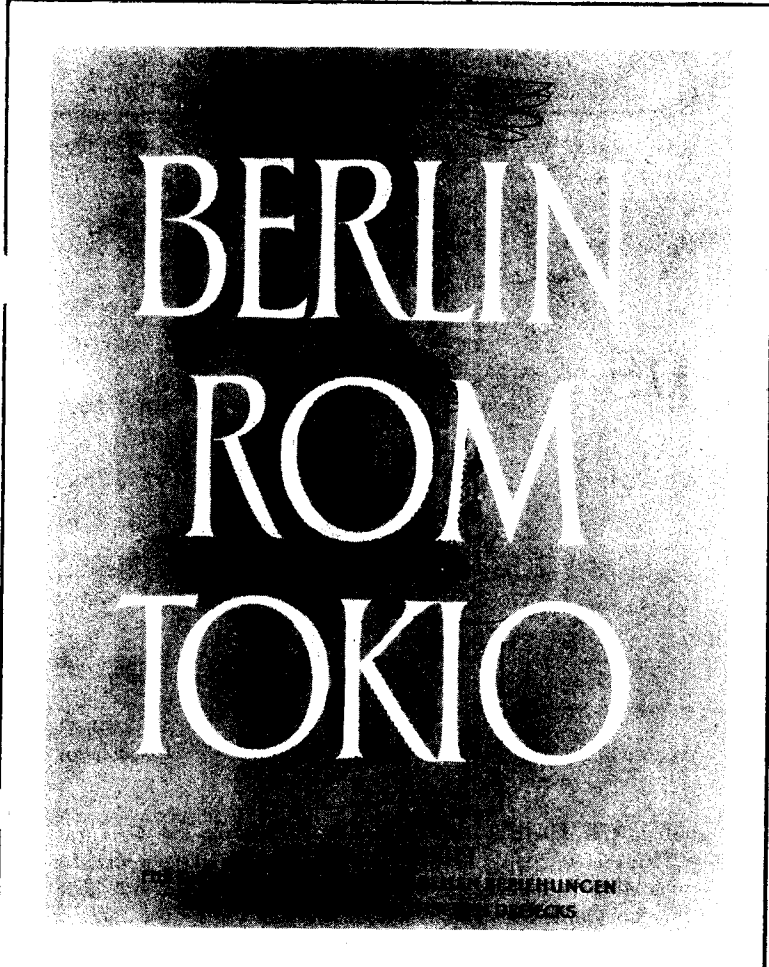
Signed _____
Address _____
Occupation _____

Recommended by: _____

Reproduction of application for membership in Royal Order of American Defenders. Story on page 1.

are just now being carefully copied by Hans Thomsen, Charge' d'Affaires of the Reich Embassy at Washington.

Abetz was mentioned in NEWS LETTER as far back as August 16, 1939, when he was described as the most important tool of Joachim von Ribbentrop's private foreign office, generally known as *Dienststelle* (Executive Office) *Ribbentrop*. At that time, Abetz was kicked out of France as an undesirable alien his expulsion following that of *Herr Bräutigam* who had been doing his dirty work. Both had been extremely active in spreading appeasement propaganda by way of tie-ups with academic groups, primarily student organizations, with a strong admixture of faculty members. Another sphere of activity in which Abetz and Bräutigam achieved very important results was the systematic debasement of the French press, also described in earlier issues of NEWS LETTER.



BERLIN ROM TOKIO

Front cover of "Berlin-Rome-Tokyo", Doktor Goebbels' de luxe propaganda monthly. Story on page 5.

The Abetz-Bräutigam journalistic retinue served not only propagandistic ends; they also prepared the ground for intensive spying activities. Their technique consisted of planting, and keeping officially informed, German journalists who pretended that their sojourn in France merely served the purpose of supplying their home papers with legitimate news. However, these same German correspondents were used to influence their French colleagues by "advancing" them monies, whenever they were financially embarrassed, also to worm information out of them. How cleverly they proceeded became clear in June of the following year when Hitler occupied France in what was little more than a walk-over.

