# HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES FORCES EUROPEAN THEATER INFORMATION CONTROL DIVISION APO 757. U. S. Army

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SUBJECT : BAIER, Maxi, born Herber, applicant for license as

skater in ice-shows

Political classification Black D.

TO : Chief, Intelligence Section.

## Biographical

AGE 26, married; RELIGION, Protestant; VOCATION, skater; FATHER'S VOCATION, Army officer; TRAVEL, U.S.A., England and most European countries; FOREIGN LANGUAGES, some English; EDUCATION, private tutoring.

VOCATIONAL HISTORY: 1932 - '45 exhibitions as amateur or professional skater.

MILITARY: none.

PARTY AFFILIATIONS: Not a member of the NSDAP. Member of the NS Reichsbund fuer Leibesuebungen 1933 - '43, the Deutsche Studentenschaft 1942 - '43, the Reichstheaterkammer 1943 - '45, the RAD 1940.

INCOME: 1937, 10,000 RM. 1944, 40,000 RM.

OTHER DATA: Since 1933 Mrs. B- was the partner of her present husband, Mr. Baier, whose license to perform in ice-shows was withheld.

#### Political

- 1. B- belonged to vocational organizations, NS Reichsbund fuer Leibesuebungen and Reichstheaterkammer. As art student she belonged also to the Deutsche Studentenschaft and the RAD.
- 2. Since 1933, when she was 13 years old, she was the skating partner of her present husband. Both gave exhibitions in many foreign countries. Although she states that they were always invited

by foreign organizations and never sent abroad by the Nazi government, it is known that they were received by government officials. Their productions had an official character and were utilized as Nazi propaganda.

- 3. During the war both gave exhibitions in Sweden and Switzerland. It was not permissible for Germans to travel abroad during wartime excepting to serve a Nazi cause. The fact that the Baiers were given permission to do so indicates their propaganda value and trustworthiness from the Nazi point of view. The ICD directive for the "Black" category applies; ". . . or otherwise been active in or for the Nazi party".
- 4. Her income in 1937 was 10,000 RM. In 1944 it was 40,000 RM. These figures only approximate, as she says, show the great success she and her husband enjoyed under the Nazis. With him she gave exhibitions for the troops and Nazi organizations, as the DRK, WHW, KdF etc. Money gained by such exhibitions was used for war purposes. ICD directives for the category "Black" apply: "... benefited to a marked extent from the Nazi system"; also, "... voluntarily given substantial moral or material support ... to the Nazi party ...".
- 5. Mrs. B- never belonged to the BdW. Further, she is not responsible for the fact that her husband to be secured a position through Hitler's personal influence. When she was married, however, she derived profit from the job which deferred her husband from military service, was thereby able to give exhibitions with him and increase her income considerably.
- 6. She has no political interest or viewpoint. She said, that her view of politics is what her husband tells her.
- 7. As her "real reason" for screening, she said, that she never gave a performance alone since she was 13 years old, could not be a success without her husband as partner and hopes that when she will have her license, her husband will also be able to obtain it in the near future.

# Psychological

1. A completely "specialized personality", she was trained with professional seriousness since the age of 5 or 6 years by her father. He exploited her talent to the full, kept her out of school, in fact, out of the usual world of childhood, so that nothing would interfere with the development of her skill.

- 2. Somewhat emotionally impoverished and egocentric, she has passing regrets that she missed the experience of childhood.
- 3. All her travels and contacts with people of great eminence have meant very little to her except proof of acclaim.

### Recommendation

Political classification Black D. License not recommended.

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