

NEW ZEALAND POLICE.

Police-100A

Police-station: Detective Office, Auckland.

Date: 11 th October, 193 8

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

relative to German Club, Auckland .. and Nazi activities.

"Vide attached"

I respectfully report that on the 9 th Sept last I reported that Gustav Belin, and Auckland German, had been instructed to cease the special work he had been doing for the German Consulate General at Wellington (reporting on Jews who are concerned in companies here doing business with Germany).

As a sequence to that information I now forward a copy of a communication received by Max Grapengiesser from H.Kessels, the Secretary to the Consulate.

I was unable to obtain temporary possession of this letter, but I am still endeavouring to do so with a view to getting it photographed, unless I am instructed to the contrary that it is not necessary.

Grapengiesser, of course, does not suspect that a copy of the letter is now in possession of the police, but he does know that no-one in Auckland, apart from my informant could have seen the letter. Therefore if he knew of a leakage of the information he would at once suspect the source of the leakage.

The use of a system of code words by the Consulate General shows that it is considered important that secrecy should be ensured of the fact that this information is being gathered.

It will be seen from page 2 that two such enquiries are being at present undertaken by Grapengiesser.

I also attach the two reports on the firms concerned. These reports were forwarded from the Consulate and were obtained by the Consulate from the ordinary sources, such as the Creditmens' Association.

As yet, Nazi activities here appear to continue to be confined to such inquiries of a commercial nature.

The code will be used in all future inquiries from the Consulate regarding Aryans and non-Aryans.

E.A. Stevenson

Det. 2627.

Insp Ward

*S.O. Hale
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11.10.38*

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11/10/38 R. Ward

The Commissioner of Police

14.10.38

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The Chief Detective,
Auckland.

*Received from
from memo
on 10-8-39.*

The following is a copy of a communication received by Max Grapengiesser at his home address, 2 Ward Terrace, Sandringham, Auckland. The communication was in German language.

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GERMAN GENERAL CONSULATE

Wellington,
23 rd September, 1938.

GERMAN CONSUL
for
New Zealand and Samoa.

-W 13 -

I confirm with thanks receipt of your letter of the 18th of this month in which you expressed your willingness to assist the General Consulate by obtaining certain information.

In general, I would like to observe that the Consulate General obtains information about N.Z. firms from the usual agencies but as you know these usually limit their information to the partners' amount of capital, business circle and credit strength of the firm.

Only very seldom is information given as to whether the partners are Aryan or if the undertaking is run on Jewish capital. The clearing up of these points would therefore be the main object of your reports. If the General Consulate has already a trade report about firms in question, they will be sent to you with the enquiries (with the understanding that they must be returned) as thereby your conclusions will be more easily arrived at.

For the simplification of the correspondence, the following code words will be used between you and the Consulate :-

QUESTIONS

- ANDROMACHE: The G.K. desires information if the firm is an Aryan undertaking.
- ARIADNE: The G.K. desires information if the firm is a non-Aryan undertaking.
- CLEOPATRA: The G.K. desires information if the firm employs Jewish officials.
- MELPOMENE: The G.K. desires information whether in the management guidance of the firm there are non-Aryans, how great is the Jewish influence.
- XANTIPPE: The G.K. desires information if there is Jewish capital in the firm how great is the capital and the Jewish portion.

ANSWERS

- ACHILLES: The firm is an Aryan undertaking.
- ALCIBIADES: The firm is a non-Aryan undertaking.
- ARCHMEDES: Owner of the firm is Aryan but employs Jewish officials.
- DIOGENES: In the directorate (the management etc) of the firm are non-Aryans.
- EURIPEDES: Principals of the firm is Aryan, but there are non-Aryans interested, no Jewish influence.
- HERCULES: Principals of the firm are of the nationality of this country and under no Jewish influence.
- LEONIDAS: The race relationship of the firm cannot be ascertained. There is a suspicion that it is non-Aryan.
- SOCRATES: In the firm ... is Jewish capital which amounts to ... per cent.

