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Police-station: Detective Office, AucklandDate: 11 th May, 1938REPORT of Detective E.A. Stevenson, No. 2627

relative to German Club, Auckland and German activities  
generally.

I respectfully report the further additional information concerning the above mentioned matters.. The information comes from a source that is known to the Department.

Another German in Auckland who has recently come under notice at the German Club is BRUNO NEHRING. He is residing at 33 Chatham Av, Mt Albert, and is about 25 years of age.. He has been here about 1 year and was left ashore in hospital off a visiting German cargo vessel, either the "Anhalt" or the "Dessau", on which he was an engineer or artificer. He is now employed as an engineer at Winstone's Quarry.

In conversation at the Club with my informant Nehring said that he thought that the Club did not do enough to get in touch with Germans in Auckland. He said that he had been at a place where he had met some 30 or 40 Germans.. He would not enlarge on his remark, which may have been mere exaggeration... However, the statement will be the subject of further inquiry.

HANS WILHELM FROH, previously referred to on several occasions, has left the coastal vessel "Canopus" and is now employed as a fireman at the Auckland Gas Co's works.. He very seldom visits the Club and shows little interest in it.

Nehring and Froh are acquainted with each other.

The following information, if not mere idle talk, may be of some importance....

A few days ago MAX GRAPENGIESSER, the Secretary of the Club, had a periodic burst of confidence while in conversation with my informant... He said, in speaking of K.W.Schmidt's visit to Germany, that if things went aright, he also hoped to get a trip home (to Germany).

Grapengiesser said that in conversation with Dr.W.Hellenthal before the latter left for Germany, Hellenthal had given him the impression that on his return to this part of the world he was going to take him (Grapengiesser) with him to Samoa... Hellenthal, while not directly stating so, gave the impression that he was going to be the Governor of Samoa for the German Government and that negotiations (presumably with the British or New Zealand governments) were much further developed than the general public knew..

Hellenthal gave Grapengiesser no idea as to when this might be.

Grapengiesser, as is already known, was a German planter in Samoa for many years, both before and since British administration there and his knowledge would be valuable to Hellenthal in the event of the latter going there in the capacity mentioned.

I have nothing further to report at present.

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