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3. Herbert CHKURS, DOB circa 1914, POB Valmners in Latvia. Latvian national. As a well known sports pilot in Latvia, CUKURS had made trips with his sports aircraft to France and to Africa. He was the object of an MGB search on suspicion of having been an official employee of the SD. During the German occupation of the SSR, CUKURS' group engaged in destroying Soviet partisans. There were rumors later that he had immigrated to the USA.

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Mr. Visson, correspondent in Washington of Time magazine, called me this morning to inquire if I might give him some background information on Mr. Cukors.

I informed Mr. Visson that this name was not familiar to me and, after making a check with BI and SY, I further informed him that the Department appeared to have no information on this person.

Mr. Visson then explained his interest, as follows. He stated that one of Time's correspondents in Brazil had informed him that Mr. Cukors is an unpunished war criminal who is now living and operating a small business in Brazil. Mr. Cukors is stated to be a Latvian who, during the German occupation of Riga, acted on behalf of the Nazis as chief executioner in the Riga Ghetto. *AKA HERBERTS ES CUKORS*

Mr. Visson further informed me that his "Latvian diplomatic friends in Washington" had shed no particular light on this aspect of Mr. Cukors' activities but that they had identified him as a well known resident of pre-war Riga. They stated that his name was frequently in the news in connection with unusual events such as hand constructing and flying his own plane, etc.

Mr. Visson said he thought this would make an interesting story. Although he did not so state, I got the impression that the motive of the story would be to expose the escape from justice of an alleged war criminal.

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REFERENCE IS MADE TO HIGGINS DESPATCH NO. 679 OF SEPTEMBER 11, 1951 WHICH REQUESTED THE DEPARTMENT TO CHECK AVAILABLE SOURCES FOR BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION CONCERNING FERDINAND SANKAS AND HERBERT CUKURS. IT WAS STATED THAT THE BRAZILIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON IS INTERESTED IN OBTAINING SUCH INFORMATION AS THE DEPARTMENT MAY HAVE CONCERNING THESE TWO PERSONS.

IT IS BELIEVED THAT THE SPELLING OF THE NAME SANKAS IS AN ERROR SINCE AN INDIVIDUAL NAMED FERDINAND SYUKAS IS KNOWN TO BE FUNCTIONING AS ESTONIAN CONSUL IN SAO PAULO, BRAZIL. IT SHOULD ALSO BE NOTED THAT THE DEPARTMENT HAS NO RECORD OF HERBERT CUKURS BUT HAS HEARD OF A MR. HERBERT CUKURS WHOSE RUMORED BACKGROUND PARALLELS THAT OF HERBERT CUKURS AS DESCRIBED IN THE DESPATCH UNDER REFERENCE.

MR. FERDINAND SANKAS HAS BEEN THE SUBJECT OF PREVIOUS CONFIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN THE BRAZILIAN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND THE AMERICAN EMBASSY AT RIO DE JANEIRO. IN ITS AIDE MEMOIRES OF FEBRUARY 11 AND MAY 23, 1950, THE EMBASSY TRANSMITTED TO THE BRAZILIAN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS THE BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION CONCERNING MR. SANKAS WHICH THE DEPARTMENT HAD COMMUNICATED TO THE EMBASSY FOR THIS PURPOSE. IT IS SUGGESTED THAT HIGGINS INFORM THE BRAZILIAN EMBASSY IN CONJUNCTION WITH THIS CORRESPONDENCE AND STATE THAT THE DEPARTMENT HAS NO FURTHER INFORMATION CONCERNING MR. SANKAS AT THIS TIME.

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I NAME <u>Herberts CUKURS (aka Herberts Zukurs,</u>		DATE OF BIRTH May 17, 1900	PLACE OF BIRTH Liepaja (Libau), Latvia
ALIASES AND NICKNAMES <u>Herberts Tsukurs)</u>	SEX M	MARITAL STATUS	CITIZENSHIP Latvian
ADDRESS Latvia; France; Brazil.	OCCUPATION AND NAME AND ADDRESS OF EMPLOYER Aircraft repair technician		

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CUKURS Herberts

H. was born on May 17, 1900 in Liopaja as a son of Janis CUKURS, an artisan; his mother's name is Anna nee SKULRA. Herberts Cukurs is married, his wife's name is Milda nee BERZUPE; he has two children (the age and number not certain). He participated in the Liberation Wars of Latvia 1918/1920, commissioned due to valor; attended Aviation school (military) and served in the Latvian Air Force as officer, last rank known a captain (among Latvians known as "kaptainis Cukurs"). Worked on plane construction, known as good mechanic, drove "hot rods". Quit the Air Force in 'thirties, acquired his own plane, made famous flights in 1933/34 to Africa to the former Latvian colony Gambia, crossed the desert of Sahara; earned his living by publishing his experiences and became famous because popularized the ancient Latvian history by visiting the former colonies; wanted to visit also Tobago (another former Latvian colony in the 17th century), but was refused permission by British. Visited by plane also several European states and was a person known to every kid in Latvia. How did he manage to escape during the first Soviet occupation is not known, it might be learned from former captain of Latvian air force fru BLAUS who is in US (address might be obtained from Mr. Aleksandrs UDRIS, employee of the Library of Congress), and from Juris BENJAMINS at 218 Young Ave., Toronto, Ont., Canada, who associated with H.C.

During the German occupation H.C. was with the Gerjan SD, in the ill-fated ARABS group, believed to have participated in the persecution of Jews. After the war fled to Sweden and eventually settled down in Brasil, presumably Sao Paulo. During the time when the bulk of the former Latvian Legion was in the POW Camp Zedelghem, Belgium (under British administration), the British intelligence looked for H.C. and detained a second lieutenant fru CUKURS; the latter was able to prove that he is not identical with H.C. by showing the picture of H.C. in the book "My flight to Gambia"; also the a/m capt. BLAUS was able to state that H.C. is in Sweden because there appeared an add in the Latvian newspaper in Sweden, inviting a woman and two kids to join father in Sweden, and though only the christian names were mentioned in the ad, Blaus identified the woman and kids as the wife and children of H.C. (names used were the ones used by H.C. in his family, not the real names, ~~former aliases~~). Due to this investigation it was indicated that H.C. was sought because of his activities under the German occupation, his superior, major ARABS, was arrested in the a/m POW Camp where he had hidden himself under a false name ABLE). Later it became known that H.C. is in Brasil where he operates a boat-for-rent station at a lake; he had difficulties because the local Jewish population tried to achieve his expulsion from Brasil and even destroyed his enterprise; H.C. wrote a letter to the Latvian Veterans' Organization "Daugavas Vanagi" in Germany ab. 1950 asking for assistance in his struggle against the Brazilian Jews, viz. he wanted a letter of recommendation showing that he has not committed any atrocities during the German occupation; such a certificate was refused. Recently there was an article in a Latvian newspaper describing Cukurs' present life in Brasil, so it seems he has overcome the opposition against him and probably is running his enterprise in same place. He can be described as a very venturesome person with a touch of adventurer and good businessman with little scruples. (B)

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8. Herberts CURNS. Well-known Latvian flyer who allegedly commanded a punitive formation in the German Army, later escaped to the West.

