

1 Q When was that?

2 A I suppose a couple of years ago.

3 Q Was it prior to or after your husband's death?

4 A After.

5 Q Who is Leni Reifentahl?

6 A She is a German actress and a producer of films.

7 Q And what connection, if any, does she bear to Adolf
8 Hitler?

9 A I do not know.

10 Q You do not know of any connection?

11 A No.

12 Q At the time of your marriage to Mr. Spreckels, or
13 just prior thereto, you gave him a present, did you not?

14 A At the time of our marriage?

15 Q Yes.

16 A Yes.

17 Q And what was that?

18 A A bracelet.

19 Q And what did you have engraved on that bracelet?

20 A I think I had, "With all my love. Always Emily", and
21 a small swastika in the corner.

22 Q And a small swastika. After your marriage to Mr.
23 Spreckels you became acquainted with the German consul in Los
24 Angeles, did you not?

25 A Yes, I met him.

26 Q Where did you first meet him?

1 A I met him at the home of a friend of mine.

2 Q That is, Dr. Gyssling is the German consul?

3 A Yes.

4 Q And you met him first at the home of Mrs. Ludington;
5 is that correct?

6 (Witness shakes head in the negative.)

7 MR. RYON: I am afraid the reporter did not get the
8 answer. The answer was "No".

9 Q BY MR. ROGERS: At whose home?

10 A I would rather not say.

11 Q May I ask you to state the name?

12 A Is it all right if I state it?

13 MR. RYON: Yes.

14 A Mrs. Philip Chanslor.

15 Q BY MR. ROGERS: When was that?

16 A I think it must have been about March, 1940, -- about.
17 It was in the Spring.

18 Q March of what year?

19 A 1940.

20 Q 1940. That is this past March. You met him for the
21 first time there?

22 A Yes.

23 Q Did you have any discussion with him at that time --
24 any conversation with him?

25 A Naturally. I had lunch with him and talked to him.

26 Q Yes. At that time it was suggested that the Duke --

1 I won't guarantee the pronunciation of this. I may have the
2 same difficulty that you had -- the Duke of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha
3 be entertained?

4 A That was suggested before I met Dr. Gysseling.

5 Q That was suggested before you met him?

6 A Yes.

7 Q When you met him at this luncheon, however, the ar-
8 rangements for that and for your entertaining the Duke were
9 gone over and arranged; isn't that correct?

10 A Yes.

11 Q And you invited the Duke and his entourage to be
12 your guests at your home, is that not correct? Will you
13 speak so the reporter can get your answers?

14 A Yes.

15 Q Who is the Duke of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha?

16 A He is the grandson of Queen Victoria, and educated
17 at Oxford and Cambridge, and at the present time -- and, in
18 fact, I found out after I agreed to entertain him he was
19 president of the German Red Cross.

20 Q In fact, you knew that he was at the time a German
21 when you discussed the matter before, did you not?

22 A Not when I was first asked to entertain him, I did
23 not. I was called up and asked whether I would entertain the
24 grandson of Queen Victoria, the Duke of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha,
25 and I said I would be very happy to. And some time after that
26 maybe a day or two after I had said that I would, I picked up

1 a paper and saw that he was president of the German Red
2 Cross, and at that time I asked Mrs. Chanslor, who had asked
3 me to entertain him, if he was -- whether he was over here
4 for the German Red Cross, because I said I did not want any
5 speeches or any soliciting in my home. And she said no, it
6 was a completely unofficial visit; that he was on his way to
7 the coronation in Manchuria. And, having committed myself, I
8 went through with it.

9 Q And you knew also, at the time you arranged for this
10 entertainment with Dr. Gyssling, that he was connected with
11 the Nationalist movement in Germany, did you not?

12 A I found it out at the luncheon with Dr. Gyssling,
13 which was much too late to do anything.

14 Q Thereafter you entered into some correspondence
15 with Dr. Gyssling about the entertainment and who should be
16 invited, did you not?

17 A I do not remember the details particularly, but Dr.
18 Gyssling said he would send me a list of the people who were
19 expected to be entertained with the Duke's entourage, and I
20 do not believe I wrote back to Dr. Gyssling, but I may have,
21 confirming they would be received when they came.

