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NEW ZEALAND POLICE. [Police-100A.

Detective Office,
Police-station: Wellington,

Date: 27th September, 1939

REPORT of Detective Sergeant P. Doyle, No. 1337

relative to German Club-Wellington.

Vide attached.

I beg to report that I have enquired from former members of the Wellington German Club regarding its operations at the time the war broke out, and I have ascertained that the Club has not functioned since October of last year.

A meeting of the members took place at the Rooms of the Evening Post, where the club operated, and this took place either in September or October of last year, when Miss Clara Anna Marie Else Erhard a member of the German Consul-General's staff proposed that they should sing the Nazi song or anthem "Host Vessel" which was composed to commemorate the murder of the Nazi leader of that name who was murdered by the Communists in 1930.

The proposal was strongly objected to by the British members of the Club, comprising about 90% of its members. Mr Ramm, Consul-General for Germany, who was present finally agreed that the song should only be sung when he was present as the official representative of the German Government, but this did not satisfy the objectors, and resulted in Professor Keys, the President, and all British members resigning.

entire P.F. ✓

That was the first occasion that anything pertaining to politics was introduced, and the suggestion came from a real Nazi, to whom I referred in my report of the 25th instant, concerning Mrs Delbruck.

Many of the old members of the Club are known to me, not as Nazi supporters, but loyal British subjects whose only object in joining the Club was to gain a cheap knowledge of the German language.

Ramm was a regular attendant at the meetings, but I am assured by persons present at the meetings that he never once entered into any political discussion, or attempted anything in the nature of Nazi propaganda.

His predecessor Hellenthal, and the latter's assistant Kessells, only visited the Club on one or two occasions during 1938, and their interest in it was luke warm.

The Chief Detective,
Wellington.

*16/15 The Inspector
Ramm
tel sat
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P. Doyle
Detective Sergeant 1337.

*The Commissioner
J. Mearns
Insk*

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POLICE DEPARTMENT.

WELLINGTON, C. 1.

14th September, 1939.

MEMORANDUM for

The Superintendent of Police,
WELLINGTON.

GERMAN CLUB: WELLINGTON.

... The attached report of the 9th instant is forwarded, with previous papers, for your information.

Can Detective-Sergeant Doyle add anything to his report of 10th October, 1937, in respect to the position of the Club at the time war broke out? It had not otherwise come under notice at this office.

The Director,

*J. Levin Esq.,
15.9.39.*

H. Cummings
Commissioner of Police.

THE CHIEF DETECTIVE

J. J. [Signature]
15 SEP 1939

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Det. S. Doyle
[Signature]
15.9.39

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NEW ZEALAND POLICE.

Subject: [redacted], S.S. Waipori supplies information re alleged German Nazi Clubs in Auckland, Wellington, and Christchurch.

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The Inspector.



D. R. Dugan
Sergt. for S/Sergt.
9/9/39

The Superintendent
W. E. Mackenzie
9-9-39

Order
The Commissioner
Respectfully
forwarded.

D. R. Dugan
11. 9. 39

The Chief Detective
Report attached please
J. Dugan
27. 9. 39

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NEW ZEALAND POLICE.

[Police—100a.

Police-station : Dunedin Central.

Date : 9 th September..., 19 39.

REPORT of Constable S.G.Hood., No. 1811.

relative to [redacted] of S.S.Waipori, [redacted] informs
re alleged NAZI CLUBS in Auckland, Wellington, and
Christchurch.

I respectfully report that today
the 9 th inst while on duty on the Wharf the above named
called me into his cabin in the above named vessel now
lying at the Victoria Wharf...

He stated to me that a friend of his
a member of the crew of the same vessel had gained ad-
mittance into a Nazi Club at Auckland which is believed to
be situated at No. 33 Albert Street Auckland...

This friend is a Scotsman and he
gained admission owing to his being able to speak German.

When this friend was at this meeting
it was found that he was not a member of the Nazi Party, and
was finally ejected.

[redacted] found out from the friend that
a Nazi Club was in Vivion Street Wellington; the number
which is unknown. There is also another club in Christchurch
street also unknown....

The leader of this club in Auckland
is a man named Strauss.

[redacted] would not give a statement on
this matter. He would like his name suppressed...

[redacted] would also not give the name of
the Scotsman who gave him this information...