OBSERVATIONS

The text starts with the necessary code word, then the firms name, as for example :-

QUESTIONS - MELPOMENE and XANTIPPE.

ANSWERS - SOCRATES would be added to the required figures.

Enclosed you will receive two enquiries about -

ANDROMACHE :Globe Agency Co., 14 Wallace St, Auckland, and
" Electrical Heating Ltd., 66 Fort St., Auckland.

I think it advisable that you do not inform Herr Belin that arrangements made between you and the General Consulate have been made in this matter. I would like to have your information as soon as possible.

Herr M. Grapengiesser

(Signed) Kessels.

2 Ward Terrace,
Sandringham
Auckland.

Wellington, den 23. September 1938

DEUTSCHES GENERALKONSULAT.

DEUTSCHES KONSULAT

für

New Seeland und Samoa.

- W 13 -

Den Empfang Ihres Gefl. Schreibens vom 18. ds. Mts. bestätige ich mit bestem Dank. Ich freue mich, dass Sie sich bereit erklärt haben, dem Generalkonsulat Ihre Mithilfe bei der Einziehung gewisser Auskunfte zur Verfügung zu stellen.

Ganz allgemein möchte ich bemerken, dass das Generalkonsulat durch die bekannten Handelsauskunfteien seine Auskunfte über neuseeländische Firmen bezieht. Wie Ihnen bekannt, beschränken sich jedoch diese Auskunfte gewöhnlich auf Angabe der Firmeninhaber, Kapitalstärke, Geschäftskreis und Kreditwürdigkeit der Firma. In den seltensten Fällen wird ein Aufschluss darüber gegeben, ob die Inhaber Arier sind, oder die Unternehmen mit judischem Kapital betrieben werden. Die Klarstellung dieser Frage wurde also in erster Linie Ihre Aufgabe sein. Soweit das Generalkonsulat bereits eine Handelsauskunft über die fraglichen Unternehmen besitzt, wird Ihnen diese bei Anfragen jeweilig gegen Rückgabe mitgeschickt, da hierdurch Ihre Feststellungen manchmal sehr erleichtert werden können.

Zur Vereinfachung des Schriftverkehrs wurden zwischen Ihnen und dem Generalkonsulat lediglich die folgenden Stichworte angewandt werden:

Herrn M. Grapengiesser

2 Ward Terrace
Sandringham
Auckland

Fragen:

- Andromache = Das GK bittet um Mitteilung, ob es sich bei der Firma....um ein arisches Unternehmen handelt
- Ariadne = Das GK bittet um Mitteilung, ob es sich bei der Firma..... um ein nichtarisches Unternehmen handelt
- Cleopatra = Das GK bittet um Mitteilung, ob die Firma judische Angestellte beschäftigt.
- Melpomene = Das GK bittet um Mitteilung, ob in dem Aufsichtsrat (Verwaltung, Leitung) der Firma.....Nichtarier sind. Wie gross ist der judische Einfluss?
- Xantippe = Das GK bittet um Mitteilung, ob judisches Kapital in der Firmavorhanden ist. Wie gross ist das Kapital und der judische Anteil?

Antworten:

- Achilles = Bei der Firma.....handelt es sich um ein arisches Unternehmen.
- Alcibiades = Bei der Firmahandelt es sich um ein nichtarisches Unternehmen.
- Archimedes = Inhaber der Firma ist Arier, beschäftigt aber judische Angestellte.
- Diogenes = Im Verwaltungsrat (in der Verwaltung, der Leitung) der Firma sind Nichtarier.
- Euripides = Inhaber der Firma ist Arier, Beteiligte sind Nichtarier.
- Herkules ≠ Inhaber der Firma besitzen die Nationalität des Landes. Firma ist nicht judisch beeinflusst.
- Leonidas = Die Rassezugehörigkeit der Firma hat sich nicht feststellen lassen; ein Verdacht, dass sie nicht-arisch ist, besteht nicht.
- Odysseus ≠ Die Rassezugehörigkeit der Firma hat sich nicht feststellen lassen; es besteht aber Verdacht, dass sie nichtarisch ist.
- Sokrates = In der Firma ist judisches Kapital vorhanden, der Anteil beträgt etwa.....vom Hundert.

