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NEW ZEALAND POLICE.

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Police-station : Detective Office, Auckland.

Date : 2 nd November , 19 39

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

relative to GERMAN CLUB, Auckland; cessation of activities
owing to war... Attached report of [redacted] dated 31/10/39.

I respectfully forward the attached report of [redacted] dated the 31/10/39.

The German Club has now totally ceased its activities and has vacated its rooms at 313 Queen St.

It will be seen that the Club has not actually gone out of existence but has gone "into recess" .

The full names of those mentioned into the report are as follows :-

- ✓ SCHMIDT, Kurt Wilhelm. German national.
- ✓ GRAPENGIESSER, Max German national.
- ✓ BLUMHARDT, Jonathan. German born, naturalized British.
- ✓ BELIN, Gustav. German born, naturalized British.
- ✓ REITHMAIER, Gregor. German national.
- ✓ DONOVAN, F.V. *Card destroyed 10/1/42* British.
- ✓ ABERLE, Leopold. German national, Austrian born.
- ✓ WOODHEAD, F.B. British.
- ✓ ENGEL, Heinrich C. German born, naturalized British.
- ✓ McMILLAN, William John *Card destroyed 14/1/43* British.
- ✓ WILLIAMS, Mrs Gretchen. British.

The Chief Detective, Auckland.

E.A. Stevenson
Detective.

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*S. O. T. A. C.
L. H. E. T.
2.11.39*

For to the Supt

*R. Ward
2/11/39 Insp*

The Commissioner

*J. Cunningham
Superintendent
9.11.39*

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31/10/39.

The Club ceased normal activities at the beginning of this month but several small meetings have been held for the purpose of disposing of assets etc. and on the 12th inst. for packing goods. The rooms were taken over by "The Wayside Mission" together with some of the furniture.

On the 27th inst. a Committee meeting was held at Mrs. Williams', Three Kings, for the purpose of finalising all arrangements. It was also decided to go into recess until called together again by the following Sub-Committee:- Messrs. Schmidt, Rietmaier and McMillan and Mrs. Williams who will also do any work necessary during the recess.

Present at the meeting were Messrs. Schmidt, Grapengiesser, Blumhardt, Belin, Rietmaier, Donovan, Aberle, Woodhead, Engel, McMillan and Mrs. Williams.

A fair amount of talk was interchanged between German members of news heard over the German Wireless and a number of arrangements to visit each other made.

Rietmaier is to take legal advice re the allegations against him published in "Truth". This was suggested by Schmidt who also indicated that some financial support might be given by him (Schmidt).



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E.H.