

# 18 Are Arrested Here As F. B. I. Rounds Up 'Dangerous Aliens'

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## 400 Germans, Italians And 1,000 Japanese Seized in Drive

Eighteen Axis nationals were seized in Washington by F. B. I. agents during the last 24 hours in a roundup that brought the arrest of approximately 400 Germans and Italians designated as "dangerous aliens" in other parts of the Nation.

Included in the group taken into custody here were seven Japanese, eight Germans and three Italians. All the aliens, it was reported, are being turned over immediately to the Immigration and Naturalization Service of the Justice Department for transportation to a detention center.

### D.N.B. Chief Arrested.

One of the first to be taken into custody in New York was Heinz Cramer, head of D.N.B., the official German news agency office there, and four members of his staff.

In Los Angeles the F. B. I. announced the arrest for investigation of 70 men and women, 60 of them identified as German or of German extraction and 10 as Italian. Among those booked was Herman Schwinn, identified several years ago in governmental hearings in Washington as a West Coast leader of the German-American Bund. A quantity

of German literature, pictures and a camera were confiscated in connection with the roundup.

The Newark bureau of the F. B. I. reported that 30 aliens had been taken into custody in New Jersey last night and early today, a majority of them Germans.

At Boston 20 persons described as aliens "inimical to the defense of the United States" were arrested by F. B. I. agents and Boston police. Virgil W. Peterson, New England head of the F. B. I., said most of them were Germans and that three of the group were women.

### Flying Baroness Seized.

The Baroness Lisette de Kapri, well-known pilot with a dozen or more flying ratings to her credit, was taken into custody by Nassau County, N. Y., police, acting at the request of Federal agents. She is a native of Rumania, it was reported, and came here from Switzerland at the outbreak of hostilities in Europe.

The G-men struck swiftly and quietly during the night, acting under a presidential proclamation similar to that under which 1,000 Japanese were seized Sunday night and Monday.

### Former Attache Held.

The Associated Press reported that one of the first persons arrested was Hans von Bernhard, former Commercial Attache for the Nazi government in San Francisco, who was immediately taken to the immigration station from his home where he was living with his wife and two children, both of whom were born in the United States.

Von Bernhard resigned his post last May, after refusing an assignment to Japan. At that time he said he had severed all connections with Germany and was thinking of becoming an American citizen.