22 Q Is it not a fact you also wrote to Dr. Gyssling
23 confirming that, and also told him that in the interim,
24 since your conversation, you had arranged with other persons
25 in Santa Barbara for the Duke and his entourage to see cer-
26 tain gardens and to be entertained in other homes?

1 A They asked me to do that, and I did.

2 Q You did that?

3 A Yes.

4 Q Mrs. Spreckels, upon the leaving of the Duke and his
5 entourage -- I am not going to try to pronounce the name.
6 You know whom I mean -- you invited him and his entourage
7 to return to your home on their return from Honolulu, did
8 you not?

9 A No, because I knew he was not returning. I knew he
10 was going on to Manchuria.

11 Q Then your answer is that you did not invite him to
12 return to your home?

13 A Yes.

14 Q Did he at any subsequent time visit in your home?

15 A No.

16 Q When did you advise your husband that you were enter-
17 taining the Duke and his entourage?

18 A I did not advise him. I asked his permission.

19 Q And that was after you had made the arrangements, was
20 it not?

21 A No. The arrangements had -- I told him the chances
22 are I would, subject to Adolph's approval.

23 Q How many days after that conversation was it that you
24 advised Mr. Spreckels that, subject to his approval, you were
25 going to entertain the Duke and his entourage?

26 A You mean from the time I spoke to Mrs. Chanslor?

1 Q Yes.

2 A Adolph was out of town. He was in Hot Springs,
3 Arkansas, and the night that he returned from Hot Springs we
4 had a difference, and he did not know whether we were going
5 on living together or not, and when we finally said that we
6 would try again, I said that Elsa Chancellor had asked me to
7 entertain the Duke and I had told her that if everything was
8 in order that I would be happy to do it for her. The reason
9 I said that to Mrs. Chancellor was I was not sure Adolph and I
10 were going on together, and I knew if there was a separation
11 that I in no way could entertain anybody, and then when we
12 decided he was to come back and try again, I said, "Do you
13 think it would be all right to do this favor for Elsa?" and
14 he said yes, he thought it would be a most interesting thing
15 to do and to go on with it.

16 Q Do you know the Prince Frederick Wilhelm?

17 A No.

18 Q You do not?

19 A No.

20 Q Do you know the grandson of the former Kaiser? If
21 he has more than one, - one of the grandsons.

22 A Prince Louis Ferdinand.

23 Q The Prince Louis Ferdinand was in California during
24 the time of your former marriage; is that not correct, Mrs.
25 Spreckels?

26 A Yes.

1 Q During that time you became quite friendly with him,
2 did you not?

3 A I would not say quite friendly. I saw him for one
4 day.

5 Q For one day.

6 A Yes.

7 Q And where was that?

8 A I had lunch with him with Mrs. Lawrence Fox, who gave
9 a luncheon for him, and after the luncheon I drove him into
10 the Ford agency where he had business. He took care of his
11 business while I waited for him in the car, and I took him
12 back to my mother's place with me, and we waited for the time
13 of the reception that was being given for him at Mrs. Law-
14 rence Fox', and I drove him down to the reception. And the
15 following day we flew him to Los Angeles in my husband's
16 plane and dropped him at Will Rodger's house or where he
17 could get a car to go to Will Roger's.

18 MR. RYON: I do not mean to interrupt, but I did not
19 catch the year.

20 Q BY MR. ROGERS: What year was that?

21 A I should say maybe about 1932, 1933 or 1934, - in
22 there some place.

23 Q 1932, 1933 or 1934?

24 A You can find out when he was in California at that
25 time.

26 Q During the time of that visit did you and your husband

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1 have any conversation with him concerning the political de-
2 velopments in Germany, and his relation to those?

3 A A little bit, yes.

4 Q And at that time he was considering the possibility
5 that the monarchy might be restored in Germany?

6 A He said that he had been assured that they would be.

7 Q By Adolf Hitler?

8 A Hitler or whoever would be in charge of the govern-
9 ment at that time.

10 Q And at that time you and your husband discussed with
11 him the possibility of your going to Germany at that time,
12 didn't you, -- at the time when that occurred?

13 A There was some slight discussion. I think he asked
14 why we had not been over and whether we would like to come,
15 and I think Max said that he had always wanted to return to
16 his fatherland, but he would not under the present condi-
17 tions.