When France fell, no Horatio Alger hero ever reaped such fulsome praise as Otto Abetz. Ever since, he has been looked upon, within the borders of the Fatherland, as the Diplomatic Wonder Boy of the Third Reich. Currently, his praise is sung all over the United States in an article appearing in "Berlin-Rome-Tokyo" (illustrations on pages 4 and 5). This is Goebbels' most expensive propaganda publication, which advertises itself as "A Monthly for the Intensification of Cultural Relations of the Peoples of the World-Political Triangle". Richly illustrated, this periodical is of Saturday Evening Post format, and regularly arrives in West Coast ports by the baleful via Siberia, blanketing the entire United States from the Pacific to the Atlantic. Printed in German and Italian, it is distributed among both language groups.

In general, articles in "Berlin-Rome-Tokyo" are printed with a Nazi tongue in the diplomatic cheek, phrased so guardedly as to arouse little suspicion of propaganda infiltration. However, Abetz' achievements so overwhelmed the editorial staff that, for once, they flung their usual caution to the winds. As a result, an article on "Ambassador Abetz", sub-titled "New Diplomats of Greater Germany", is extremely enlightening since it expounds in popular and comprehensive form the "new ethics" which permeate Nazi diplomacy.

Accordingly, this article (translated) opens as follows:

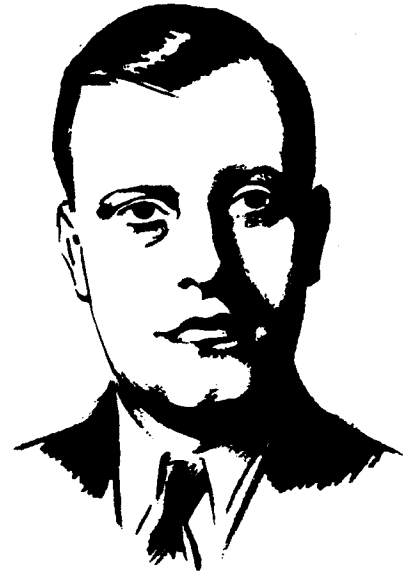
The appointment of a man attached to Dienststelle Ribbentrop, that is, an outsider as far as the usual career of an ambassador is concerned, will appear as a new departure, albeit an inescapable one, to any who delve into the developments of (Third Reich) diplomacy.

The outcome of the war of 1914-1918, Germany's humiliation and the treatment of the Reich during the entire post-War period, made it clear that diplomacy, too, must embark upon a new course. (Underscoring by NRS) Diplomacy is no longer a matter for a specific class of people who, because of their financial standing or family background, assume that only they are entitled to enter this field. Rather, it is a question of suitability and of the gift for such necessary qualifications as knowledge of human nature in general, and understanding of the men-

NEUE DIPLOMATEN GROSS-DEUTSCHLANDS

BOTSCHAFTER ABETZ

Nuovi diplomatici della Grande Germania



Zeichnung Garwne

Die Ernennung eines aus der Dienststelle Ribbentrop, also nicht aus der normalen Karriere kommenden Mannes wie Otto Abetz zum Botschafter wird vielen, die sich mit der Entwicklung der Diplomatie befaßt haben, als ein Wendepunkt erscheinen, der unvermeidbar kommen mußte.

Das Ende des Weltkrieges 1914/18, die Diffamierung Deutschlands und die Behandlung in der ganzen Nachkriegszeit ließen deutlich erkennen, daß auch in der Diplomatie neue Wege gesucht werden mußten. Diplomatie ist nicht mehr eine Angelegenheit einer besonderen Menschenklasse, die durch Vermögen oder Namen sich für diese Tätigkeit allein berechtigt hält, sondern eine Frage der Eignung und der für diesen Beruf nötigen Fähigkeiten wie Menschenkenntnis im allgemeinen und Kenntnis der Mentalität der verschiedenen Völker im besonderen. Bestimmte Regeln der Gesprächsführung sozusagen nach vorgeschriebenem internationalen Muster sind heute fortgefallen; von Fall zu Fall ist die Lage verschieden und wird entsprechend behandelt. Diese Notwendigkeit einer durchgreifenden Änderung der diplomatischen Arbeit hat von Anfang an der Nationalsozialismus klar erkannt und seine Konsequenzen hieraus gezogen. Die Aufgabe des jetzigen Reichsaußenministers war und ist es, diesen Auffassungen des Nationalsozialismus den Weg zu bereiten und die Männer zu finden, die sie tragen können.

