

Watched Spies An Asset to FBI

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WASHINGTON, July 18. — J. Edgar Hoover, director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, reported last night that his agency had just completed the busiest year in its history.

In his annual report for the year ended June 30, he disclosed that FBI agents had produced evidence which brought 1471 convictions for espionage, sabotage, Selective Service Act violations and other un-American activities.

"When under surveillance, a foreign agent becomes a valuable source of information to the FBI," Hoover explained. "Once a spy is located, and his activities and contacts carefully covered, he is rendered harmless.

"If he were apprehended immediately, his unrevealed contacts would then take cover and the enemy government would be tipped off to send a new agent to take his place." (In PM's Picture News today there is a detailed story of how the FBI watches spies.)

Meanwhile, the trial of eight Nazi saboteurs who landed from U-boats neared its close, with the Military Commission hearing evidence in the case of four Nazis who landed in Florida.

The gist of what Maj. Gen. Frank R. McCoy, president of the Commission, said was that a document had been read "identifying clothing, money and other articles belonging to one of the prisoners in the so-called Florida group."



The FBI has been cracking down on alleged aids of the eight Nazi saboteurs landed on Long Island and Florida. Here are three of six persons arrested in Chicago. From left to right they are Mrs. Kate Wergin, Lucille Froehling and Otto Richard Wergin.

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