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Master file of the Nazi party.

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The nazi party membership master file for the entire world is complete. 24 Million registration cards are now in our hands. New discoveries made at the Brown house and in Joseph Wirth's papermill at Munich-Freimann have filled in any possible gaps in the 40 ton record of every person in Germany and abroad who was - or tried to become - a member of the party.

Thanks to Nazi bureaucracy, each individual has been covered threefold. He or she is identified first in the Correspondence File (yearly volumes quoting the dates and subjects of all correspondence pertaining to applications, rejections, admissions, expulsions and deaths); secondly in the Gau file (regional registrations); and finally in the masterfile (the overall alphabetical index). Nazi party clerks have obligingly made sure that nothing is missing in this world embracing catalogue.

If the ~~nazi~~ cashier in Addis Abbaba; the ~~nazi~~ banker in Buenos Aires; the ~~nazi~~ tailor in Detroit; the ~~nazi~~ travelling agent in Shanghai, the ~~nazi~~ electrical engineer in Manchester, are a little worried today, they are completely right. The detection of the master file has eliminated any possibility of keeping membership a secret. Changing names or addresses, falsifying questionnaires, producing witnesses, will avail little, unless the ~~nazi~~ ^{MEMBER} can acquire a new face and change his handwriting. Among other bits of useful information, the overall index contains photographs and signatures.

Some of the millions, whose registration cards are now being examined in Munich, may be worrying needlessly. Their cards are

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The index is of gigantic proportions. The fifty truckloads of membership cards, ledgers and letters stacked to the ceilings fill three large rooms. The receipt which the Nazi Party made out to Herr Hans Huber, manager of Joseph Wirth's papermill, records that 66,365 kilogrammes of "wastepaper" have been sold for 5,641 marks and 3 pfennig. In addition to paying this modest sum for the most valuable documentary prize up to date, the miller of Freimann agreed to grind the lot to pulp. Fortunately for us, Herr Huber chose to break this agreement. Having ~~had~~ ^{HAD} a good look at his waste paper, he realized that what he had there were highly important documents, which ~~had~~ ^{might be a disadvantageously} better be saved for the approaching Americans. Whether for lack of time, interest or knowledge, the first American intelligence detachments failed to grasp the significance of the vast mounds of records. Before passing on, C.I.C. seventh army moved some few bales to a government building for possible future examination. The greater part of the treasure remained unguarded in the dismal mill loft. It was not until the end of August - more than three months after our arrival - that Major William D. Browne, a former police detective captain from Portland, Oregon, ~~and~~ now security officer for upper Bavarian land detachment, Military Government, discovered the abandoned records, appreciated their value and in agreement with his commanding officer, Lt. Colonel

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J. W. Hensel of Glendale, California, started to move them to the Military Government building. Immediately, sorting, stacking, filing and examining began. With each day's progress the momentous purport of the discovery increases. Accordingly, additional intelligence personnel and improved facilities will shortly be lent to Colonel Hensel's detachment.

In the not too distant future the entire file will be ready for practical use. This will mean that by merely opening a drawer, allied intelligence will have at their command the case history of every nazi party member, or would-be member anywhere on ~~the~~ earth.

Sorters, going through any stack of cards find of course a heavy preponderance of German membership cards. However, in every armful there are cards from neutral and allied countries. The percentages will be impossible to compute until the entire record is classified. At this finding, samples taken haphazardly show the majority of non-German members to be of German birth or decent. Consequently, countries with a high German, pre-hitlerian immigration quota, such as the United States and South America appear to be richest in Nazis. While a number of British cards have been found and the sum total of British citizens belonging to Hitler's gang may turn out to be considerable, nine persons working yesterday afternoon in the record rooms, failed during a period of three hours to discover one British card. For obvious reasons no names can at present be divulged. One statement, hhhhhh however, can even now be made with certainty: **PARTY MEMBERSHIP** was anything but compulsory. The huge amount of rejected applications found in every pile and the eager letters begging for admission prove that it was not easy to become a Nazi. The masterfile records a long waiting list. end article.

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beginning message unknown if you used AP story hence gave full account
stop names barred for security stop have exclusive followups but
security shortly to clamp down on whole matter ~~h h h h h h h h h h~~ which is
why eye postpone some pieces stop ~~h h h h h h~~ suggest you ask war office
what laws if any apply to ~~h h h h h h h h h h~~ British ~~h h h h h h h h h h~~ citizens
who were members of nazi party stop ~~h h h h h h h h h h~~ will
to those effective in ~~h h h h h h~~ Germany be issued stop regards

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