Bemerkung:

Der Text fangt zweckmassig mit dem in Frage kommenden Stichwort an; dann folgt die Namens- oder Firmenangabe und wo - wie etwa bei den Fragen Melpomene und Xantippe- und bei den Antworten Sokrates - Zusatzfragen gestellt werden, eine kurze ziffernwertige Angabe.

In der Anlage erhalten Sie zunächst zwei Auskünfte, und zwar über:

Andromache: Globe Agency Co., 14 Wallace St., Auckland, und
" Electrical Heating Ltd., 66 Fort St., Auckland.

Ich halte es für zweckmassig, dass Sie Herrn Belin gegenüber nichts davon erwähnen, dass das Generalkonsulat sich in dieser Angelegenheit nunmehr mit Ihnen in Verbindung gesetzt hat. Für baldgefl. Mitteilung wäre ich dankbar.
I. A.

ELECTRICAL HEATING LTD.
15.9.38

66 FORT STREET
AUCKLAND.

Registered as a private company on the 6th July, 1933.

Capital : £380 divided into shares of £1 each.

On the 5th October, 1933 the capital was increased to £3,000 by the issue of 2,620 additional shares of £1 each.

Objects of the Company: Heating and Ventilating Specialists etc. and incidental.

The last return submitted to the Companies Office gives the following shareholders:-

Alfred Ernest Vear	100 shares.
Carl Harold Hayhow	100 "
Henry Francis Vickery	150 "
Richard Ingleby Harrison	220 "
Arthur Gray Mason	300 "
George Moyle	20 "
W. Bustin Lee	50 "
Ernest Olham	40 "

The total number of shares thus being issued - 980.

The directors are:-

Alfred Ernest Vear
Carl Harold Hayhow
Henry Francis Vickery
Richard Ingleby Harrison
Arthur Gray Mason
George Moyle.

At an interview with our representative Mr. Satchell, the present manager, stated that the original operations of the company had not been too successful owing to bad management and the Company was still in rather a precarious position but recent developments had put them on a considerably better footing. Mr. Satchell took over the management from the 1st June, 1938 owing to Mr. Harrison, who was previously the manager, being appointed factory superintendent of United Heating Ltd. The arrangement under which this Company is working at present is that any contracts which are obtained for the installation of heating appliances are, to all intents and purposes, the property of United Heating Ltd., this company actually supplying all the materials and plant etc. Electrical Heating Ltd., are under such an arrangement that payments to United Heating Ltd. are not required until such time as the payments due to Electrical Heating Ltd. from respective clients, are made. So far as this system of business is concerned, Mr. Satchell stated that there was no limit to the credit facilities granted them by United Heating Ltd., but the most that had been availed of to date was £300 and the arrangements made by which payments should be made to the United Heating Ltd., had been strictly adhered to.

For a considerable period the operations of Electrical Heating Ltd., had been restricted owing to the smallness of capital and being unable to finance stocks of heating appliances. This had, to a very considerable extent, affected their business transactions with the supply of carbon brushes but the extra facilities now granted would enable Electrical Heating Ltd. to push the carbon brush business considerably more than had been done in the past. Stocks at present are valued at about £400.

During the last year's operations the company had shown no profit and according to information given by Mr. Satchell it is quite problematical whether this year will be any better though the prospects are brighter. Up to date prospective business had been obtained for very considerable amounts and should only a portion of this eventuate it would be sufficient to almost double the turnover with regard to the heating part of the business. For the last year or two Electrical Heating Ltd. had been successful in obtaining considerable business from the Government Departments including the installation of a complete heating apparatus in the Supreme Court and in the new Newmarket Police Station and the Newmarket Post Office. Prospects were also bright for obtaining contracts from the Education Board.

