

EX-NAZI EXPERTS WORK ON SECRET WEAPONS IN U. S.

Army Tells How German Scientists Aid America

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Wright Field, C. Dec. 3 — An army information board made public here today that an unlimited number of top flight German aeronautical and rocket scientists have been working in this country for some time to help speed America's aviation program aimed at developing supersonic (faster than sound) passenger-carrying aircraft, guided missiles and other new weapons.

Corroborating army statements that they came here under contract and of their own free will, spokesmen for the scientists assigned to this air force post, said no shows or promises were made to induce them to leave Germany at the end of the war.

Members of the army board consisted of Col. Paul F. Holnick, Col. H. H. Curtis and Lt. Col. A. S. Randall, asserted that since the scientists arrived in the United States, they have learned over millions secret German research information which has "saved taxpayers millions of dollars" and "saved American aviation from two to 10 years ahead of schedule."

Housed in Re-NYA Camp

The German scientists living here are housed in cottages that were once a part of a national youth administration encampment. Their homes are inside a guard post which they are permitted to leave without escort provided they check in at night and do not travel beyond the territory served by municipal transportation facilities from nearby Dayton, O.

Some of the scientists, it was reported, are attending night school in Dayton to perfect their English. Others, on numerous occasions, it was reported by the army board, have been permitted to travel to Chicago and other cities to consult with industries and universities having aviation development contracts with the war department.

"They hundred seventy German and Austrian scientists have been brought to this country since the war ended," said Lt. Col. Paul F. Holnick.

Plan to Test 1,000

"The Scientific Personnel disclosed that the qualifications of 6,000 other scientists were being screened in the American occupied zone in Germany and that it was planned to increase this number in this country to 1,000."

The first German scientists to be brought here were in 1945. Their arrival in this country was designated by the army as "operation paper city." Since the first scientist came here, fewer than 10 of 1 per cent of their number have been found to be ex-Nazis, according to their return to Germany, it was reported by Col. C. H. Barnett, chief of foreign administration who has charge of them.

Col. Barnett said there are "no reliable shot Nazis" among the 80 scientists now working here, while some formerly belonged to the Nazi party and have been responsible for instances of an undecurrent of feeling between themselves and non-party members who were persecuted by Hitler's followers. He added, however, that there have been no open clashes between the factions to date.

Feared Retrials in Germany

Army representatives said arrival of the scientists was not reported at the time they came to this country

Bound by Gunmen i



Mrs. Max Landerman (right) and her husband were bound by two gunmen in apartment at 432 Aldine

Two gunmen tied with jewelry and other loot valued at \$20,000 from the home of Mrs. Landerman, at 432 Aldine av., yesterday, the Republican 4th ward committee woman, at 432 Aldine av., yesterday, leaving Landerman's wife, Josephine, 41, and a maid treated with violence. Mrs. Landerman managed to wiggle her way from a bed room to a back bedroom, then waded one hand free and called police. She, 43, and the maid, Mrs. Barbara Romney, 45, were not harmed.

Mrs. Romney covered the door, but when the robbers made their appearance. She had been expecting the cleaner, but instead confronted three men, both holding revolvers and wearing handkerchiefs over their faces.

The robbers spent 45 minutes in the apartment. Their loot included a \$200 diamond ring, a watch, a yellow metal wristwatch set in gold and set with white stones and set at \$2,000 a pair of \$750 yellow metal earrings and 10 silver dollars.

"Because of the possibility of reprisals by 'ex-roads' and German underground forces against their families now living in modern apartment buildings in a special development provided by the army at Landshut in the American occupied zone of Germany," "Reprisal was contemplated," said Lt. Col. Paul F. Holnick, who told newspaper men permitted to interview the Germans for the first time.

"The German scientists assigned to work here, it was disclosed, are working on a year to year contract which contains mutual cancellation clauses. The contracts of 15 others in contemplation, army officers said.

Members of the army information board revealed that the war department proposes to bring over the families of all scientists whose contracts are renewed and will free the Germans from their present restricted movement to help them be absorbed into American industry and eventually take out citizenship papers.

Salaries Up to \$11 a Day

Under their present contracts, army representatives revealed, the German scientists receive an allowance of \$1 a day to buy their personal living expenses including rent and a city and food served at an army mess for \$1.20 a day.

In addition, the army revealed, the scientists are paid salaries ranging from \$200 to \$11 a day depending on their experience and previous attainments, and also are given the privilege of sending one \$100 parcel of food or clothing to each of their dependents in Germany providing they are absent 30 days.

Some of the more prominent German scientists working here include Dr. Alexander Lippich, chief designer of the Messerschmitt plane, and Dr. Rudolf Hermann, high velocity wind tunnel expert and the aerodynamical credited with perfecting the V-2 rocket.

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