There are numerous references to Herberts CURNS aka ZUKURS. In March 1945 one Captain CURNS of the Latvian Army was reported to have been a member of the Latvian Nazi Organization Penkoniasts. He was said to have belonged to a notorious execution command and to have been very active in killing Jews. *Financial Review*, a Communist daily newspaper in Rio de Janeiro published an article on 19 July 1950 stating that Herbert CURNS was supposedly number 17 on the Nuremberg list of war criminals and was living in Rio de Janeiro. A usually reliable source reported that during the German occupation of Latvia, Herberts CURNS allegedly belonged to the ill-famed Arajs group who were said to have participated in the persecution of Jews. After the war he fled to Sweden and eventually settled in Brazil where he operated a boat-for-rent station. The Jewish population allegedly tried to have him expelled from Brazil. According to an article in a local Latvian newspaper, CURNS apparently was able to overcome the opposition against him in Brazil. He was described as being a very venturesome person and a good businessman with few scruples.

9. Artur FREIBERG. Well-known opera singer who has been to Canada. Casual acquaintance of ABENCOLE who met him in Riga in 1955.

a) CGO-129, dated 9 April 1954: Visas were requested for six Soviet musicians to tour Canada in response to an invitation from the Canadian-Soviet Friendship Society. One of the six was Arthur F. FREIBERG, singer with the Latvian State Theater.

b) CGA-7017 dated 8 June 1954: Artur FREIBERG, born 1916, Latvian, Latvia, Passport # 58912. Applied for french visa early May 1954. Soviet ~~ambassador~~ returning to USSR.

10. Major General NOVIK. Minister of State Security. Met ABENCOLE on street July 1957 and told him had been cleared for trip to USSR.

See DIR 38661 dated October 1957 re (Major General) Ilfens Andrejovich NOVIK, born 1908, Latvia. ~~MB~~ Minister Latvian SSR March 1951 - March 1953.

11. Hans OZOLINS. Father of ABENCOLE's friend Viktor OZOLINS. Address: Brauhausstieg 54 Wandsbek, Hamburg. ABENCOLE inquired about his father through the OZOLINS.

1954 Hamburg telephone directory lists Hans W. OZOLIN, same address, owner of Hans OZOLIN KG, liquor store.

12. Genadiy Petrovich STOLDOV. Head of Personnel Department, CP, Riga, 1947. Party Secretary of the Moscow area of Riga and a member of the Latvian Party Central Committee.

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TO: Secretary of State  
Attention: Mr. Dennis Flinn  
Director, Office of Security

FROM: Deputy Director, Plans

SUBJECT: CUKURS, Herberts  
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1. Reference is made to your SY memorandum VO/21 dated 9 February 1955, subject as above, whose name you desired checked against the files of this office.
2. The files of this office reflect the following information concerning Herberts CUKURS, believed to be identical with the subject of your request.
3. In March 1945 one Captain CUKURS of the Latvian Army was reported to have been a member of the Latvian Nazi organization Perkonkrusts. CUKURS was said to have belonged to a notorious execution command and to have been very active in killing Jews.
4. Imprensa Popular, a Communist daily newspaper in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, on 19 July 1950 published an article stating that Herbert CUKURS was supposedly number 17 on the Nuremberg list of war criminals and was living in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, at Avenida Epitacio Pessoa No. 574.
5. According to information from a usually reliable source received in a report dated 5 October 1950, Herbert CUKURS was accused by various Jewish groups in Rio de Janeiro of having been responsible for the liquidation of 30,000 Jews in Nazi-dominated Europe during World War II. Source stated that several of these Jewish organizations have been involved in pro-Communist activities and that many of the individuals connected with the CUKURS affair were known Communists.
6. A usually reliable source reported that during the German occupation of Latvia, Herberts CUKURS allegedly belonged to the ill-famed Arajs group who were said to have participated in the persecution of Jews. After the war he fled to Sweden and eventually settled in Brazil where he operated a boats-for-rent station. The Jewish population allegedly tried to have him expelled from Brazil and even destroyed his business. According to a recent article in a Latvian newspaper CUKURS had apparently been able to overcome the opposition that prevailed against him in Brazil and was



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again operating his boat business. CUKURS was further described by Source as a very venturesome person and a good businessman with few scruples.

7. For additional information concerning Herbert CUKURS reference is made to the following reports:

a. SO-54077, dated 5 January 1951, subject: Communist Activities in Sao Paolo.

b. State cable NR: A-1084, CONTROL: 304, from Department of State, to Frankfort, dated 3 October 1951.

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Herbert Cukurs, alleged Latvian war criminal, runs a thriving seaplane business for tourists in Brazil.



Parade reporter follows Eichmann's trail and tracks down

# NAZI WAR CRIMINALS IN SOUTH AMERICA

by JACK ANDERSON

Parade Washington correspondent

BUENOS AIRES.

**W**HEN ADOLF EICHMANN was whisked off the streets by Israeli commandos, a shocked world woke up to the fact that a mass murderer had been at large for 15 years. People found themselves asking: How many more Eichmanns are still at liberty? How many other war criminals are posing as simple citizens while remaining monsters at heart?

To find the answers, PARADE sent this reporter on an extensive tour of South America. I found Nazi fugitives in Argentina, Brazil and Chile. Most were small fry, too inconsequential to trouble the world's conscience. But they led me to the fringe of the world's most secret and sinister coterie: the society of mass killers.

While none quite approaches Eichmann in the scale of infamy, all can be classed as artists in atrocity, massacre and genocide. Among them they have accounted for millions of innocent lives. They are in close touch with each other by a grapevine that spans the South American continent and reaches into the remotest parts of the pampas and jungle.

