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War Prison 'Justice'

Here is the hitherto unpublished story of Nazi terrorism in war prisoner camps within the U. S.: At frequent intervals, Nazi fanatics charge fellow prisoners with being Vaterlandverräter (traitors to the Fatherland), set up a "court," hold a "trial," and then carry out the sentence—usually a severe beating. Two months ago, one anti-Nazi prisoner was sentenced to death and beaten until dead. In all cases, these self-appointed jurists are subject to courts-martial under the Geneva convention. In the killing case, five Nazis are charged with murder and their court-martial is scheduled for Jan. 17. They are expected to plead self-defense on the grounds that the dead German gave the enemy information the effect of which they will claim was harmful to themselves and to Germany.