The Senior-Sergeant,
of Police.

S. G. Hood.
Constable 1811.
Dunedin.
9-9-39.

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" Dominion
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GERMAN CLUB

At the annual meeting of the German Club held recently at Wellington the following officers were elected:—

President, Professor F. F. Miles; vice-presidents, Mrs. Pallo, Mrs. McKinnon; secretary, Dr. A. C. Keys; treasurer, Mr. K. Fuhrmann; librarian, Mr. Rump; committee, Misses Erhard, Z. Pasche, Hirst, Mrs. Short and Mr. Ferschmann.

Two flute quartets by Mozart were played by Mr. J. Rodgers (flute), Mr. G. Ayson (violin), Miss V. Wood (cello) and Dr. Keys (viola). Miss May Hyam gave two numbers, "Legende," by Wieniawsky, and "Elintanez," by Jenkinson. The accompaniments were played by Dr. Keys.

Card destroyed *[initials]*
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exp. of P.F. / KEYS, A.C.

NEW ZEALAND POLICE.

Police-station: Detective Office, Auckland.

Date: 14 th December, 1937

REPORT of Detective E.A. Stevenson, No. 2627

relative to GERMAN CLUB - WELLINGTON.

"Vide attached"

I respectfully report that I have not as yet been able to obtain much information about the matter referred to in the attached memorandum, but I hope to be able to supply some more definite details shortly.

I am informed that a German Club was originally formed in Wellington not long after the formation of a similar club in Auckland in 1932.

However, the Wellington German Club was nothing like as successful as the Auckland one and most of the time it has hardly functioned at all.

It is believed that recently efforts have been made to establish it on a sounder footing.

I am informed that the President of the Club is Professor von Seidlitz (or a name very similar), of the staff of Victoria College.

Dr W. Hellenthal, the German Consul at Wellington, is believed to be interested in fostering the Club.

I will immediately report any further information.

E. A. Stevenson

Det. 2627.

The Chief Detective,
Auckland.

Forw to the Supt
14/12/37 R. Hard
37 Supt

Forw to the Commissioner
S. Gill
14/12/37 Supt

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POLICE DEPARTMENT,
WELLINGTON, 25 th November 1937

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MEMORANDUM for

The Superintendent of Police
AUCKLAND

GERMAN CLUB - WELLINGTON

It has been reported to this office that a German Club has within recent months been formed in Wellington. Can Detective Stevenson's informant in Auckland supply any information concerning this matter?

[Handwritten Signature]
Commissioner of Police

The Inspector
(Executive Branch),

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[Handwritten Signature]

Superintendent of Police,

The Chief Det

30/11/37 R. Hard
[Handwritten Signature]

Det Stevenson

S.O. Hall
- 1st Det -
30-11-37

The Ch. Detective, *[Handwritten Signature]*

Report attached.

E. Stevenson.

Det. 2627.

14-12-37.

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POLICE DEPARTMENT OFFICE

NEW ZEALAND POLICE. [Police-100a.]

Detective Office,

Police-station: Wellington,

Date: 10th October, 1937

REPORT of Detective Sergeant P. Doyle, No. 1337

relative to the existence of a German Club at Wellington.

I beg to report for the information of my superiors that a German Club was recently formed at Wellington.

Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month in rooms at the Evening Post buildings, and are presided over by Walter Hellenenthal, the German Consul.

There are about 100 members, comprised of German Nationals and their sympathisers.

At their first meetings, it was apparent that it was formed for political purposes which was opposed by several of its members, several of whom I understand, threatened to resign and the policy was modified, but knowing Hellenenthal, I am satisfied that the club was not formed for the purpose of providing entertainment for its members.

It is difficult to secure a reliable source of information, but I am endeavouring to obtain particulars of the business transacted from a gentleman who is intimate with one of the members, and I will submit reports periodically when I hear anything of sufficient importance to justify reporting.

F. Purdy
Detective Sergeant 1937.

Sub Inspector,
Detective Branch,
Wellington.

For The Inspector.

Carroll
Sub-Inspector,
Detective Branch.
11. 10. 37

The Chief
For information

James
INSPECTOR OF POLICE
11 OCT 1937

The Commissioner of Police
H. G. G. G.
Supt. of Police
11. 10. 37

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