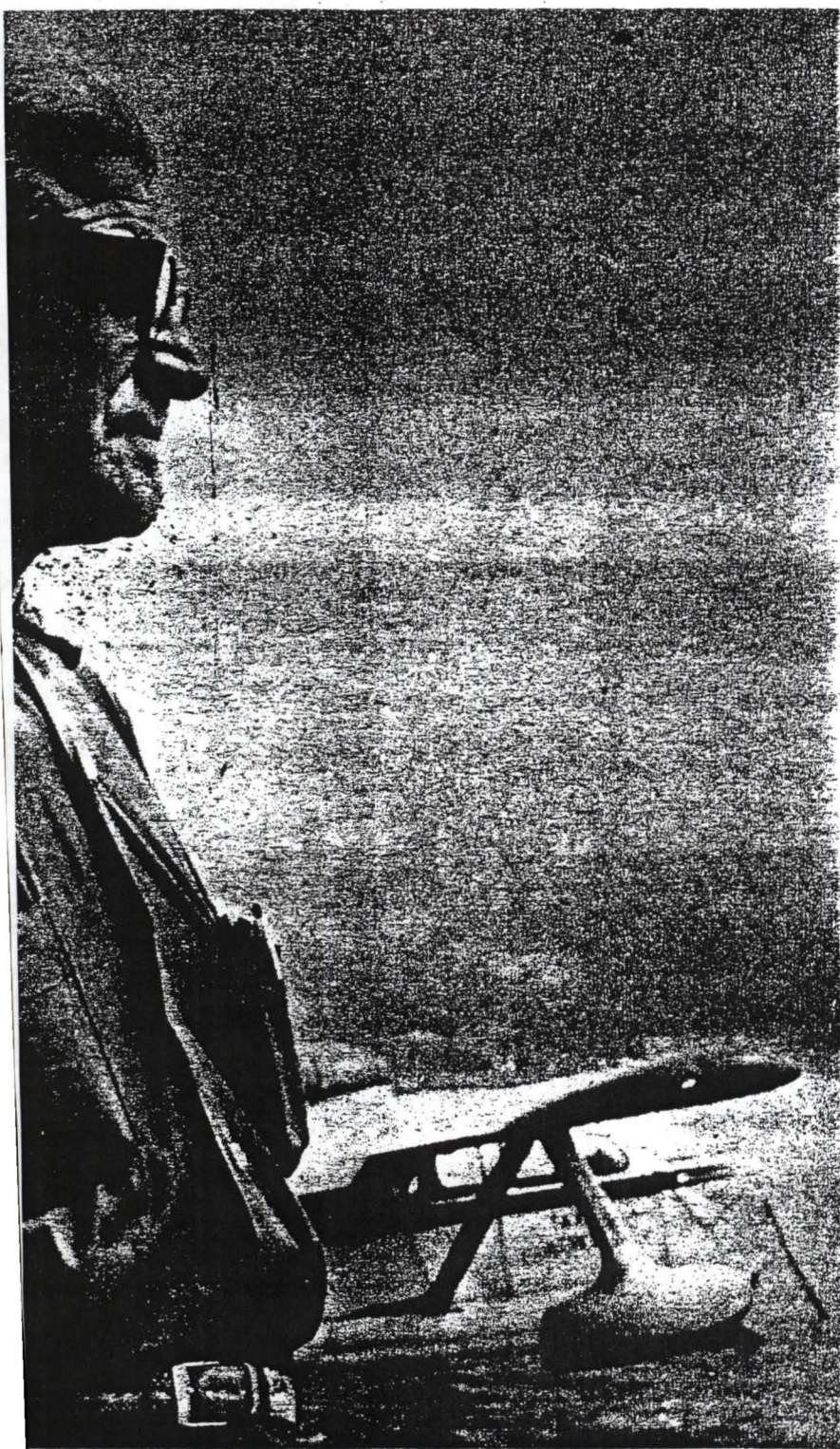
The kidnapping of Eichmann jolted these Nazis and sent them deeper into the underground. Suddenly these ex-hunters became the pursued; the terrorists became the terrorized. Only one—Herbert Cukurs with 32,000 massacred Jews charged against his past—holed up in his home and pleaded for police protection.

What manner of men belong to this macabre social circle? From their intimates I learned new facts about them. Let's begin with flop-eared, drooping-nosed, bandy-legged Eichmann, the man who once bragged: "I will leap into my grave laughing because the feeling that I have five million people on my conscience is a source of extraordinary satisfaction."

## The Real Adolf Eichmann

As meek Richard Klement Eichmann worked in the Buenos Aires office of Mercedes-Benz, the great German auto firm. He pretended to be a lowly, simple man—a role that was neither new nor strange to him. For at the height of his diabolical career as head of the Gestapo's Jewish Section, he tried to conceal his murderous mission from the German people by posing as a minor bureaucrat who never rose above the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

But in the company of his Nazi cohorts, he was a much different man given to hard drinking and boastful talk. Then his eyes would glitter. Of course, they



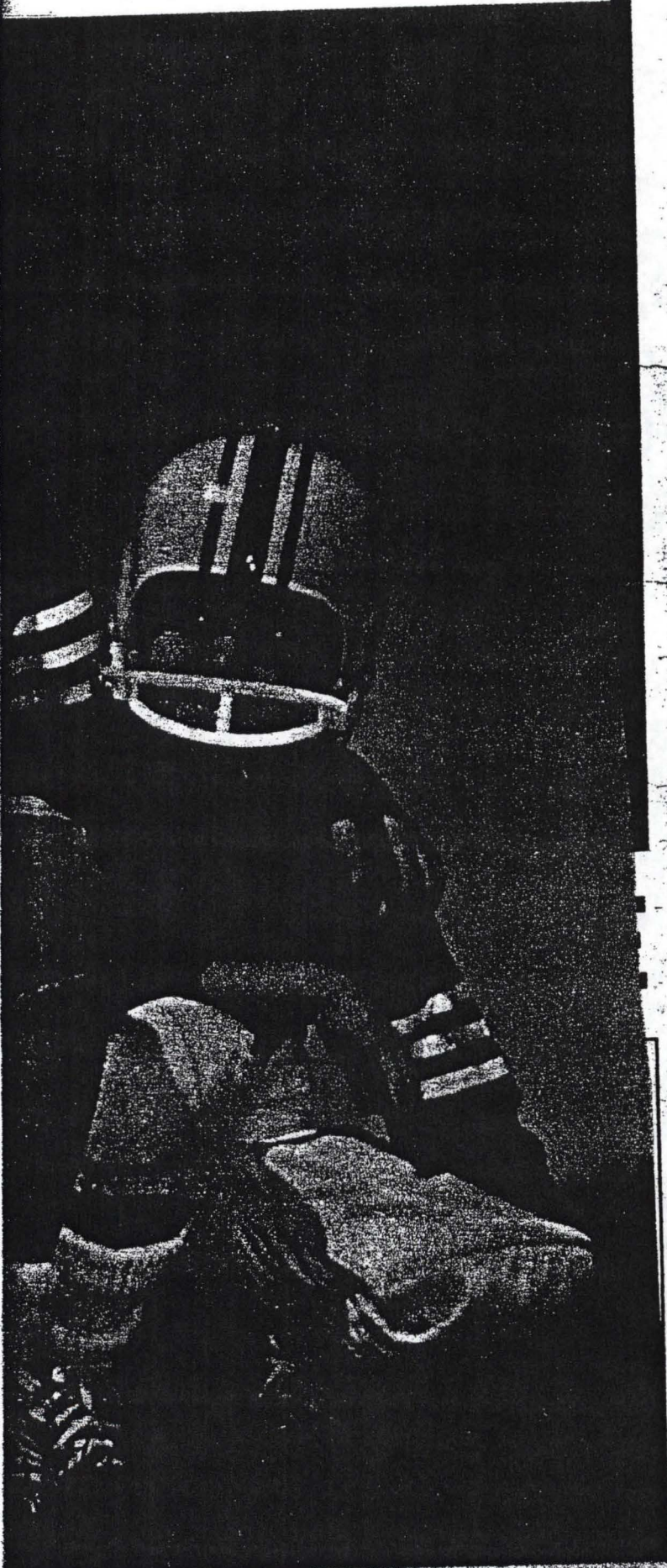
Latvian war criminal, runs a thriving seaplane business for tourists in Brazil.

