

Capture High S. S. Officer

(By The Associated Press)

STUTTGART, Germany, Oct. 22 — United States constabulary troops and German police supported by tanks swept through Stuttgart's ruined underworld tonight in a second series of raids against terrorists who bombed an American military police station and two German denazification offices Saturday.

It was expected that all-night searches would be conducted for the German extremists whose identity may have been disclosed by a high S. S. officer who was captured last night. German police said the officer had promised to disclose to American agents the names of the perpetrators of the most serious violence yet in the American zone.

Hotels, cafes and bomb-damaged hideouts were searched in two separate operations tonight. German police said several score persons were arrested tonight and last night.

A protest strike, largest organized demonstration of the American occupation, was called by left-wing trade unions and supported by the four major political parties here. Workers left their benches in nearly all Stuttgart's factories.

Maori Districts Important Factor

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WELLINGTON, N. Z., Oct. 23 — (CP) — One of the brightest features of New Zealand general elections is always the campaign for the four Maori seats in the House of Representatives. The Maori election this year will be held on November 26, the day before the polling for the 76 European seats in the House.

Although the four Maori seats are in all respects equal to the others and the Maori M. P.s have full rights with European members, the Maoris have their own ways of conducting election campaigns.

Maoris are natural orators and there are always many anxious to stand for Parliament. Those who fail to gain nomination for one of the main political parties often stand as independents and it is not unusual to find eight or nine candidates for a single seat. Nominations for the coming election have not yet closed, but numerous candidates have already announced that they will stand.

dates arrange a joint election meeting. Sometimes two or more candidates stand at different sides or ends of the hall or meeting house and address the audience in turn. The one who wins greatest applause takes over the meeting while his rivals withdraw. The audience and the favored candidate discuss the political situation at length, often until two or three in the morning.

Many candidates are chieftains or men of high descent and in the past the opinions of tribal elders have had the greatest bearing on results. In recent years, however, the European political divisions have been more decisive and all four seats are at present held by official Labor nominees.

Opposition Hopeful

However, the National party says it hopes to capture at least two of the Maori seats. In one, Sir Apirana Ngata, a former Cabinet Minister, who was narrowly beaten at the last election after 38 years continuously in Parliament, is again standing for the party.

The four Maori electorates cover the whole of New Zealand, three in the North Island and one in the South. Maoris have been represented in Parliament for 80 years, since the early days of parliamentary government in the Dominion. Persons of more than half Maori descent must vote in the Maori electorates, but half-castes may vote as Maoris or Europeans as they prefer.

Until 10 years ago voting was by declaration, but with the increase of literacy Maoris now have a secret ballot in the same way as Europeans. However, no rolls of Maori electors are prepared. Natives give their name, age, tribe and sub-tribe at the polling booth and having identified themselves to the satisfaction of the returning officer, are given voting papers. Tribal pride and the general outlook of the race ensure that there are few abuses of the system.

Maori M. P.s almost always

Happenings Of A Rural District

Mr. Donald Nicholson, student minister of Hunter river Presbyterian charge, has left to resume his studies.

Mr. and Mrs. Hilton McMillan are enjoying a motor trip through the Maritimes, and will visit friends in Halifax.

The rain this past week held up the potato digging, but we look forward to some sunny days, so that the crop will be all safely gathered in.

Friends of Mr. John Carew who has been a patient in the P. E. Island Hospital ever since he had the misfortune of being shot, on the early morning of the shooting season, will be pleased to learn he expects to return home shortly. John is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Carew, Greenvale.

A number of the folk of the New Glasgow district attended the auction sale on Wednesday. 16th, of Dr. J. A. Clark's furniture, etc. Good prices were realized. Dr. Clark has retired from his work at the Experimental Farm where his services have been of great value.

A meeting of the Ladies' Aid followed. Treasurer reported the sum of twenty-two dollars on hand. A vote of thanks was tendered Mrs. Brown for inviting the meeting to her home and also for the beautiful lunch which she served, assisted by her daughter, Miss Lynette.

Mr. Pope Bagnall, who celebrated his birthday on Sunday, was honoured with the presence of members of his family, including Eric and two daughters, Pauline and Rhoda, who have visited their home very recently. A number of grandchildren added mirth to the day, while all indulged in a beautiful dinner prepared by Mrs. Bagnall, assisted by her daughter, Mrs. Houston. Mr. Bagnall's friends wish him many more happy birthdays.

The W. M. S. of New Glasgow United Church met at the home of Mrs. George Brown on the evening of Oct. 11th. Mrs. Blair Andrew led the devotional period, based on the theme: In Christlike Lives. Opening with prayer in unison, and singing hymn: Jesus Calls Us, O'er the Tumult. Scripture reading was taken from Romans 12th chapter. The leader then read an article, relative to "Our calling as church members." Mrs. Melvin McLeod, Misses Lynette Brown and Ella Temple took part in reading scripture passages containing some of the great truths of Christlike living. A poem entitled "The Indian Road" was read by Miss Martha Brown, followed by a Litany of thanks to God, respectively, Mrs. W. J. McLeod taking the leader's part. Hymn 154 was sung, followed with prayer by Mrs. R. W. Stevenson. The Indian hymn: The Jesus Road, was read responsively. Singing of hymn 362 brought "this period to a close. The president then took charge. Minutes of previous meeting read and adopted. Roll call was answered with the word "thanks" by twelve members and three visitors. Nineteen sick calls were reported made during the past month. Temperance secretary read an article Mrs. Foster Laird as herald gave a suitable reading. Mrs. W. J. McLeod read an article on Christian Stewardship. Correspondence included a letter from the supply secretary showing the need in Labrador, Newfoundland, etc. Mrs. Warfield Orr reported on a quilt in making, which is to be put together by Mrs. G. Laird and Mrs. Orr, and quilted at the home of Mrs. Melvin McLeod. Receipts for the evening were \$11.85; Thank-offering \$6.40; mite boxes, "the balance of those to be received next meeting", and mite offering \$1.85. Home was the word chosen for roll call. Mrs. Howatt to be reader, and Mrs. Andrew to be organist and have the prayer for the missionary. Miss Elsie Laird and Mrs. Foster Laird to prepare lunch. Mrs. R. W. Stevenson invited the society to meet at her home in November. Mrs. Warfield Orr was organist for the evening. Meeting closed with the Mizpah Benediction.

Several Maori M. P.s have become Cabinet Ministers and have administered European portfolios as well as that of Native Affairs with conspicuous success.



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