

Allies See Shadow of Bismarck As Ancient Spirit of Stubborn German Nationalism Raises Head

By THOMAS A. REEDY
BERLIN, Nov. 22 (AP)—Is the old spirit of German nationalism on the march again?

Western Allied officials in Berlin have been piling up a file of evidence that points that way. "The bugaboo of communism may soon have to take a back seat. There's competition around," an American political authority commented today.

Bismarck Creed
All four occupation powers—Britain, France, Russia and the U. S.—appear to be sensitive to the re-birth of the old Bismarck creed of "Germany for the Germans."

Recent examples of this are: In London, member of parliament Brigadier Frank Medlicott said "signs of the return of nazism in Germany are increasing." In Washington, Chief War Crimes Counsel Telford Taylor asserted the Germans are trying to "soft pedal" the war crimes trials behind a rising nationalism.

In Paris, the French have consistently resisted proposals to halt dismantling of German industry which they call war potential. In Ottawa, Canada, Field Marshal Lord Wavell forecast that Germany would eventually become a greater problem for the West than the Soviet Union. He called the Germans the "most dangerous people in Europe."

Stubbness
The Russians, flirting with ex-nazis to win political strength, ran into old German stubbornness only this month. They gave civil rights back to former nazis, then ordered the communist puppet government they set up in the Eastern zone to install communist ideas. Immediately the former nazis, banded together within the national democratic party, lashed out against turning private enterprise into so-called peoples-owned industries.

On top of that, the socialist unity (communist) party acknowledged the existence of the nationalistic spirit within its own ranks and ordered a widespread purge. They called it "Troisism," but most observers calculate that the "ism"

was around long before Yugoslavia's Marshal Tito broke with the Kremlin.

Makeup
How much of the growing German spirit of independence is "nationalist" and how much is pure nazi is a matter of debate. However, almost any major nazi who has escaped trial for war crimes up to now can face most German courts without too much fear, unless he is personally linked with an individual war crime.

The relaxed attitude toward ex-nazis is shown by the recent conviction of Gertrud Scholz Klinsk, head of Adolf Hitler's League for German Women.

A French zone German court found her a "major nazi" but said that the 18 months she had already spent in jail awaiting the trial was enough punishment.

Her opposite number, Baldur von Schirach, is serving 20 years in Spandau prison. The sentence was imposed by the international war crimes court at Nuernberg in 1948 for his activities as head of the Hitler Jugend (Hitler Youth).

U. S. Flag Ripped
Last week two German men invaded a Jewish synagogue near Bayreuth and ripped the American flag off the wall.

Only last night a group calling itself "friends of Otto Strasser" tried to hold a political rally in Dusseldorf on the Rhine. The British occupation authorities forbade the meeting. Strasser was one of the seven men with Hitler who founded the nazi party. He has been a refugee in Canada since he broke with Hitler but has tried repeatedly to return to Germany.

Strasser was quoted recently as saying the occupation powers are preventing his return "knowing full well that in a few years time we would be the strongest party in Germany."

Strasser and his brother, Gregor, who was liquidated by the SS, represented the extreme nationalist right wing in German political thinking.

Strong Wing
Rightist parties have won the largest support in West Germany. The Bonn republic is dominated by Christian democrats, but they need and get voting help from rightist free democrats and the nationalistic German party in order to out-rank the socialists.

The Bonn legislative halls have been ringing with more and more speeches on behalf of Germanism. One delegate proposed recently to restore the Hitler-engineered "Anschluss" with Austria (Hitler's bloodless coup which brought Austria into the nazi camp in 1938).

In Austria, too, a swing to nazi rightist thinking was recorded in its national elections a month ago. The people's party retained dominance over the socialists, but the neo-nazi league of independents appeared out of nowhere to gain a surprisingly strong third.

Nauheim's Bloc
One of the most persistent agitations within Germany is carried on by the so-called "Nauheim circle," headed by Professor Ulrich Noack, which tries constantly to hold meetings of Germans from both the West and Soviet zones of occupation. The theme of the Noack followers is that everyone except Germans should get out of Germany.

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and allow the country to become neutral ground in the east-west political dispute.

Noack's last attempted meeting over the past week-end was banned by German police as "subversive and threatening."

Political advisers to the occupation authorities point out here that the "German thinking" is being revealed more and more as their shops fill up and their pay envelopes grow into something like a peacetime normal living wage, after 10 years of war and despair.

West Germany leads all Europe recovery nations in increasing its industrial production and Austria is running second.

Obedience to the "conqueror" is no longer commanded by a snap of an occupation soldier's finger—as it was during the period immediately after the war—except in the Soviet zone where military rule is much more strict.