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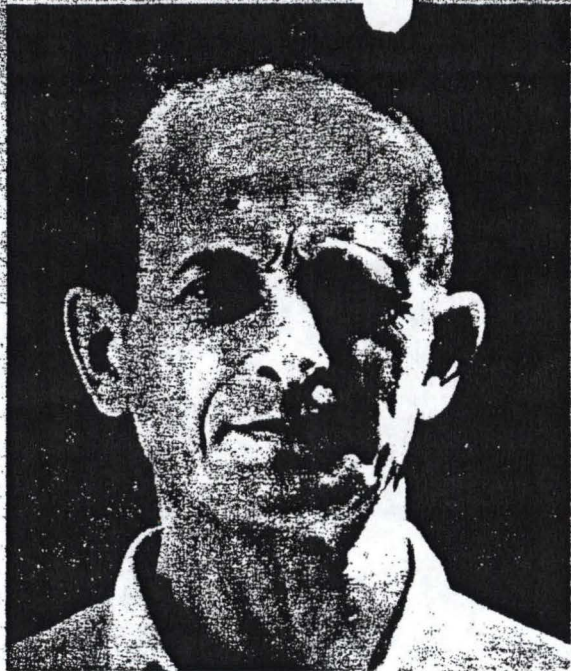
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keeping things fresh. Covers bowls, wraps  
gift decorations, too!

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Awaiting trial, ex-SS Colonel Adolf Eichmann was captured by Israelis in Argentina after 15-year world-wide manhunt.



Missing since 1945, Martin Bormann, Hitler's political heir has been reported dead, but he is probably hiding in Brazil.

knew his true identity. Some in the Mercedes plant referred to him openly, respectfully as "Herr Obersturmbannführer"—his old Nazi title. Once he lost his temper with a colleague, dropped his mild manner and snarled: "You dirty Jew!"

Nazi toadying to Eichmann, however, did not extend to financial help. His home on a lonely road outside Buenos Aires is modest in the extreme—"built with his own hands," his friends claim. It has no electricity, no water except for an outside hand pump.

#### Man with a Cane

When he was kidnapped in broad daylight off the Avenue General Paz, his wife and four sons disappeared into hiding. Now the boys have returned to their jobs. They have discussed with friends a desire to attend their father's trial in Tel Aviv. They cite the Soviet example in permitting the family of U-2 pilot Francis Gary Powers to attend his trial in Moscow. But at this writing, the Eichmann boys were still too frightened to apply.

Tracking down the members of Murder Unlimited is no easy task. Those who know them and their whereabouts are frozen-tongued. Within 24 hours of the Eichmann kidnapping, for instance, a tall, handsome, graying businessman dropped out of sight. His friends respond with blank stares to inquiries about him.

He is Dr. Josef Mengele, described by the little Jewish girl Anne Frank as "the angel of extermination" at Auschwitz concentration camp. With a wave of his cane, Mengele decided which Jews should go to the gas chambers, which should be used for medical experiments, which should be worked to death.

He was known as a crank on racial-biological research with particular interest in the hereditary basis of twins. Children who resembled each other would be put together and coached to identify themselves as twins. Then Mengele might spare their lives—so long as they suited his experiments.

Thanks to family wealth, he acquired a small chemical plant here, lived comfortably, moved in good society, enjoyed deep discussions on history and philosophy. For security's sake, he did not practice medicine. But he never bothered to change his name—a fact which caused one former SS officer to comment to me on Mengele's "courage."

One of his last discussions with a friend was over the Communists' ability to develop brilliant scientists who would be political morons willing to obey un-

thinkingly. He told how Stalin had sought to create perfect police by crossing Lithuanians with Kirghiz—the first known for strength and fearlessness, the second for cunning, cruelty and indifference to human life. Mengele said that the Nazis, too, had made medical studies along these lines.

Another member of Eichmann's circle was Ante Pavelic, the terrible Nazi puppet boss of Croatia, who died last spring on a visit to Madrid. During his reign over Croatia, a part of Yugoslavia, he set his Ustashi storm troopers, as ruthless as the ancient hordes of Attila the Hun, to exterminate not only Jews but the Serbian minority as well. Their victims had their limbs torn off, eyes gouged out, skulls crushed with hammers. Wounded were sealed in caves with the dead.

The Italian author Curzio Malaparte reports visiting Pavelic in his palace in Zagreb and noticing on his desk a wicker basket filled with what appeared to be shelled oysters. When Malaparte asked whether they were Dalmatian oysters, Pavelic replied grimly "It is a present from my loyal Ustashis. Forty pounds of human eyes."

Although Pavelic has gone to answer a High Court judgment, his devoted followers maintain a headquarters here. His picture occupies the place of honor just inside the door, easily seen from the street.

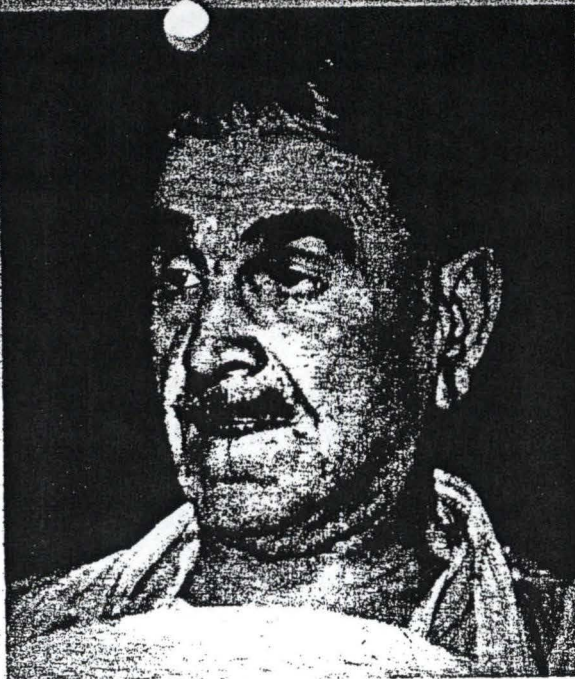
#### Nazis on the Lam

In my search for war criminals, I picked up other trails. Eichmann's former boss, the darkly handsome Gestapo chief Heinrich Mueller, last seen in Hitler's bunker on April 29, 1945, lived secretly for a while in the mountains of Argentina's Cordoba province. He came here for a short stay, then moved south to Patagonia. The Eichmann kidnapping scared him, too, even in that remote territory. His trail has now disappeared.