In diesem Sinne muß auch die Ernennung von Abetz als Symptom gewertet werden, seine Eignung für seine Tätigkeit geht aus seinem ganzen Lebenslauf hervor. Abetz, der im Jahre 1903 in

ergreifung trat Abetz in die Dienststelle Ribbentrop ein. Hier war er voll an seinem Platze. Eine der wichtigsten Tätigkeiten war der Versuch einer Verständigung mit den Westmächten. Der damalige Botschafter von Ribbentrop, der über persönlich gute Beziehungen zu Frankreich und England verfügte, brauchte Menschen wie Abetz gerade in dieser Zeit, in der Deutschland alles versuchte, um die europäischen Großmächte unter Anerkennung der völligen Gleichberechtigung Deutschlands zu gemeinsamer Arbeit für die Erzielung des Friedens zu vereinigen. Während seiner Tätigkeit in

Nach seiner Rückkehr aus Frankreich wurde er vom Reichsaußenminister, dessen besonderes Vertrauen er immer genoß, mit der Leitung des Frankreich-Komitees in Berlin beauftragt, dessen Aufgabe darin bestand - besonders seit dem Ausbruch des Krieges - dem von seinen damaligen Machthabern verhetzten französischen Volk die wahren Begebenheiten propagandistisch auf allen Gebieten zu vermitteln.

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Reproduction from "Berlin-Rome-Tokyo", containing a paean of praise for Abetz whose termite work successfully undermined France's resistance. Story and translation on page 6.

tality of different peoples in particular. There no longer exist definite rules for carrying on a conversation according to a prescribed international pattern. The situation changes with each case, and must be treated accordingly. It is in view of this necessity that thorough changes in the diplomatic field were clearly recognized by National Socialism from the very beginning; accordingly, consequences were drawn from it. It was, and is, the task of the present Reich Foreign Minister to prepare the way for the conceptions of National Socialism, and to find men able to carry them out. (Emphasis by NRS)

Thus explaining that National Socialism has no further use for kid-gloved diplomats, but prefers to depend on brass-knuckled diplomugs, the article in

"Berlin-Rome-Tokyo" furnishes a biography of Abetz as flattering as it is revealing. It especially stresses the point that Abetz, sojourning in France, always made it a point to become friendly with all such circles as preached, or were susceptible to, appeasement. Abetz also wormed his way into the ranks of French veterans, making the most of the fact that these men, many of them still suffering from war disabilities, were sickened by the very thought of their country being drawn into another war.

While Abetz was conducting intellectual sabotage, at the same time, primarily through Herr Bräutigam, he also took a hand in other, more tangible, activities of a subversive nature. When, as a result of his continued abuse of French hospitality, he was eventually kicked out of the country, he returned to Berlin. As to the activities upon which he then embarked, "Berlin-Rome-Tokyo" says:

Upon his return from France, he (Abetz) was entrusted by the Reich Foreign Minister (Ribbentrop), whose confidence he always enjoyed, with

the management of the France Committee in Berlin. It was the task of this organization -- especially since the outbreak of the war -- to disseminate propagandistic enlightenment of the true nature of events among the masses of a country infuriated by their then administration.

Commanding Generals of the Fifth Column

As the case of Abetz proves, the Nazi regime completely abolished diplomacy of the old school; what had been, until Hitler's rise to power, at least to a certain extent, an honor system, was speedily and thoroughly replaced with lawless cunning. Pregnant with promises and barren of fulfillment as ever, Nazi diplomats are now leaving the sacred precincts of international comity to venture into the gashouse district of world-wide strong-arm tactics. Whereas old-school diplomats had always been careful to keep their skirts clean of doubtful hangers-on, journalistic and otherwise, Ribbentrop's men now made it a point to play hand in glove with predatory publicists.

Taking a leaf out of Abetz' diplomatic success story, Herr Thomsen opened

O V E R !

