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"Enemy pay book" mystery solved

TWO OF HITLER'S MEN FOUND HERE

Stowaways, came 'So what?' says Mrs Eden

By GEOFF TAYLOR

PICTURES in yesterday's "Argus" led police during the morning to two German ex-servicemen who have lived in Australia illegally for six weeks.

The men are Hans Kosinsky, 30, former pilot in Hitler's air force, and George Jedicke, 21, former Hitler Youth member.

They were located at Leongatha after Mr. James Knox, of Melbourne, and his secretary, Miss Myffie Thomsett, recognised pictures in "The Argus" as being those of a man to whom they had recently given a job.

Mr. Knox rang Russell st. police headquarters and Leongatha police were asked to arrest Kosinsky and his friend.

Began with a wallet

The arrest was the result of the chance discovery of a wallet in a Melbourne street on Wednesday.

In the wallet were a German Air Force paybook and an International Refugee Organisation registration card, both in the name of Hans Kosinsky.

Photostats of these were published in The Argus yesterday, and started a widespread inquiry into the possibility of a former enemy alien having "stolen" into Australia.

Not one-two

It was not until Kosinsky was found that it was discovered that not one, but two men were here as illegal migrants.

Both men had been accepted by the community at Leongatha as being genuine migrants from Europe.

Hans Kosinsky — a slim, dark-haired, intelligent Westphalian German, with a good sense of humour, was disarmingly frank when I sought to check on statements made by his Leongatha employer, Mr. Knox.

He cheerfully admitted — as he was later to do with the Leongatha police — that he had been a pilot with the Luftwaffe.

"But how did you get to Aus-

'Just stowed away'

tralia?" I asked. "You couldn't have migrated here officially — not with your Luftwaffe record or George's Hitler Youth Service."

"We got jobs as shore painters painting a migrant ship at Naples," explained Hans casually, "but when the ship sailed we stayed on board."

"We just kept on painting the ship all the way to Australia. At nights we slept in the saloon. When we got to Port Melbourne we stopped painting and got off the ship."

After he had confirmed that his birthplace really was Hagen, Germany, not Brust bei Dirschau, Poland, as was stated on his I.R.O. card that as a British Bomber Ruhr Valley target.

Kosinsky asked would have been when I told him.

"I regret I was on leave at that time. This then would be a reunion of sorts!"

But Kosinsky and



She interviewed Kosinsky and Jedicke when they applied for a job with her employer—Miss Myffie Thomsett, a "Miss Australia" entrant.



APPARENTLY undismayed at their discovery, Hans Kosinsky (left) and George Jedicke, Germans who entered Australia without a permit, were grinning happily when "Argus" photographer Norman Smith snapped them yesterday. At right: Kosinsky in two guises—at top as a Luftwaffe pilot, and below, as a refugee.

Natives find secret Jap. graveyard of Australian P.O.Ws.

NATIVES have found a secret Japanese burial ground for Australian prisoners of war on the coast of New Britain, about 14 miles from Rabaul.

'Speaker' offer to C.P.

Mr. McDonald, State Country Party leader in Victoria, has been asked to accept the Speakership in the Legislative Assembly.

This dramatic political move was revealed last night by a high Country Party official.

Mr. McDonald's only comment was "I have no statement to make at this stage."

The Country Party official said that the approach to Mr. McDonald had come from the Federal Liberal Party.

Mr. McDonald had been asked to accept the Speakership "in the interests of harmony between the anti-Socialist parties in Victoria."

New pact?

The Liberals apparently believe that if Mr. McDonald stepped down from the Country Party leadership the way would be cleared for a C.P.-L.C.P. pact in Victoria.

Mr. Holloway, Premier, who said on Tuesday that the "door was still open for talks," is said to be prepared to offer the Country Party generous terms if it will join in a Government. Federal interest in the State political sphere is understood to spring from a fear that the Labour-controlled Senate will have a double dissolution. L.C.P.-C.P. wrangling in Victoria would acutely embarrass the Federal Government. If it had to fight another election.

Army and Air Force teams working on the burial-ground will later check reports by the same natives that the Japanese threw the bodies of Australian war prisoners into the active Matupi volcano, near Rabaul.

A R.A.A.F. spokesman, who made these announcements last night, said that Army and Air Force officers had already dug five bodies from the burial ground, and expected to find many more.

Some had been tentatively identified as Army and Air Force men, whom the Japanese had captured in Rabaul hospitals.

Flight-Lieut. Keith Rundle, of South Camberwell, who was awarded the M.B.E. (military division) in the King's Birthday Honours list, is in charge of R.A.A.F. identification on the spot.

On ship, Japs said The R.A.A.F. spokesman said that the Japanese had declared after the war that the missing prisoners were in a ship that was torpedoed by the Allies on its way to Japan.

Three weeks ago natives told Rabaul military authorities that they had found out where the Japanese had buried many Australians.

Native digging parties were recruited, and, as the bodies were found, they were identified from military records by identification discs and teeth.

The bodies, the spokesman said, would be reburied in an official military cemetery, probably at Rabaul.

Officers in the recovery party are following up clues that may lead to charges against the Japanese of having killed a bedridden R.A.A.F. man in a Rabaul hospital.



The weather for today

CITY: Cold, cloudy, with further mist or fog. Light winds, chiefly southerly.

COUNTRY: Continuing cloudy, with further fogs, some frosts about the highlands. Isolated showers on coast and hills. Variable winds.

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Your guide to holiday

Here are shopping arrangements for the King's Birthday holiday on Monday:
SHOPS: Closed, but some fruiterers and "corner" shops will open. Chemists' emergency service will operate. Ring FJ3521.
HOTELS, THEATRES: Open from 9 to 10 a.m.
POST OFFICES: Open from 9 to 10 a.m.
TRAINS, TRAMS: Holiday timetables. Both will run football and race specials.

Air service to U.K. increased

Qantas Empire Airways will run five services a week, instead of three, between Sydney and London from June 18. Mr. D. K. Maitland, Melbourne manager of Q.E.A., said yesterday.

The extra services bring the total operated by British Overseas Airways Corporation and Q.E.A. to 10 a fortnight in each direction.

NEW YORK, Thursday: "So what?" said Mrs. Anthony Eden, when told that her husband had been granted a decree nisi in divorce against her in London today.

Mr. Eden, British Conservative M.P. and a former Foreign Minister, had charged his wife with desertion. Mrs. Eden did not contest the suit.

Mrs. Eden said she did not think the divorce would harm her husband's Governmental career.

She added: "I hope not, anyway. It's my fault, you know. Anyway, people are more broad-minded these days."

Mrs. Eden, who intends to remain in the United States indefinitely, said she had no plans for remarriage.

She has been in the United States for two years, under the British immigration quota.

"I haven't made up my mind yet about becoming a United States citizen," she added.

Meanwhile, she said, she might try to get a job, but was not sure just what she could do.

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