Eichmann's counterpart in the Nazi foreign office Franz Rademacher, is also in South America. His name appears on many documents relating to Jewish executions and deportations. While awaiting sentence as war criminal he escaped to Argentina, then crossed the La Plata River into Uruguay. He was last seen in Montevideo where, back in 1940, he had served as secretary in the German legation.

Far down the totem pole in such murderous company is former SS Colonel Eugene Dollman, once Gestapo chief in Rome. He has a mere 200 murders credited to him. From reliable contacts, I learned that





**Nazi puppet, Dr. Ante Pavelic, was boss of Croatia, allegedly collected human eyes. He died recently on a visit to Spain.**

he is now living in this country under another name.

But most fascinating of all are the reports that Martin Bormann, Hitler's private secretary and heir apparent, is still alive in South America. My search for him apparently triggered the excitement that led Argentine police to pick up his double, one-armed Walter Flegel, who turned out to be merely a minor German refugee.

Bormann was with Hitler and his mistress, Eva Braun, during their last hours in the Berlin bunker. After Hitler's death, Bormann sent a telegram saying he was on his way to join Admiral Doenitz, then negotiating surrender. But Bormann never reached Doenitz. According to Hitler's chauffeur, Bormann was killed when a Russian bazooka hit the tank he was following through Berlin's Ziegelstrasse.

#### **The Great Bormann Mystery**

This testimony was given at the Nuremberg trials and was repeated by Nazis I met in South America. But I found their performance too pat to be convincing. Other sources, which I believe to be reliable, were equally definite in declaring that Hitler's heir had been planning his escape for months. When the end came, they say, he commandeered two submarines for a top-secret voyage to Argentina. One was the U-530, which he boarded with his family.

My pursuit of the Bormann rumors led to Milton Canto, introduced as a completely responsible person, who plans to settle on a cattle ranch in the interior of Brazil. He told me he was positive he had seen Bormann at a settlement called Xavantina in Goias State, Brazil. He claimed Bormann's features were still recognizable, though aged. He was flanked, said Canto, by two bodyguards. When Canto asked about the mystery man, he was told the man's name was Hermann Meng.

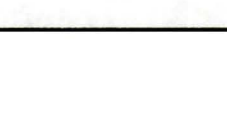
Brazil's efficient political police pooh-poohed this story. They described Xavantina as an airstrip on the edge of the jungle and said only Indians lived around there. Whoever Hermann Meng is, he was now vanished as if whisked to the moon.

Another reliable source, who asked not to be identified, has seen papers said to be written by Bormann. These papers were shown to Bormann's son, Martin Jr., who became a Catholic priest in Austria in 1958. He identified the handwriting as that of his father.

The last of the alleged war criminals still in the open is Herbert Cukurs, a stocky, muscular Latvian whom I tracked down outside Sao Paulo. Eye-wit-

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WAR CRIMINALS continued

## The Nazis are in hiding—but their vict

nesses charge he took a leading part in the massacre of 32,000 Jews in Riga in 1941. They claim he was the right-hand man to Viktor Ajars, chief of the pro-Nazi Perkonkrust (Thunder Cross) Party. When the Germans moved in, Ajars and Cukurs allegedly were given the job of liquidating all Jews. The Riga ghetto was cordoned off, city buses hauled Jews to a near-by forest for execution.

Witnesses declare that Cukurs, for variety, barricaded and burned some Jews in their own synagogues. Their affidavits charge that they saw him throw children into the flames. At night, they assert, he also barged into the homes of defenseless Jews and abused their daughters. The affidavits give names and dates.

Max Kaufmann, today a balding man of 63 who lives in New York, wrote a book on the extermination of the Jews of Latvia, of whom only 850 of 100,000 are believed to have survived. Kaufmann's first wife was among the 32,000 victims slaughtered during "the 10 bloody days" in 1941. His only son, who like him was saved because he was doing forced labor, was shot by the Nazis two years later, when he was 17.

Kaufmann's picture of Cukurs, whom he remembers seeing the first day of the slaughter, is sharply drawn: "He was big and arrogant—he had on a black leather coat and wore a big pistol at his side. I recognized him clearly—he was a well-known aviator whose picture had been in the newspapers."

### Pistol-packin' Latvian

Interviewed in New York, Kaufmann found it difficult to talk about Cukurs. Somewhat less reticent was another survivor, who told PARADE: "I knew him personally from the old country. He was a cold-blooded one—he had no feelings about killing one person or 1,000." This survivor's dread of Cukurs remains.

"I changed my name when I came here," he went on, "because I'm afraid of Cukurs and his agents. They are everywhere, even here in New York. I know also what they will do if I talk."

Cukurs still likes to wear his leather jacket, and he still has his pistol. It was in a trim Spanish bungalow in a fashionable lakeside resort area that I came face to face with the scourge of Riga. After the Eichmann

kidnapping, this one-time daredevil pilot and alleged Nazi executioner begged the Sao Paulo police for protection. Two armed guards are at his door day and night. As added insurance, he never moves without that pistol. As we talked, its barrel peeped from his pocket.

Cukurs escaped from Latvia with the retreat of the German army, set up his family in a home on the Rhine, then established himself in a flat in Berlin near his work as an aircraft engineer. He recalls with pride that his apartment was hit three times by Allied bombs.

When the end came, he made his way to Marseille then to Rio de Janeiro. Jewish leaders suspect he chose Brazil because no known survivors of the Riga massacre were in that country. But if his purpose was to avoid recognition, he failed. Less than four months after his arrival in November 1945, an alert Jewish representative in Stockholm tipped off Jewish leaders in Brazil that Cukurs was in their country.

It was three years, however, before Cukurs was found. He was operating a pleasure boat concession on a lake in Rio. Jewish youths picketed the place. When Cukurs applied for Brazilian citizenship, the Jewish community successfully blocked him.

Then he dropped out of sight until the Eichmann kidnapping and the appeal for police protection revealed his presence near Sao Paulo. He operates the seaplanes, giving joy rides to vacationers. But a former SS major confided to me that the planes were also "probably" used for whisking nervous Nazis to the interior where Cukurs owns two small ranches. These give him an excuse for flying inland.

