

ICD Class No.4, Nov.26, 1945

KUBASCHEWSKI, Hans Werner; applicant for license as film distributor.

Classification "C" (He is acceptable for his license, though he should not be employed in policy making or in personnel work.)

Biographical

AGE 38, Married, RELIGION: gottgläubig, VOCATION: film distributor; FATHER'S VOCATION: veterinarian. TRAVEL: Switzerland, Italy, Holland, Yugoslavia (visits). LANGUAGES: (German). EDUCATION: Gymnasium (Prima-reife - not Abitur).

VOCATIONAL HISTORY: 1927 - '28 voluntary work with "Defina" Co., Berlin; 1928 - '29 agent for "Starfilm"; 1929 - '33 agent for M.G.M., Berlin; 1933 - '39 distributor and branch director for "Ufa". Branch director for combined German films distribution following the combination (for distribution purposes) in 1942.

MILITARY: Inducted 12/42 following deferment for heart trouble. Until end of war worked in distribution center which supplied films for the entertainment of troops at the front. The propaganda films were distributed through this center, the OKW Abt. Inland, he said.

AFFILIATIONS: No Nazi party affiliation; NSV 1939 - '45. Applicant for NSDAP and probationary member 1941 - '43, when his name was stricken off the party roll.

INCOME: From 1935 - '42 : constant at 24.000 M.

Political

1. Before and during the Nazi period he was active with Metro Goldwyn Mayer, then with Ufa. At Ufa in 1936 he became director of one of their distribution branches. He secured this position in the place of his cousin, a half Jew, who escaped to Holland.

2. Though not a member of the NSDAP, he was a candidate for membership (Anwärter). His decision to become a candidate he explained as a result of pressure by his employers and friends, in order to avoid a number of difficulties. His name was put up in 1941, to be passed on within 9 months. It was not until 1943, however, that he received a call to appear at the local chapter (Ortsgruppe). There he had to sign a statement to the effect that because of lack of interest (Interesselosigkeit), he was not acceptable. (The method of determining acceptability during the period of probation in the NSDAP consisted of proof, that the candidate spoke for the party at gatherings, wrote articles for the party, was known as an ardent Nazi, etc.)

3. During the entire Nazi period there appears to be no doubt that he continued in his relationship with Jews and in aid and protection of his half Jewish relatives.

4. In the Wehrmacht (1942 - '45) he was assigned to the position of distributing entertainment films to front line troops.

5. Other than his candidacy for the NSDAP there is no evidence of any Nazi affiliation, except NSV. He was also, not a member of the Reichsfilmkammer, a fact consistent with his subordinate position at Mfa.

6. His political orientation is distinctly anti-Nazi and anti-militaristic. This is also proven by test findings. However, he gave no evidence of any direct anti-Nazi activity.

7. Regardless of his lack of active Nazi activities and his aid to Jews, the fact remains that he was a candidate for, and would have accepted membership in the Nazi party. For that reason he must be classified as "C".

Psychological

1. An intelligent, practical, sociable, outgoing, rather restless and anxious individual, hard working and energetic in spite of a heart lesion. Tests indicate special ability in executive work.

2. In '43 he was in a military hospital 4 months, because of heart disease which was exacerbated following a nasal and tonsil operation. For that reason he was deferred to non-combat service.

3. His family background and childhood experiences are typical of those cases in which anti-Nazi attitudes are clearly proven.

4. His uncle by marriage ,a Jew, was "a second father" to him. This uncle's wife, his maternal aunt, took the place of his mother, after the latter's death. He was then 9 years old.

5. His aid to Jewish relatives is consistent with the childhood history and appears quite plausible.

6. His story of acceptance of enrollment in the NSDAP was told with much feeling. He spoke of it as the time " he sold his soul".

7. All test procedures yield a very high score for anti-Nazi attitudes.

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UNITED STATES FORCES EUROPEAN THEATER
INFORMATION CONTROL DIVISION
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SUBJECT: KERNBACH, Willy, applicant for license as journalist
Classification "B".

TO : Chief, Intelligence Section.

Biographical

AGE 28, single; RELIGION, Catholic; VOCATION, clerical ;
TRAVEL, none before the war; FOREIGN LANGUAGES, English "perfectly",
French "fairly"; EDUCATION, Gymnasium (Abitur).

VOCATIONAL HISTORY; 1934 - '37 apprentice in publishing house,
'37 - '41 white collar worker.

MILITARY: '41 - '44 in army field hospital. '44 captured by
U.S. forces. '44 - '45 PW in U.S.A., graduate of PW - School of
Administration at Fort Getty, Rhode Island.

PARTY AFFILIATIONS: HJ '33 - '36, DAF '34 - '41.

INCOME: Since full employee salary rose from 1,600 M in '37
to 4,000 M in '41.

Political

1. A member of the HJ, he never became a member of the NSDAP. No
doubt his father, an active member of the SPD, was influential in
determining his wish to remain outside the Nazi party.

2. His selection for the special PW course at Fort Getty was
based apparently on his anti-Nazi attitudes as determined in a
previous camp, where he was a victim of the ardent Nazi group,
allowed to carry on their activities there.

3. His original political orientation, though most likely anti-
Nazi, is difficult to determine since at present he appears to be
imbued with the democratic principles taught in the courses at
Fort Getty.

4. Aside from his own statement we have no proof politically of anti-Nazi attitudes, though his statements all appear consistent. Until further evidence is forthcoming, political classification is "BW"

Psychological

1. A 28 year old single man, a U.S. Prisoner of War, a graduate of the PW School of Administration at Fort Getty, Rhode Island. He appears fired with enthusiasm over the ideas of democracy he learned there, speaks proudly of the wonderful faculty of American teachers, is rather cocky and impatient to play a role in the new Germany. He feels especially favored. In the talk he gave during one of the evening sessions at the ICD School at Bad Orb, he recounted episodes with Germans in which he demonstrated how he countered their old German or Nazi arguments. If his enthusiasm does not abate (he needs encouraging), he will be a staunch defender of the democratic faith, for that is what it has become to him.

2. An "only child", his father was a member of the SPD. The father never used corporal punishment. The mother also, unlike the typical German parent, was demonstrative in expressing her affection. The four factors enumerated (only child, absence of corporal punishment, demonstrative maternal love and an SPD father) have been found in previous studies to represent a combination very strongly in favor of anti-Nazi attitudes.

3. A member of the Hitler-Jugend, he was freed from activities there because of a hernia. For that reason also, he was kept out of the Wehrmacht until 1941, when he was inducted into the sanitation corps. At Brest in 1944, when he was ordered back to his company, he and a companion wandered away and walked forward, actually deserting.

4. He reveals no proof of any anti-Nazi activity, or any refusal to conform except through the use of body ailments. There is every reason to believe, that his anti-Nazi feelings were genuine and that his present enthusiasm is real. Psychiatric study indicates beneath his self-assurance a great deal of uncertainty and anxiety, a definite apprehension of what is in store for him.

5. His new-found aggression will need support before he can attain the independent aggressive fighting spirit, since in the past his Nazi-opposition was revealed by exploiting an illness. He has

superior intelligence, as determined by tests.

Recommendation

Political classification "B". License granted. He can be used in positions, where political attitudes have special values. A potentially active anti-Nazi.

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