

RIFFRAFF REFUGE

PERON WELCOMES EUROPE'S POST-WAR DREGS

Argentina, the land of Peron and Evita and the once-proud *La Prensa*, now attracts the world's riffraff—people who butchered millions in W.W.II. Argentina's top guest in this category is Ante Pavelich, Nazi puppet president of Croatia which Hitler carved out of Yugoslavia (from '41-'45). A professional terrorist, Pavelich plotted the murder of King Alexander in Mar-seilles in '34, headed the dreaded *Ustachi* movement. In his heyday, his fanatical followers brought him a bucket of human eyes on his birthday. Reportedly he kept the bucket on his desk. Incidentally, Andre Artukovich, the "Himmler of Croatia" who killed a million Serbs and Jews on Pavelich's orders, was just arrested in L.A. He'd worked as an accountant under an alias.

Another star in dictator Peron's lineup of European outcasts is Nazi spy Otto Skorzeny. He abducted Mussolini to Germany, after anti-Fascist Italians nabbed the Duce. Skorzeny planned assassination of Gen. Eisenhower, escaped from German jail after the war.

The distaff side of European riffraff is represented by Edda Ciano. She double-crossed her father, Mussolini, her husband, Italian foreign minister Galeazzo Ciano, and then the Germans as well. In addition, Argentina swarms with ex-Nazis. Possibly among them: Hitler's missing deputy, Martin Bormann.



Is Hitler in Argentina?

Recurrent rumors place him there, although the Allies officially consider him dead. There are no denials from the usually noisy Peron.



1. Terrorist Skorzeny lives off Nazi funds he stashed away, plus royalties from his memoirs.



2. Edda Ciano was too much even for Hitler, who ordered her shot. She also lives on royalties.



3. Pavelich, butcher of Croatia, delighted in sadistic cruelties. He suffers no hardships in exile.

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