Mr. Satchell claimed that every endeavour was being made to put the company on a good footing and that he was himself drawing quite a medium salary in addition to which the staff consisted of one clerk at £2.12.6 and also a factory hand at £2.

Owing to the bulk of the business being done through the United Heating Ltd., it is almost impossible to obtain trade references from Auckland merchants but Mr. Satchell appeared to be quite frank with regard to the position of the company and it is suggested that credit, if extended, might be confined to smaller amounts until such time as the finances of the company have improved. Mr. Satchell mentioned that in addition to the debenture shown hereunder there was a bank overdraft of £100 which was guaranteed by Mr. Arthur Grey Mason and which at present stood at about the limit.

Debenture: Debenture dated 21st September, 1937, to bearer for £500 on all undertakings, assets and future and uncalled capital. 22nd September, 1937 an agreement of hypothecation of this debenture was registered in favour of Arthur Grey Mason for £250 and further advances.

GLOBE AGENCY CO.

14 Wallace Street,
Ponsonby,
Auckland.

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The proprietor of this business is Mr. W. Tudhope. Mr. Tudhope is a married man and has had an extensive business experience in Auckland, having recently held a responsible position with Joseph Lucas (N.Z.) Ltd., Auckland.

Mr. Tudhope, on being approached, stated that he was adverse to giving particulars as regards his financial position but it is well known that he has considerable resources and is a member of a wealthy family. In conversation Mr. Tudhope stated that he was intending to build up a successful agency business and at present was holding several good sole agencies for the Dominion and was not prepared to consider the agency of any manufacturer where he could not obtain the sole rites for the Dominion.

Actually Mr. Tudhope has not done any selling business in Auckland or the Dominion in connection with the Globe Agency Co., as he is at present occupying his time in completing his list of agencies.

Mr. Tudhope bears a very good personal reputation among those who know him and is stated to be quite reliable and a man of his word.

At present Mr. Tudhope holds the following sole agencies for the Dominion:-

American Manufacturers: Ernst Products Co., Indianapolis.
Hygeia Filter Co. Detroit.
Kar-nu Co., Cincinnati.
Kent Co., New York.
Lincoln Radio & Television Co., Chicago.
C. E. Miller Corporation.
Mohican Rubber Co.
Portable Elevator Manufacturers, Illinois.
Transmitter Equipment Manufacturing Co.
Charles Bransom Ltd.
Canada: Violet Ray & Sun Ray Lamps, Toronto.
England: Cressall Manufacturing Co. Ltd. Birmingham.
The Palatina Packing & Asbestos Co. Ltd.
Rochdale.
Paragon Razor Co. Sheffield.
R. Turner Ltd., Stoke Newington, London North.

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NEW ZEALAND POLICE.

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Police-station: Detective Office, Auckland.

Date: 2 nd June, 193 8

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

relative to GERMAN CLUB, Auckland - German and Nazi
activities.

I respectfully report the following small item of information in connection with German activities in Auckland.

GUSTAV BELIN, a member of the German Club, was mentioned in reports of 17/12/37 and 22/4/38 as one who might be becoming active in the Nazi group.

I am now informed that Belin has had, and still has, a special task to perform for the German Consul at Wellington... His work is to find out the identity and directorate of New Zealand companies and commercial houses that have dealings with Germany, more particularly if Jews are interested.

It appears that Belin has been making slow and unsatisfactory progress in this work and it may shortly be taken over by MAX GRAPENGIESSER. If so, Grapengiesser will seek the assistance of my informant, although probably not disclosing that the information is required by the Consulate.

At present Grapengiesser is in hospital for X-Ray observation.