A curious feature of Cukurs' character is that he saved a Jewish girl's life and brought her out of Latvia with his family. She is Miriam Keitzner, now married to a Jewish doctor in Rio. Cukurs cites her as evidence that he could not have been guilty of atrocities against the Jews. Yet in light of the scores of affidavits against him, the obvious question is: did Cukurs save Miriam's life in order to protect his own by using her as a shield for mercy?

That he is capable of this kind of cunning is suggested by an equally curious fact. He and his wife, both in their sixties, suddenly produced a Brazilian





Mystery boy, who turned up in Cukurs home recently, nestles against ex-Nazi. The child may be a plea for sympathy.

## ns are still scared

born child after their other children (two sons and a daughter) were grown. The suspicion is that Cukurs may have picked up the boy from among Brazil's homeless waifs and claimed him as his own. The Brazilians are very sentimental and would be less likely to extradite Cukurs if he could claim a son born in the country.

I reached Cukurs' home on the Paulista Riviera after a long jeep ride over dirt roads. The two policemen on guard took my White House press card in to him. I caught a glimpse of him studying me carefully from the back yard. He strolled to the gate.

"So," he said, "you have come to see the great war criminal?" His smile was defensive, pleading, like a silent whine. Then he demanded: "Are you Jewish?"

When I said I was not, he grunted, "All right," and waved me through the gate. In broken English, nervously fingering his black, heavy-rimmed glasses, he launched into a rebuttal of the charges against him. He pulled out tattered yellowing documents, which he claimed proved his innocence.

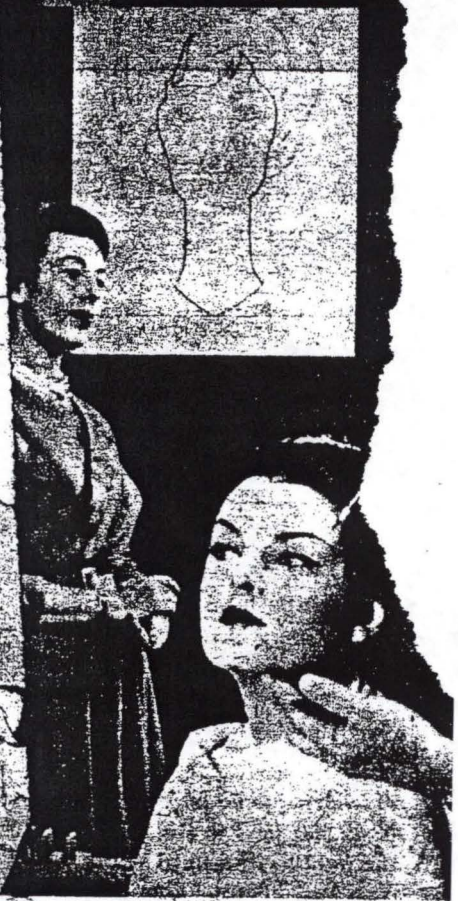
### The Plea of Innocence

It was the Jews, said Cukurs, not he, who had committed atrocities. When the Russians first overran Latvia, he charged, the Jews helped them to massacre Latvians. Most Latvians had looked upon the Germans as liberators, and he himself had led a band of Latvian partisans to help the Germans, he said. Later, he insisted he was both anti-German and anti-Russian.

Cukurs' manner was amiable enough, though always defensive. He made no attempt to hide his bitterness against the Jews. Finally he declared: "I do not have the blood of Jews on my hands." He also denied that he was a leader of the Latvian Perkonkrust Party. He claimed his only contact with Ajars, its leader, had been to repair some trucks. "I was too busy for politics and Jew-killing," he said.

But the affidavits against him, impressive in their detail, tell a different story. Another thing is clear, and it doesn't need the policemen at his door or the pistol on his hip to emphasize it. Herbert Cukurs is a very frightened man.

So are the other ex-Nazis.



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# Eichmann Unit Linked To Death Commandos

JERUSALEM, May 5 (AP).—The terror of the "Einsatzgruppen," the Nazi death commandos who rounded up the Jews during World War II for bloody massacres, was resurrected today by prosecution witnesses in the trial of Adolf Eichmann.

Attorney General Gideon Hausner told the court he had evidence that "Eichmann's department was in the very center of this plan."

An official report on the Einsatzgruppen activities in the Baltic, made by Eichmann's "old friend" Franz Walter Stahlbecker, was introduced by Mr. Hausner as evidence on the death commandos.

He said the report spoke of killing more than 100,000 Jews as if it were "speaking of the canning of sardines or of herring."

Testimony on an Einsatzgruppen operation in Poland came from Abraham Aviel, who said he was a boy of 14 when the Germans occupied his village near Radom, Poland.

### Death March Starts

"In April, 1942, the Germans closed off the ghetto," Mr. Aviel said. "About 100 Jews were given spades and were marched off to the west. My father was in that group. After about half an hour we heard automatic weapons fired."

"We knew what was in store for us, but there was nothing we could do. Then a second group was marched off. This included my brother. I tried to join him. The Germans would not let me. Hours went by. I tried to hide my family in the attic."

"Suddenly, there was again some terrible noise. German troops arrived on motorcycles. One German blocked the entrance of our house. Another searched the rooms. People driven out were beaten with rubber truncheons."

Eventually, Mr. Aviel said, the Germans discovered his family and they all were marched off to join about 1,000 other Jews who were led away to a graveyard.

"When we got there, we were told to kneel, heads down."

"I was small so I could raise my head without being discovered. In front of me there was a large trench, about 30 yards long. People were made to undress on the edge of the trench. Then there was a machinegun burst. One girl refused to undress. They hit her and then she was shot, too."

### Flees From Graves

"I saw a group of Jews digging graves. My brother was among them. I saw him. At that moment I thought, 'One must survive so he can tell what happened.'"

"I jumped forward. I man-

aged to reach the end of the road."

Mr. Aviel said he joined his brother on the grave-digging detail and succeeded in returning to the ghetto. A few days later the two fled to the woods where they met their father.

His father and brother were later killed as partisans, Mr. Aviel said.

Eleazar Kashat testified on atrocities in Latvia, where Stahlecker was in charge. He said 5,000 Jews were shot the day after the Germans occupied Riga, the Latvian capital. Mr. Kashat said a woman who had survived an Einsatzgruppen massacre told him "those who were lucky got a bullet and those who were not lucky fell into the pit and most of them suffocated."

Mr. Kashat said that Latvians collaborated with the Germans in the massacres.

"One of them, Herbert Zuckus, is living in Argentina today," he declared. "I saw him kill women and children myself. Of course, today he claims, as many do, that he helped the Jews."

He said the Jews tried to organize an underground but a German search of the Riga ghetto in 1943 produced weapons and a list of partisan fighters, who were then executed.

