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37/10/35

NEW ZEALAND POLICE.

Subject: Article in "Workers Weekly" alleging British Flag burnt in German Club- written by C.G. Watson.

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Hon. Minister in Charge of Police.

The German Consul-General called on me to-day in respect of this matter. He said he was calling on you by appointment within the next few days, and he asked if I would send to you this report from the Auckland Police in respect of the result of their inquiries. He was in Auckland last week and discussed the matter with the Superintendent there.

D. Cunningham
Commissioner of Police.

1/11/1938.

*Returned by Hon
Minister on 10-8-39
A.M.P.*

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NEW ZEALAND POLICE.

[Police—100A.]

Police-station: Detective Office, Auckland.

Date: 19 th October, 1938

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

relative to "Workers Weekly" article alleging that the Union Jack flag had been burned at the German Club, Auckland.
"Vide attached"

I respectfully report that I am satisfied that there is no truth whatever in the allegation contained in the attached article.

The article was written by the manager of the "Workers Weekly"- Gordon Watson. He has been carefully approached as to the source of his information and its genuineness but he refuses to disclose any information on these points... There is no doubt that he has allowed his **imagination** to run riot.

From three distinct and separate sources of information within the German Club I have been informed that nothing of this nature has occurred neither has there been any anti-British outburst of any kind.. I am quite sure that this information is reliable.

The issue of the "Workers Weekly" containing the article has been forwarded by one of the German members of the Club to the German Consul-General at Wellington for any action or denial that he may deem necessary.

There are never any open exhibitions of anti-British sentiments within the German Club.

The Chief Detective,
Auckland.

E.A. Stevenson.
Det. 2627.

*Insp Ward
S. O'Connell
6/11/38
19.10.38*

*The Commissioner of Police
H. J. Ram
Supt. of Police
19.10.38*

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Union Jack Was Burned?

At the German Club

AUCKLAND'S PRO-NAZI CENTRE

Was the Union Jack burned recently at the German Club in Auckland? A person who is in a position to know affirmed to a "Workers Weekly" representative that this is what occurred. (It happened, of course, before Judas Chamberlain sold Czechoslovakia to the Hitler-Fascists).

The German Club is the centre of Nazi propaganda in Auckland. Its non-political mask is wearing very thin indeed. The Nazis have control and it was in an outburst of anti-British rage that the Union Jack was solemnly burnt.

It is indeed a regrettable fact that Britons have all too little to be proud of in the national flag and what it stands for today. It has been fouled by Chamberlain and his class. British imperialism, for which it stands, has a record which stinks to high heaven. Abyssinia, Spain, Austria, Czechoslovakia have been betrayed to Fascism. Over 400 million coloured people are denied self-government. Britain under the "National" Government is a chief bulwark of world reaction.

But it is not for those things which the Nazis of the German Club hate it. It is for the democratic and decent things which still survive in British life. It is because the National Government was forced (at least until the last week) to preserve an appearance of regard for democracy, opposition to the politics and ambitions of Hitler-Fascism.

Not the bad politics, but the good traditions (however, betrayed by Chamberlain) symbolised by the Union Jack—these are hated by the stroyed by them at their Queen Street Auckland Nazis and symbolically de-Club.

However, in view of Chamberlain's betrayal of the Czechs and of the Anglo-German agreement that Hitler shall be allowed a free hand to carry out other "adventures" in preparation for a world war, the Union Jack is not likely to be burned again while the National Government retains control.

The Superintendent of Police,

AUCKLAND.

Is there anything in this please?

The Chief Detective,

Report attached

E. Stevenson

Det.

19-10-38.

W. Stevenson

S. Adams

W. H. H.

12-10-38.

J. G. Cumming

Commissioner of Police

10-10-38

The Inspector
Detective Branch

H. J. Fraser
Supt. of Police

12-10-38

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R. Ward

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