Deutsche Botschaft
Berlin, den 27. August 1939.

Herrn Dr. Manfred Zapp,
"Transocean",
New York, New York.

Sehr geehrter Herr Doktor,
Ich habe Ihre Briefe vom 27. August,
die mir durch Herrn Bräutigam
überreicht wurden, erhalten. Ich
bedauere sehr, dass ich Ihnen
aufgrund meiner beruflichen
Verpflichtungen nicht
früher antworten konnte. Ich
hoffe, Sie werden mir
verzeihen, dass ich Ihnen
nicht früher schreiben konnte.
Ich habe Ihre Briefe mit
Interesse gelesen und bin
überzeugt, dass Sie die
Wahrheit sagen. Ich werde
Ihre Briefe an Herrn Bräutigam
weitergeben.

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Mit freundlichen Grüßen,
Herrn Dr. Manfred Zapp,
"Transocean",
New York, New York.

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Thomsen

Herrn Dr. Manfred Zapp,
"Transocean",
New York, New York.

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Reproduction of letter by Reich
Chargé d'Affaires Thomsen, addressed
to Manfred Zapp of "Transocean".
Story and translation on page 7.

his arms wide in welcome when Manfred Zapp was appointed to the management of "Transocean" in New York. The two could work even more closely as they had been college chums, addressing each other *du* which, especially in German diplomatic circles, may be considered indisputable proof of utmost mutual familiarity. Dies' investigation, as well as NEWS LETTER, produced documents furnishing conclusive proof of the intimate contact maintained between diplomat Thomsen and journalist Zapp. Another extremely noteworthy letter is reproduced here today (on page 6), reading in verbatim translation as follows:

Washington, D. C., August 30, 1938

Dear Zapp:

Many thanks for your letter of August 22. I already knew that you were to take over the "Transocean" management in the United States, and I was sincerely glad to hear about it. I am looking forward to your arrival around the end of September, and shall be at your disposal to assist you in finding your bearings...

(Signed) H. Thomsen

This letter of a Reich Charge d'Affaires to a recognized Nazi propagandist clearly indicates that Thomsen stood ready to render every assistance possible to Zapp...which is exactly what the German Embassy did for Herr Abetz! This leads to the logical conclusion that the United States is being subjected to the same treatment which proved so successful for the Nazis in France. Indeed, application of this technique already is in full swing, as brought out in earlier revelations by NEWS LETTER.

One case in point is that of Hans Wolfram, registered at the State Department as correspondent of the DNB (German News Agency). He sojourned in California and, during that period, contributed to the *California Staats-Zeitung* whose war news is almost exclusively derived from "Transocean". While in the Southland, Wolfram maintained very close contact with Reich Consul Gyssling of Los Angeles, as well as Reich Consul General Wiedemann in San Francisco. Proof that his labors in the Nazi vineyard must have pleased his superiors lies in the fact that Wolfram has recently been promoted to one of the most influential Reich propaganda posts in the United States: at present, he is Junior Press Attaché of the Reich Embassy! This achievement on the part of a comparatively young man would seem noteworthy enough; however, it is even more significant since Wolfram makes his headquarters...in New York City, probably to make it all the easier for him to collaborate with *Herren* Zapp, Viereck, et al.

Among German emissaries who notoriously and habitually stray, or straved, far beyond the straight and narrow path of what was once considered diplomatic civility, were such men as Reich Consuls Müller of New York, Scholz of Boston, and Gyssling, respectively, and, foremost of all, the *Führer's* Consul General on the Pacific Coast, Fritz Wiedemann. So far, only one of these Nazi "diplomats" -- with all that quotation marks imply! -- was sent home "presto", namely, *Herr Doktor* Friedrich Ried who, having acquitted himself "nobly" in the Nazi meaning of this term, had come to New York City to repeat his Brazilian successes.

His stay was cut short when, first NEWS LETTER and, in turn, other publications, expatiated on his South American ventures. But Ried's enforced departure left no void; there is still many a "Ribbentrooper" at large in the United States, eager to duplicate as nearly as possible Abetz' "great achievements".
