

R.C.M.P. NIPPED NAZI PLOTS TO SABOTAGE INDUSTRY HERE

Germans Interned at Petawawa Pledged 'Blind Obedience' to Hitler

'DANGEROUS AGENTS'

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Ottawa, Jan. 27—Sabotage of Canadian industrial plants was being planned by many of those now interned in the Petawawa internment camp, the director of public information stated today. Information regarding their plans in detail, is on the police files.

"So far there has been no serious act of sabotage," it was stated. "This is probably due to the precautions taken immediately upon the outbreak of hostilities when the known leaders of all Nazi organizations, who were considered likely to commit acts of sabotage, were interned."

Details were for the first time made available today regarding the types of persons picked up by the R.C.M.P. at the beginning of the war, and the reasons for their internment.

Appointed by Nazi

An official announcement from the office of the director of public information states: The following will provide a general idea of the types of persons interned and the reasons for their internment:

"The first group are German nationals resident in Canada and known to be members of the German National Socialist Party (N.S.D.A.P.). The German National Socialist party in Canada is an integral part of the Auslands organization of the Nazi party in Germany, its members subscribing to the same undertakings as members of that party, and its officers being appointed by and working under the direction of the National Socialist Party of Germany which is itself an official agency of the German Reich. Every member of this party undertakes to obey implicitly and without question the orders of the Fuehrer and of his representatives. This organization is a com-

pact and rigidly disciplined body, and its members must all be regarded as dangerous persons.

"The second class consists of the male members of the Deutsche Arbeitsfront, which is a closely knit affiliate of the N.S.D.A.P. It, too, consists of German nationals who describe themselves in their application for membership as 'true followers of the Fuehrer'. The members of the Arbeitsfront, like the members of the N.S.D.A., are relatively recent immigrants to Canada—they are nearly all of military age and, under German law, are liable for compulsory service in the German army. Under peace time conditions these organizations have been centres of disaffection and racial conflict in many parts of Canada, and in time of war would undoubtedly be dangerous agencies for sabotage and seditious activities.

Espionage Opportunities

"A third group consists of German national residents in Canada who are not known to be formally members of either the N.S.D.A.P. or the Arbeitsfront, but who, from their political and social associations, business and industrial connections, and other opportunities for espionage are believed to be persons who could not safely be allowed at large in time of war.

"The fourth class consists of a number of naturalized Canadians of German birth or racial origin who have so identified themselves with Nazi propagandist activities in this country that they cannot be regarded as loyal citizens of Canada. They are all persons of influence in their local communities whose subversive activities have been under police investigation for some time.

It is felt that in singling out for immediate arrest these leaders of the Deutscher Bund (Canadian Society for German Culture) who have been most conspicuous in their attempts to undermine the loyalties of Canadians of German origin it will be possible to cripple the work of their organization and safeguard the position in wartime of the loyal majority.

"There is a fifth class comprised of enemy aliens resident in Canada who have either refused to give an undertaking to abstain strictly from any act of hostility or who, in the opinion of the registrars in various parts of Canada, cannot safely be allowed at large in time of war.

"From information on the police files many of these persons interned were known to be planning to sabotage Canadian industrial plants. So far there has been no serious act of sabotage and it has been suggested that this is probably due to the precautions taken immediately upon the outbreak of hostilities when the known leaders of all Nazi organizations, who were considered likely to commit acts of sabotage, were interned."