HIGH SCHOOL News and Comments

By Flo Ann Perkins



The senior class finance committee has decided that the seniors will put on their traditional senior class play this year, although there was a senior review last year. Determining the play will be left up to the seniors when a special meeting of the class is called next week, but the play will be a light comedy and Mrs. Roberta Blomquist will direct the production. The play will be put on in April and the proceeds will go to pay for the various functions of the senior class.

Even nearer in the future are the Christmas production, "The Nutcracker Suite," and the student body play, "Life With Father," the latter to be put on in January. Dancers and musicians have been working several weeks on the Christmas program to be held this year December 21 and 22.

Members of the junior class finance committee have made the final selections of class jewelry and the samples have been displayed in the trophy case in the main hall. The decision was just made yesterday on a "Skyrocket" design. Juniors may order soon from a choice of rings, necklaces pins or identification bracelets.

Pep Peppers are making plans for several parties during the Christmas holiday season. In the meeting today the members of the club voted to contribute a sum of money to a fund of the Klamath Falls Women's Library club which pays for tonsillitomy of needy persons.

Members of Paul Deller's junior history classes have recently been reading copies of old newspapers dated around the turn of the century. Papers include copies of the San Francisco Examiner and the New York Times.

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Music Lovers and Publicity Hounds Jam Famed Old Met

By ARTHUR EVERETT
NEW YORK, Nov. 22 (AP)—Everybody got into the act last night as the Metropolitan opera opened its 85th season.

On-stage the Richard Strauss women-dominated opera "Der Rosenkavalier" went off smoothly with the Stevens, Eleanor Steber and others singing out their arias to six solidly packed tiers of opera goers. Between acts the great and would-be great of society put on their own show for the television cameras.

Those who weren't starred in either performance lined the corridors and pointed oohed and aahed at celebrities on and off the stage.

Presto!
One minute the opera house at 39th street and Broadway was a gloomy deserted cavern. Its only light came from a single feeble bulb above the orchestra pit. In the next it became a glittering brilliant arena with bejeweled patrons strung in a horseshoe pattern around the colorfully laid-out stage. But the bar was never dim. And never quiet.

A table captain veteran of 15 consecutive opening nights lamented: "This is the worst I have ever seen. They all want to walk around in front of the television cameras. How can we keep the aisles clear?"

He couldn't. He finally gave up. **Gawk Parade**
In an endless between-acts fashion show society paraded in one door along the bar and out past the cameras. A few paused for a drink. A handful had tables reserved.

The opening was televised a year ago too. But this year ABC presented it over an expanded network for a record audience.

High-jinks such as have enlivened openings in other years were few. Mrs. Betty Henderson who once gained fame by hoisting her leg onto a table, was on hand. If she entered the bar, she did it discreetly.

Attractions
Husky, handsome Met Tenor Lauritz Melchior, and lovely, blonde soprano Dorothy Kirsten were the chief target of photographers and gawping celebrity hunters. Both were on a busman's holiday. They sing later in the 18-weeks season. Another center of attraction was

Federal Judge Harold R. Medina. A year ago, few knew the operating jurist, as a anything but a capable judge. His nationally known now as the trial judge for the 11 convicted communist leaders.

He posed obligingly for pictures and then told Mrs. Medina: "Now, let's get upstairs."

Scolding
A slight disturbance in the entrance lobby threatened to mar the first act. Noisy arrivals brought short, dignified Earle R. Lewis, the Met's secretary, racing down the corridor.

He wagged a finger and sounded a warning "ash" at the crowd. When that didn't work, he threatened to call the police.

"This performance can't be normal," he complained. "Other people paid to get in here. This isn't fair to them."

He eventually restored quiet. Critics found "Der Rosenkavalier" satisfying. If not epic, Miss Steber, singing the role of the Marschallin for the first time at the Met, gave what was described as a "subdued and maybe even discouraged" characterization.

The audience kept its hands on its lap for the first act. In the second, Emanuel List as Ochs finally won the evening's first bravo.

Faithful
Nearly 300 persons, some of whom waited in line since Saturday, paid \$2 each for standing room. As always, they were lauded for their faith, even as they sprawled exhausted on the carpeting between acts to save their standing space.

"They are the real opera fans, and how," acknowledged a doorman.

The star of every opening night for years, Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt, made it this time in a wheelchair.

Her guest was to have been Mary Garden. Met star of 30 years ago. But Miss Garden, here on a lecture tour, boycotted the opening.

She said she was dismayed by the "shocking" goings-on of other years.

"When I go to the opera house," announced the 72-year-old one-time queen of grand opera, "I go to hear

music and not to witness a vaudeville show." She could have heard music last night.

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