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**NEW ZEALAND POLICE.**

*Subject:* German Club, Auckland - Dissemination of Nazi propaganda.

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The Chief Detective,

Respectfully noted.  
Owing to the rapid deterioration of the international situation and the resultant outbreak of war no steps were taken by [redacted] to forward to the Press any pro-German articles.

*E. Stevenson.*

24/9/39.

Det.

*Insp Wava.*

*S. D. A. C.*

*by letter*

*25.9.39.*

*Not to the Sept*

*of R. Ward*

*Sept*

*The Commissioner*

*Stamming*

*W. P. S.*

*27.9.39*

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POLICE DEPARTMENT.

WELLINGTON, C. I.

13th September, 1939.

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MEMORANDUM for

The Superintendent of Police,  
AUCKLAND.

GERMAN CLUB, AUCKLAND, DISSEMINATION  
OF NAZI PROPAGANDA.

[REDACTED]

While desirous that [REDACTED] retain the confidence imposed in him by the German Consul, I was anxious that he should not imperil his own position in the community by being publicly associated with Nazi-ism. On receipt of this file therefore, I took steps to prevent the publication of any pro-German articles in his name. This would have placed [REDACTED] in the position of being able to comply with Herr Ramm's request, but be in the fortunate position of having publication of his articles declined.

*[Handwritten Signature]*  
Commissioner of Police.

*The Inspector  
Detective Brand  
J. Cunningham  
Superintendent  
16.9.39  
The Chief Clerk  
R. Kraved  
16.9.39*

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S. H. H. H.  
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NEW ZEALAND POLICE.

34/10/44  
Police-100A.

Police-station : Detective Office, Auckland.

Date : 16 th August, 19 39

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

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



I respectfully report that Herr Ernst Ramm, the German Consul for New Zealand is at present in Auckland... This morning, the 16 th inst. he had an

the Consul invited and his wife to be members of a small party to dine with the Consul on the night of the 17 th inst.

The Consul is apparently convinced of sympathy with Nazi Germany, so much so that he asked to commence writing letters to the correspondence columns of the Auckland daily and other press giving the Nazi case on topical matters of international importance.

gave the Consul to understand that he would be prepared to do this.. The Consul did not make any further overtures but he then handed to a bundle of Nazi propaganda literature, all printed in English.. He told that this literature would be useful in preparing arguments to support the German case.

showed me this literature and I took a note of the headings of the pamphlets.. Four of them were typed; had carbon copies. He gathered from the Consul that they were typed in his office at Wellington. These were as follows :-

- Extract From The Fuhrer's Speech on 20 th February, 1938.
- Some Englishmen, About Danzig and the Corridor.
- What the English People is not allowed to hear.
- Danzig and Germany.

The others were printed addresses that have been delivered in Germany in recent months by Dr. Goebbels, the German Minister of Propaganda. An imprint on each one shows that they were printed by M. Muller and Sohn. K.G. Berlin S.W. 68, and that they have appeared in "Volkischer Beobachter", the official organ of the Nazi Party. These were as follows :-

- International Class Warfare.
- Once More Encirclement.
- Hatred and Depraved Capitalistic Practice.
- Lord Halifax Cracks Jokes.
- Who Wants War.
- The Rich and Their Morals, or, Settling Accounts With British Presumption.
- A Candid Talk With Democracy.
- The Grünsplan Case.

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The Chief Detective, Auckland.



████ cannot of course let this literature out of his possession, at all events while the Consul is in Auckland.

He is prepared to write mildly worded pro-Nazi letters to the press, under his own name, so that he may retain the confidence of the Consul and local Nazi members. He is of the opinion that the Consul will later endeavour to make further use of him.

He is prepared to be guided by the Department in the course he should pursue in this matter.

The Consul told █████ that he himself had got the article Danzig and War published in a Wellington paper and that he had unsuccessfully tried to get it into an Auckland paper.

*E. J. Stevenson.*

Det. 2627.

*Insp Ward*

*S. O. Hall*

*Spiker*

*16. 8. 39*

*Ind. to the Dept*

*R. Ward*

*17. 8. 39 Insp*

*The Commissioner*

*J. Cunningham*

*Superd*

*21. 8. 39*