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The two young Germans GREGOR REITCHMAIER and HANS OSTERREICH, who remained in Auckland when Von Luckner's yacht Seeteufel left for Australia, are still here... Reitchmaier is a waiter at the Glendowie night club. Osterreich does not appear to be working; he is staying in the house of Major G.R. Blackett - with whom Freiderich Thiele was also staying, vide report of 22/4/38. Osterreich has realised money, either by sale or loan, on a cine-camera.

E.A. Stevenson.
Det. 2627.

*Insp w and.
Contact
by me
3-6-38*

Forward to the Commissioner

(206/38)

*S. Hill
7/6/38 Supt*

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The Chief Detective,
Auckland.

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NEW ZEALAND POLICE.

[Police-100A.

Police-station: Detective Office, Auckland.

Date: 9 th September, 1938

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

relative to GERMAN CLUB - Auckland, and German and Nazi activities generally.

I respectfully report that attached hereto is a copy of a report received from the Department's informant within the German Club. For convenience I suggested that he call himself [redacted]

Also attached is a copy of the monthly programme of the Club. Its only interest is that it shows the current year's Executive. This is unchanged from last year.

The letter to Gustav Belin, instructing him to relinquish the special work he was doing for the Consulate at Wellington (reporting on Jews who are shareholders or directors in companies doing business with Germany) was transmitted to him through Max Grapengiesser.. This shows that the Nazi Party organisation has to be used for communications between the Consul and Party members... Belin received a payment of 5/- for each inquiry he made.. He was relieved of the job on the instructions of H.Kessels - the Secretary of the German Consulate at Wellington.

Correspondence from the Consulate is received by Grapengiesser at his home, and the envelopes are merely addressed to Max Grapengiesser, 2 Ward Terrace, Sandringham.. But the body of the enclosed communication is always addressed to "Stutzpunkt, der N.S.D.A.P, Auckland", the letters, of course signifying the full title of the Nazi Party.

As the report implies the Auckland Stutzpunkt has been quite inactive for some months, due to the absence of Kurt Wilhelm Schmidt, its leader, also because New Zealand has, until recently, been without a German Consul, since Dr.W.Hellenthal's departure.

A recently joined member of the German Club is a man named Wilhelm Block, a waiter at the Grand Hotel, Auckland.. He is believed to have come from Australia about 6 months ago and is thought to be a naturalized British subject - former German national.

E.A. Stevenson.

Det, 2627.

Insp Ward.

*S. O'Hare
O'Hare
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*The Commissioner of Police
9. 9. 38 Supt*

*H. Grases
Supt of Police
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C O P Y

Enclosed monthly programme. There has been no political activity amongst Nazi members of the Club.

Belin has been taken off the job of investigating companies to see if they had Jewish shareholders.

K.W.Schmidt is still away and will broadcast to New Zealand on the 18 th September.

Any literature is definitely going direct to Grapengiesser's home.

The films to be shown shortly have been approved by the New Zealand Censor. The ones not approved refer to working conditions in Germany.

The Stutzpunkt may become more active now that the new Consul has arrived.

K.W.Schmidt has written that he will be back at the beginning of December but this is not yet definite.

There is still a dispute between F.W.Kersten and the Nazi Party, this is at present being dealt with in Germany.



DEUTSCHER VEREIN (German Club), AUCKLAND, INC.

DEUTSCHER VEREIN (German Club) AUCKLAND, INC.
TELEPHON 42-118. 313 QUEEN STREET, AUCKLAND, C.I.

Telephon 42-118.

313 Queen Street,
Auckland, C.1

5th September, 1938.

5th September, 1938.

In der Jahresversammlung vom 11. August wurde folgender VORSTAND gewaehlt:--

At the Annual Meeting held on the 11th August the following members were elected to the EXECUTIVE:--

Praesident.....	J. Blumhardt.....	President.
Vize-Praesidenten.....	O. Hagen, W.J. McMillan J.P.....	Vice Presidents
Schriftwart.....	M. Grapengiesser.....	Secretary.
Kassenwart.....	K. W. Schmidt.....	Treasurer.
Buecherwart.....	G. Belin.....	Librarian

Weitere Vorstands Mitglieder: Further Executive Members:--
H. Engel, E. Langguth, A. R. Leuschke, P. Miller.