Mr. Kashat told the court that out of 100,000 Jews in all of Latvia, only 800 survived. There was a gasp when he spoke the figure.

Additional evidence submitted by Mr. Hausner told of a meeting in May of 1941 when Nazi security police chief Reinhard Heydrich instructed the Einsatzgruppen commanders.

Mr. Hausner also introduced testimony given at the Nuernberg trial by Walter Noske, an official in Heydrich's office, whose job was to co-ordinate the Einsatzgruppen reports.

Noske was quoted as testifying that "Eichmann's group was in the very core of this plan."

Eichmann made frequent notes as Mr. Hausner quoted from Noske's testimony. The defense counsel, Dr. Robert Servatius, rose and said he would "like very much to hear this witness."

The prosecutor said according to information he had, Noske was sentenced to life in prison for war crimes after the war but that his term was commuted and that he was freed in 1951.

Both Dr. Servatius and Mr. Hausner then said they would try to locate him.

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### CIEMOS PIE PAZĪSTAMĀ LATVIEŠU LIDOTĀJA HERBERTA CUKURA

Izmantojot gadījumu, kad ceļā uz Ziemeļameriku kuģis 24 stundas uzkavējās Riodežaneiro, apmeklēju mūsu lidotāju Herbertu Cukuru, kas Brazīlijas galvaspilsētā uzturas jau septīto gadu. Izkāpjot Brazīlijas krastā, Cukurs savu dzīvi iesāka vārda tiešā nozīmē no kailas ielas.

Visi emigranti, kas ieceļo Brazīlijā, vispirms nokļūst uz Ilhas Flores — Puķu salas, kas ir viena no daudzajām salīņām Atlantijas okeanā, Riodežaneiro tuvumā. Tur nonāk arī Herberts Cukurs ar ģimeni — kundzi, diviem dēliem, meitu un veco māti. Uz emigrantu salas formālītātes velkas ļoti gausi, Brazīlijas ierēdņi strādā lēni un nesteidzas. Ja nezina ceļus un nav pietiekamas izmaiņas, uz salas jānodzīvo mēnešiem ilgi kā gūstekņiem. Bet Cukuram tas par garlaicīgu. Viņš kādu dienu pasaka ierēdņiem, ka viņu gaida steidzams darbs, un tūlīt visu lielo ģimeni ar laivu izceļ krastā.

Augstās palmas ar savu trūcīgo lapu galotni met skopu ēnu pie savām saknēm, jo saule stāv tieši virs galvas un visus gurdina līdz nāvei. Cukura ģimene nolēmj nakti pavadīt zem palmām. Bet tad tos pēkšņi pārsteidz tropu lietus. Tas ir tik straujš un spēcīgs, ka liekas, valā parautas visas debess slūžas. No ūdens gāzēm seši, līdz ādai izmērcēti bēgļi paslēpjas uz tuvākās nama terases. Drīz iznāk bārdains saimnieks un kaut ko saka galīgi nesaprotamā svešā valodā. Bet viņa sejā nav dusmu pazīmes, un viņš ar roku rāda uz ieejas pusi. Pirmā nakts patstāvīgajā dzīvē ir nodrošināta.

Nākošajā rītā starp divaini stāviem kalniem, kur okeana ūdeņi izplūst lēzenā ezerā, kāds vīrs no salasītiem dēļu gabaliem un kokiem taisa plōstu. Pievakarē uz plōsta jau parādās dēļu būda. Tā ir Cukura ģimenes jaunā mājvieta. „Dzīvoklis“ nu ir nodrošināts, bet kur rast darbu un līdzekļus? Idejā drīz rokā. Riodežaneiro gadās dažī izpalīdzīgi tautieši, kas aizdod drusku naudas. Liels nekas nav, bet lietpratīgi rīkojoties

tais auto ar lielu ātrumu trauc pa Rio—Sanpaulo autoceļu uz aerodromu. Pretim angāriem uz skrejceļa sarindotas vairākas lidmašīnas. Tie ir Herberta Cukura būvētie lidaparāti. Daži lidaparāti novietoti angaros, kur atrodas arī mehāniskās darbnīcas un lidmašīnu būvētava. Šeit darbus vada Cukura vecākais dēls. Citas darbnīcas atrodas citā pilsētas rajonā, kurās laika trūkuma dēļ neizdevās apskatīt. Daži jaunākie sporta modeļi jau pārdoti. Pēdējā laikā Cukurs sācis būvēt arī speciāla tipa lidmašīnas fazendu vajadzībām ar lielu ātrumu un vieglām nosēšanās spējām.

Sēžamies kādā jaunākā tipa lidaparātā un izriņķojam vairākus lokus virs pilsētas. Mašīna ir 4 vietīga un jūtamiem apmēram kā auto sēdekļos. Tā ir Cukura „ģimenes mašīna“ ar kuru tas parasti izbrauc vikendos dažus simtu kilometru Brazīlijas iekšienē. „Šī zeme ir par plašu auto satiksmēi un tas skrej pārāk lēni,“ saka Cukurs un piemetina: „18. novembrī brauksim nosvinēt kopā ar Sanpaulo latviešiem.“

#### H. CUKURA DZĪVES VIETĀ

Pēc isas atpūtas aeroklubā bufetē, dodamies uz Herberta Cukura dzīvesvietu. Braucam kādā stāvā kalnā. Jaunais Buiks nemaz nejūt kalna stāvumu un, pārvarot visas sākos likumus un pagriezienus, apstājas skaistas, divstāvu mājas priekšā, kuru apšalc palmas u. c. dailumkoki, kas pašlaik visi spilgtos ziedos. No terases, kur pie atspirdzinājuma glāzes vadām laiku, atklājas skaists skats uz lejā izbūvētām bagātnieku savrupmājām un dārziem. Pie paša terases loga no stāvas kraujas gāžas lejā kalna strauts. Cukurs ieminas, ka tas viņam atgādinaot lauku dzirnavu šalkoņu. Viņam vislabāk tik uzkavēties šinī terasē, kur gar sienām novietotas daudzas relikvijas no tālajiem pasaules aplidojumiem Latvijas brīvvalsts laikā.

Vakarā esam vietējās mazās latviešu kolonijas viesi. Lifts paceļ mūs kādā debesskrāpja 12. stāvā. Cukuram parādotes, sa-



ar to pietiek, lai pagatavotu pirmo laivu.

