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SPY-HUNTING IN AMERICA

New Radio Drama For ZB Stations

NOT since the days of the first Great War, when Von Rintelen, Germany's "Dark Invader," sabotaged and spread alarm through American industry and commerce, have the people of the U.S. been as "spy-conscious" as they are to-day.

It started before the war, with the film *Confessions of a Nazi Spy*, which, based on a book by an official of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, dealt a heavy blow at Nazi activities in America.

Since the war, the cabled news has frequently featured the American authorities' battle against German agents. "G-Men" have been set to investigate frequent mysterious explosions and other suspected acts of sabotage; a 500-page White Book on the activities of German societies in America was placed



side workings of the Cryptograph Bureau, known as "the black chamber." It describes the sabotaging of factories supplying war materials to the Allies, the methods used by German agents, and the counter steps taken by the U.S. Government.

The American script was bought by B.A.P., who also engaged Jack Arthur, a radio star who played the main role in the American production. Arthur has 15 years of radio, stage and screen experience. He appeared in the first commercial dramatic show broadcast in the U.S., and has since been through every phase of radio. One of his biggest assignments was his entertaining compering of *Ziegfeld Follies of the Air*. As would be expected after so many years' experience of the exact science which is American radio, his microphone technique has been developed to an acute degree.

The Cast

Jack Arthur plays the part of Bradley Drake, chief of the U.S. Cryptograph Bureau, and he is supported by a cast of well known Australian radio players, many of whom have been heard over the air in New Zealand.

Frank Bradley plays the part of Gus Kramer, secret ink expert; Queenie Ashton plays Roudana Cortez, international spy; Harvey Adams is "Barker the Hunchback"; Ronald Morse is the sinister Stanislaw Prail; Lola Kelly is Betty Lee Andrews; Hora Howard Craven is Steve, Bradley Drake's right-hand man; Lou Vernon is Sergeant Olin, kidnapper; and Lyndal Barbour is Elissa, an enemy agent.

Lola Kelly is a New Zealand girl who has done well in Australian radio, and has featured in many familiar serials, including *Mutiny on the Bounty* and *East Lynne*.

In Four Parts

Spy Exchange is divided into four separate sets of episodes. "Secret Ink" (21 episodes), concerns the discovery that there is a traitor somewhere in the Cryptograph Department, and that secrets are leaking out. There is also an exciting search for a spy known as H.19. The action of "Black Chamber Calling" (22 episodes), takes place several years after the war, with German spies apparently as active as ever, this time, trying to steal the plans of a new radio tor-

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before Congress; even in Hollywood, and movie capital, enemy agents have been uncovered.

One of the most successful radio dramas dealing with German spy activity immediately before America's entry into the last war is *Spy Exchange*, which is claimed to be as challenging and as factual as the movie *Confessions of a Nazi Spy*. It was recently produced in Australia by the B.A.P. studios, and will be released in serial form over the ZB Stations.

Authentic Details

The script of *Spy Exchange* was written by Tom Curtin, who during the Great War, was a secret agent for Lord Northcliffe, Britain's propaganda minister. Further authenticity was added by technical assistance from Major Herbert Yardley, chief of America's spy hunting department, the Cryptograph Bureau in Washington.

The scene of most of the serial is Washington, and its scheme is the in-