18 Q And the discussion reached the point that he thought
19 in the event he was restored to the throne you and your hus-
20 band were to return there to live, and your husband was to
21 have a government position; is that right?

22 A No, I would not say that was right.

23 Q What was the substance of that?

24 A I think it was just a very general discussion that
25 if the Hohenzollerns got back things would be more pleasant
26 for us in Germany, and at that time we might consider making

1 ache, because Adolph had been so terrifically cruel to me the
2 entire day, and had persecuted me so when I got down there I
3 could not stand up straight. And I asked for an aspirin
4 tablet and they said they did not have any aspirin, but they
5 were going to send out for it. And while I was waiting for
6 it somebody said that brandy would relieve stomach cramps, so
7 I took a glass of brandy and went back to the table. And
8 our table was outdoors where it was very cool, and I got a
9 glass of brandy, a little glass about like that (indicating).

10 MR. AYON: The witness indicating about an inch and
11 a quarter by her finger.

12 A (Continuing) It got cold and my stomach got worse,
13 and then I had about two more, and then I had nothing to
14 drink for a couple of hours, and then I had a few glasses of
15 champagne and I was definitely trying to forget the torture
16 Adolph had put me through and the things he had said to me.
17 And I was trying at the time -- I was pretending that I was
18 drinking a little bit more than I was, because I wanted to
19 worry him. I wanted to show him how terrible it would be
20 if I drank like he did.

21 Q BY MR. ROGERS: On other occasions during your married
22 life you have had considerable of intoxicating liquor to
23 drink, haven't you?

24 A No.

25 Q Would you say never during your married life have
26 you engaged in drinking alcoholic liquor?

1 A No. Usually when I give a very big party I have
2 two or three glasses of champagne. I would say that would
3 have happened maybe two or three times during the time we
4 were married. And I never had hard liquor at any time, ex-
5 cept Fiesta and another time while at Coronado and I had a
6 stomach-ache and had two very small glasses of brandy.

7 Q Do you remember meeting Eddie Hillman the night of
8 the Fiesta party at the Coral Casino?

9 A Yes.

10 Q Do you remember the occurrences there?

11 A Yes.

12 Q What were those?

13 A I was dancing by Eddie Hillman and he said, "You
14 look pretty Spanish for a little Nazi". And I turned on him
15 and I said, "What do you mean by that?" And he said, "You
16 are a Nazi". And I said, "You take that back". And he said,
17 "I won't". And I danced around the floor again and I began
18 thinking about it, and I had been working very hard on the
19 Wilkie campaign and also for the Red Cross, and I came back
20 and I said, "By the way, who are you going to vote for?" And
21 he said, "I would not tell a Nazi". And I said, "Sit down
22 a moment. Why do you call me a Nazi?" And he said, "Your
23 husband has made public statements he is a Nazi, at dinner
24 parties". And I said, "Did you ever hear him say it?" And
25 he said, "No, I did not." And I said, "Don't say things
26 like that unless you know what you are talking about". And

1 he said, "You are a Nazi". And he said, "You refused to buy
2 a British flag". And I said I did; that the only flag I
3 would ever carry or wear would be an American flag. And then
4 he called me some word that I did not think he should use,
5 and I said, "I am not going to quarrel with your kind of
6 white trash", and got up and left the table.

7 Q As a matter of fact, you went there, did you not?
8 You left your table and you went over to his table to engage
9 in this discussion with him, didn't you?

10 A No. I was dancing and stopped at his table while I
11 was dancing.

12 Q I see. Mrs. Spreckels, on the second time that you
13 met Adolph Spreckels you became quite intoxicated, didn't
14 you?

15 A No.

16 Q You did not?

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18 Q You were not intoxicated at all on that occasion?

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21 A I had had something to drink, but I certainly was
22 not intoxicated.

23 Q I see.

24 A In fact, I drove my car.

25 Q Do you recall the fact that after this Fiesta party
26 your husband --- by the way, your husband was not drinking

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26 your husband --- by the way, your husband was not drinking

1 at that party, was he?

