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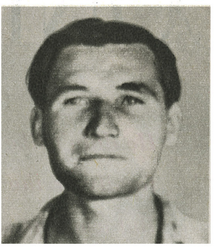
Of the 430,000 Germans and Italians held in POW camps in this country during World War II, a total of 2,803 escaped. Most were quickly caught, but a number who spoke English well attempted to assume new identities, as Pabel did, and melt into obscurity. Tracing them was a needle-in-a-haystack operation: a scant 6,000 FBI men combing almost 160,000,000 people. A Chicago police officer said after Pabel was arrested: "Any prisoner of war smart enough to go to work in a big city, as Pabel did, or lose himself on some remote farm, ought to be able to remain at large forever."

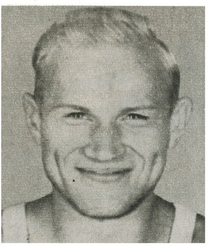
Yet today, only five escapees are still free. The FBI has weeded out and captured all the others. For the remaining five, it's probably only a matter of time before the G men catch up with them (although it might be a different matter if their fingerprints and other identifying data were not on file). You may be able to speed up the process. Here are the pictures of the Nazi POWs still at large; if any of these men look familiar to you, notify the nearest FBI office at once

Curt Richard Westphal



Now 31, Westphal, an ex-sailor and truck driver, broke out of a camp in Bastrop, La., in August, 1945. He is stocky, ruddy and blue-eyed

Werner Paul Lueck



Lueck, now 33, is blond, blue-eyed, of medium height. He weighed 167 when he escaped from Las Cruces, N.M., in November, 1945

Harry Girth

Tallest of the five, Harry Girth is a husky, blond six-footer, born in Poland. Now 27, he broke loose from Fort Dix, N.J., in June, 1946

Georg Gaertner

A former draftsman, Gaertner is 32, tall and fair, with a scar on his left index finger. He escaped from Deming, N.M., in September, 1945

Kurt Rossmeisl

Oldest of group, Rossmeisl is 46, college-educated, speaks English with British accent. Broke out of Camp Butner, N.C., August, 1945

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