#### PIRMIE PANĀKUMI

Pēc pusgada Cukuram jau ir ducis glītu laiviņu, kurās iekšā sēdētājs var dzīt ar kāju kustībām — t. s. „ūdens velosipedi.“ Agrākā māja uz pļosta jau izveidota par īpatnēju ūdens bāru, un netrūkst apmeklētāju pat no galvaspilsētas bagātnieku aprindām. Rodrigue Freites ezerā, Alaha dārza malā, kur darbojas Cukura uzņēmums, katru dienu ir nepātraukta rosība. Strādā visi ģimenes locekļi, kas tomēr vēl nespēj apkalpot jauno uzņēmumu. Daudzreiz jāstrādā pat pāri pusnaktij, kad uz ezera vēlas izbraukt klusi pāriši, lai vienatnē izbaudītu tropu nakts romantiku. Un tad kādu dienu no ezera krasta pacēlas sidraboti putni — Cukura būvētās sporta lidmašīnas, kurās tiek vizināti Brazīlijas bagātāko aprindu ļaudis.

Sensāciju kārie žurnālisti drīz atklāj jauno pasākumu. Centīgais imigrants pat nespēj atkauties no to uzmanības. Gari apraksti un foto uzņēmumi parādās daudzos galvaspilsētas laikrakstos un žurnālos. Tas ir signāls visiem Brazīlijas žīdiem sākt savu akciju. Tie seņ jau meklējuši Herbertu Cukuru, nu tas viņiem iekritis tikpat kā rokās. Sākas darbs Brazīlijas izmeklēšanas iestādēm un policijai. Žurnālistiem atkal jauns pļaujas laiks: Abas puses sīvi cīnās un meklē pierādījumus un attaisnojumus. Bet kad cīņa ievelkas garumā, uzbrucējiem zūd pacietība. Tie pūli ierodas ezermalā un sadauza Cukura laivas un lidaparātus. Ar to cīņa apklust, un iestādes biezos izmeklēšanas materiālu sējumus var nolikt vecos arhīvos. Vai traucis kādreiz atjaunosies, to tagad nezina arī pats Herberts Cukurs, bet viņa uzņēmums ir izpostīts un šķiet uz visiem laikiem.

Ilgu laiku par Cukuru nebija vairs nekas dzirdams. Kad pirms pāris nedēļām to atkal satieku Riodežaneiro, man cietu roku sniedz vīrs ar bronzas krāsas seju. Drīz vien viņa veikli vadī-

konorķestris partrauc savu dziesmu un mums par lielu pārsteigumu atskan — latvju tautas dziesmu maršs! Izrādās, ka esam ieradusies Rio latviešu kolonijas klubā, kur notika arī šī gada 18. novembra piemiņas akts.

„Apakšējā stāvā ir žīdu birojs, kur tika kalti visi apsūdzības plāni pret mani,“ saka Herberts Cukurs un piemetina: „Tagad tie visi gul vecos arhīvos.“

„Un kā ir ar laiviņu izirēšanas uzņēmumu Alaha dārzā?“ iejautājos.

„To es nekad vairs nedomāju atjaunot, kaut arī saņemtu atļauju šo pasākumu turpināt. Manas lidmašīnas jau pazīst visā Dienvidamerikā, un saimnieciski tagad jūtos tik stiprs, ka otrreiz mani neizdosies izputināt,“ ar stingru pārliecību saka Cukurs.

Brazīlijas galvaspilsētas labākā rajonā Cukuram pieder arī liels apbūves gabals, kam apkārt izauguši jau daudzi jauni debeskrāpji. Cukurs ir pārliecināts, ka nākamgad tur pacelsies viņa jaunais īpašums, kura stāvu skaits nebūs mazāks.

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#### CEĻA VĀRDI

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Tiem ļaudim, kam nekā nav, parasti visas lietas ir labā kārtībā. Balzaks

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## Israeli Envoy Linked to Killing Of Latvian Nazi in Montevideo

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MONTEVIDEO, Uruguay, the slain former Nazi, was quoted March 9 (UPI). The state police today as having said that he charged today that an Israeli diplomat no longer in Montevideo was involved in the murder here of Herbert Albert Cukurs, a Nazi war criminal.

The charge coincided with a wave of anti-Semitism in the aftermath of the slaying. Swastika-marked daubings have appeared on walls reading, "Kill the Jews."

Anonymous telephone callers have threatened to bomb synagogues in the city. Police chief Alejandro Otero said he had received a telephone call threatening him with death.

The police said that the slaying of Cukurs, whose body was found at a beach house here last Saturday was an act of "Jewish vengeance," apparently planned originally as a kidnapping. They reported that Cukurs had been slain while struggling with the Israeli diplomat and four professional criminals hired to kidnap him.

Cukurs was accused at the Nuremberg war crimes trials of having killed 32,000 Latvian Jews in 1941.

His body was found stuffed into a trunk in a bedroom of the beach house. A group calling itself Those Who Shall Never Forget had announced the murder in West Germany and told where the body could be found.

An autopsy today disclosed that Cukurs was killed during the afternoon of Feb. 24, and not Feb. 23 as originally presumed. Death was said to have been caused by repeated blows on the head.

The autopsy also revealed that Cukurs was not shot. Earlier police reports had said he had been shot three times.

The police chief declined to disclose the name of the Israeli diplomat alleged to have been involved in the murder.

Warrants have been issued for the arrest of the diplomat, two Austrians known to have been living in the beach house prior to Cukurs' murder, and two Frenchmen. All five suspects, however, have since left Montevideo.

### Soviet Involvement Reported

SAO PAULO, Brazil, March 9 (AP)—Gunnar Cukurs, son of

the slain former Nazi, was quoted today as having said that Soviet agents might have been involved in his father's death.

The police here said the younger Cukurs had told them that his father had been sought as much by the Russians as by the Jews. The Russians, it was said, were interested in him for his wartime activities against the Communists in Latvia, now a part of the Soviet Union.

According to the police, Gunnar Cukurs worked with his father running an airplane rental and tourist excursion business in São Paulo. The police quoted the younger Cukurs as having said his father had gone to Montevideo Feb. 22 on a business trip.

The elder Cukurs, a Latvian who had joined a Nazi organization, was reported to have come to Brazil in 1946.

### Donn Deputies Threatened

BONN, March 9 — Many members of the West German Parliament received an anonymous letter today threatening death to any who voted for continued prosecution of Nazi war criminals.

The swastika-headed letters reached the mailboxes of Deputies of the Bundestag or lower house and numerous journalists on the eve of a Parliamentary debate on the statute of imitations on Nazi crimes.

During the debate, coming after weeks of heated public discussion, a solid Parliamentary majority is expected to vote for an extension of the 20-year statute on murder committed under the Nazis. The statute is scheduled to expire May 8, the 20th anniversary of the German surrender in World War II.

Bundestag Deputies have received anonymous Nazi letters, containing threats and libel, on several occasions in the past. In some of these cases the senders turned out to be foreign fascists.

### Death Penalty Ban Defeated

BOSTON, March 9 (AP) — The Massachusetts Senate defeated on a voice vote today a bill to abolish the death penalty in the state. The action was taken without debate.

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