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

relative to GERMAN CLUB, Auckland - attached copy of Nazi booklet printed in English.

I respectfully report that the attached booklet entitled - Speech delivered in the Reichstag February 20 th, 1938 - by Adolph Hitler, was handed to me by a secret informant within the German Club, Auckland.

Copies of this booklet have just been distributed or circulated among Germans in the Club by GUSTAV BELIN, referred to in previous reports.

It is thought that probably about a dozen or so were received here.

As with all other Nazi literature it was received by MAX GRAPENGIESSER, the Club's secretary, at his residence at 2 Ward Terrace, Sandringham.

Belin received this present lot from Grapengiesser at the latter's home.. Grapengiesser has been ill and absent from the Club and this accounts for Belin distributing the booklets.

I have read the booklet, but there is little in it to which attention should be drawn. There is no marked hostility shown towards the British Commonwealth.

The two most striking points about the address are the egoism of Herr Hitler, and the intense dislike manifested throughout the speech, of foreign press and journalists of the democratic countries, particularly England.

On page 46 is a scathing condemnation of the League of Nations and on page 56 is a rebuke to "certain members of the British House of Commons".

The Chief Detective,
Auckland.

E.A. Stevenson.

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