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My Experiences in the National Socialist Underground in Germany in the 1970's

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It is the first day of my first state-paid vacation. One of the luxury hotel staff asks me if I smoke. I say no. He grins and says: "Not even hashish?" I shake my head.

Another staff member escorts me to my private room. He seems surprised and asks: "Why are YOU here?"

When I drop a hint, he exclaims. "Oh, the 20,000 swastika stickers! I read about that in the newspaper."

Soon all the staff is aware of my celebrity status.

I am addressed as "Herr Lauck."

Staff from other wings of the hotel visit me in my private room.

Later my room is decorated with a small swastika banner sent from a comrade in Argentina.

During my stay I write a short booklet in German about the NSDAP/AO.

After a few months I am transferred to another luxury hotel. The staff here is less sympathetic. They even confiscate my Argentinian swastika banner. (I get it back when I leave.)

This hotel offers a communal hour. All the guests are invited to a large room with television.



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When the mail is distributed another guest asks the staff why I got all the mail. The staff replies that I did not get ALL the mail. I only got MY mail. (I received more mail than everybody else combined.)

One day one of the card players at another table looks over at me and asks: "Mord?" ("Murder?")

I smile and shake my head.

After 4 ½ months my vacation comes to an end.

But first, there is a political trial.

At one point I am left alone in a second-story room in the courthouse. I am tempted to climb out the open window, but do not.

During the trial my lawyer describes me as "a civilized Central European, even though born in America."

When the judge hums the anthem of the Hitler Youth I figure the sentence will be lenient.

A few days later, I am walking in the hotel courtyard. A familiar voice calls my name. It is a comrade! He is doing construction work. I thank him for the escape opportunity. But explain I will be leaving soon anyway.

When I return to Nebraska I experience hay-fever for the first time.

The treatment: whiskey!

When I visit underground cells I am sometimes asked if I know a particular person. I play dumb.

If the people in question already know and trust each other, then they can decide for themselves whether or not they want to work together.

Either way, I will not violate the security measures of our cell system.

Sometimes I am "warned" against the other person.

Sometimes BOTH people warn me against the other!

I figure this is just a personality conflict.

Sometimes I joke: *If everybody got together, they would probably kill each other!*

Some comrades do not trust anybody until AFTER they have gotten drunk together.

Other comrades do not trust anybody who drinks too much.

In the early days, I have to take this into consideration during the first meeting with a comrade.

Later this becomes unnecessary.

At any rate, I enjoy a lot of good German beer and wine!

Media Excerpts

The praise from our friends gives us encouragement. However, the *recognition from our enemies* provides an even more persuasive verification of our effectiveness. It is certainly just as sincere, but less biased in our favor. And hence all the more convincing!

“What should one think – whether German jurisprudence has jurisdiction over an offense which is not an offense where it occurred.” – *Frankfurter Allgemeiner Zeitung*, August 24, 1996

“Politicians of all parties welcomed the verdict. Interior Minister Manfred Kanther said the conviction of ‘one of the ring-leaders of international neo-Nazism and biggest distributor of vicious racist publications’ was an ‘appropriate response’ by German justice. - *Jewish Chronicle*, August 30, 1996

“The sentence must be deemed high, because it is based on only six of the 38 counts...

”Witnesses were deemed superfluous. The prosecutor had no intention of uncovering the NSDAP/AO structure inside Germany. Instead, Lauck was built up as a lone offender and the most dangerous Neo-Nazi in order to then convict him with maximum media effect.

“The state calculation worked completely. Lauck was convicted as the worldwide only dangerous and organized Neo-Nazi. That’s good for the image here and abroad and lets action against the NSDAP/AO seem superfluous, as if the imprisonment of its supposedly sole manager settled everything. During the trial nobody seemed to notice that somehow...the NS Kampfruf got distributed.” - *Antifaschistische Nachrichten*, September 5, 1996

“In the Federal Republic he is the biggest supplier of NS-material and his steady flow of material for more than two decades created continuity for the militant young NS-generation emerging since the 1970s...

“The NSDAP/AO does not have a rigid organizational structure, therefore it is difficult for the authorities to grasp...

“Meanwhile, his companions in Lincoln handle the work for him. Thanks to more than twenty years of tolerance by the Federal Republic, the German neo-Nazi scene is strong enough to develop new supply lines.

“What would hurt the scene here would be additional indictments for creation

of a criminal organization.” – *Antifaschistisches INFO-Blatt*, September-October 1996