Ferner, vorbehaltlich entsprechen= Also, subject to due alteration of
der Satzungsänderung, die Damen:-- the Rules, the following Ladies:--
Miss W. D'O, Frau G. Reimann, Mrs. G. Williams.

NOTVORSTAND ~~Donovan~~ J.H. Buckland, G. Reimann, H. Rice, EMERGENCY COMMITTEE.
BUECHERPRUEFER..... F. V. Donovan..... AUDITOR.

VEREINSABENDE: Von Donnerstag, dem 1. September ab finden die Vereinsabende wieder an jedem Donnerstag um 8 Uhr statt, und ist fuer den Monat September das folgender Programme in Aussicht genommen.

CLUB EVENINGS: from Thursday the 1st September these will be again held every Thursday at 8 o'clock. The following programme has been arranged for September:--

- 8. September: Empfang der Besatzung der Dessau
- 15. September: Gemuetlicher Abend Mit Tanz.
- 22. September: Musikalischer Abend. Programme arangiert von Herrn H. C. Engel.
- 29. September: Gemuetlicher Abend Mit Tanz.

- 8th September: Social for personnel of Dessau.
- 15th September: Social Evening with dancing.
- 22nd September: Concert arranged by H. C. Engel.
- 29th September: Social evening with dancing.

Der Eintritt ist wie ueblich fuer Mitglieder 6d. fuer Nichtmitglieder 1/-.

Entrance Fee as usual, Members 6d., Non Members 1/-.

Fraulein Maedie Hughes hat sich freundlichst bereit erkluert, beim tanzen aufzuspielen und auch Begleitung auf dem Klarier zu uebernehmen womit nur ein lange ausstehendes Problem in erfreulicher Weise geloest ist. Die Mitglieder sollten nunmehr die Bemuehungen des Vorstandes durch zahlreiche Erscheinen an den Vereinsabenden anerkennen.

Miss Maedie Hughes has kindly agreed to play for dancing and also any accompaniments necessary. This settles a long standing difficulty and it is hoped that Members will support the committees activities by attending as often as possible on Club Evenings.

DIE MITGLIEDER werden daran erinnert, dass der Jahresbeitrag 1938/39 nunmehr fuellig ist. Der Kassenwart ist fuer baldige Bezahlung sehr dankbar.

MEMBERS are reminded that the Annual subscription 1938/39 is now due and the Treasurer will be grateful for early payment.

Alle Mitgliedern und Freunden des Vereins werden sich freuen zu hoeren dass Herr K.W.Schmidt am Sonntag, den 18. September Grusse von Berlin ueber das Radio nach Neu Seeland senden wird und zwar zwischen 5 und 6 Uhr.

All Members and friends of the Club will be pleased to learn that Mr. K. W. Schmidt will broadcast greetings to N.Z. on the 18th. Sept. between 5 and 6 p.m. N.Z. time, over the following Wave Lengths:--

Neu Seelander Zeit, folgende Wellen:

D.T.B.	19:74	D.T.B.	19:74
D.T.A.	19:63	D.T.A.	19:63
D.T.E.	16:89	D.T.E.	16:89
D.T.Q.	31:38	D.T.Q.	31:38

Es wird die Mitglieder und Freunde ebenfalls interressieren, Dass binnen kurzem, wieder einige der so beliebten deutschen Filme gezeigt werden. Sobald die Vorbereitungen getroffen sind, werden weitere Mitteilungen erfolgen. Mit deutschem Gruss!

It will also interest Members and Friends to know, that it is probable that we shall shortly be showing some German Films. As soon as definite arrangements are made, the date and place will be notified.

Schriftwart. M. Grapengiesser, Yours faithfully, Secretary.

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