

Nazi Spy Demands Pension

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MUNICH, Germany — Cicero, the fantastically successful World War II German spy who handed over to his Nazi masters plans for the Allied Normandy invasion, says he is determined to get a pension for his wartime services.

The legendary 64-year-old Elyesa Bazna, whose code name was Cicero, received almost a half million dollars from the Germans by the end of the war.

He lost the money in a building investment and recently lost his job as a night-watchman for a Munich construction firm.

Now unemployed, Bazna is determined to get a pension from the Bonn Republic, despite rejection last month of his application.

"I feel I did as much for Germany as any front-line soldier or general, and now I am an old man I am just as entitled to a pension," he said.

Bazna, a balding man with big gaps in his toothy smile, claimed none of the books or the film about him are as fantastic as the truth.

His work was described as "breathtaking" by Nazi intelligence chief Walter Schellen-

berg, whose memoirs bear out that Bazna turned over the first tentative plans for D-Day, a report on the Teheran conference between Churchill, Stalin and Roosevelt and helped German intelligence crack part of the British diplomatic code.

From early 1943 to 1945, Bazna was personal valet to the British Ambassador in Ankara, who had the task of persuading the Turkish government to abandon its neutrality and join the Allies.

"Every day he would receive about five to six red and black dispatch boxes of secret documents," said Bazna.

"When he was called away for conferences, or even for meals I would walk in as if I was performing my normal duties, screw a special strong light into the desk lamp, and take pictures with my Leica camera," the former spy related.

He claimed that from early 1943 to his last task in February, 1944 he supplied his contact at the German Embassy with copies of almost every major allied document.

British intelligence soon discovered there was an intelligence leak in Ankara and sent

three officers to investigate. However they were looking chiefly for listening devices.