2 A At the --

3 Q At the Coral Casino Fiesta party.

4 A No.

5 Q And he took you home that evening?

6 A Yes, I went home with him.

7 Q And afterwards you had some conversation with him,
8 didn't you?

9 A I suppose so. We stayed around the living room for
10 a while.

11 Q And in that conversation you thanked him very much
12 for staying by you at the Casino and bringing you home,
13 telling him that you were very drunk and if he had not stay-
14 ed there that you might have gone out and slept with any one
15 of the number of men that you were fooling with, didn't you?

16 A No.

17 Q You did not have that conversation with him?

18 A No.

19 MR. RYON: The answer is "No".

20 Q BY MR. ROGERS: How much, during your married life,
21 have you contributed to the expenses of the family home?

22 A Adolph paid for everything, with the exception if I
23 wanted a little fountain or something built on the place, or
24 something like that, I would pay for it. But he paid for
25 all my clothes and all the upkeep of the house and all the
26 traveling expenses and automobiles.

1 Q He contributed all of that?

2 A Yes.

3 Q Except for improvements on your house?

4 A Yes.

5 Q You did contribute the house; is that it?

6 A Yes.

7 Q What do you consider to be the value of that contri-
8 bution?

9 A I do not know. I remember once he was nagging and
10 nagging and nagging at me, telling me that I married him for
11 his money and something, and whenever he got drunk he would
12 always start in on that tangent , and one time I tried to
13 show him that I was doing as much as I could or that he would
14 let me, and I wrote him a note and said -- because he had never
15 listened to me. He always called me such filthy names when
16 I tried to discuss anything with him, I decided maybe writing
17 would make things clear. And I wanted to make clear to him
18 that I had not married him for his money, and I said after
19 all I had offered to give him the house many times, outright,
20 because it seemed to stick in his heart or something that it
21 was my house. He would always say, "Your house!" And one
22 time I had ordered a drunk out of the house, and he said,
23 "You could not have done that if it was mine". And I said,
24 "I would have done that in anybody's house, but if you want
25 this house, I will give it to you, because it is all I have
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1 to give. And he kept refusing it, and finally I sent him
2 this note and said, "I have tried to do everything I could
3 to make this a half way decent life, and I have given you
4 what I had, which is this home", and I said, "You are giving
5 me \$2,000 a month to support it, but I imagine in cold fig-
6 ures I could probably rent it for a thousand or fifteen
7 hundred dollars, so you are not really contributing such a
8 tremendous amount". I was trying to show him --

9 Q In other words, your statement was that you could
10 probably rent it for a thousand or fifteen hundred dollars a
11 month?

12 A Something like that. I do not remember. I wrote
13 the letter hurriedly and I did it in desperation. I was
14 trying to make him see what I could give and what --

15 Q Did you ever give the Nazi salute, Mrs. Spreckels?

16 A Once, under protest.

17 MR. ROGERS: That is all.

18 MR. RYON: That is all.

19 MR. ROGERS: Mr. Ryon, there are one or two questions, I
20 think, which were not answered. There were some this morning
21 which were not answered. My suggestion on that would be
22 this: that after both depositions are tentatively written
23 up and presented for signature, we might go over those. Pos-
24 sibly some of those answers might be given at that time,
25 which would eliminate the necessity of further proceedings.
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1 So we might work it out on that basis, and wait until that
2 time before taking further proceedings, with the understand-
3 ing, of course, they will not be signed until full opportu-
4 nity has been given.

5 MR. RYON: But you wish the stipulation made in the re-
6 verse?

7 MR. ROGERS: As to both of them, yes.

8 MR. RYON: The same stipulation you made in reference
9 to the notary coming in and propounding the questions.

10 MR. ROGERS: Yes.

11 MR. MC MAHON: Mr. Rogers' statement goes farther than
12 that. His suggestion is when the depositions are written up,
13 opportunity be given both witnesses to determine at that
14 time whether they want to stand on their refusal or give the
15 answer at that time.

16 MR. ROGERS: Yes, before proceeding further.

17 MR. MC MAHON: Is that agreeable, Harrison?

18 MR. RYON: Yes. I am not stating I will furnish all of
19 them. I do not know that I will, until I have had an oppor-
20 tunity to go over it. I will consider whether they are
21 material or not, and if I do not in any case, it is under-
22 stood this deposition for that purpose is continued, the same
23 as it was in the other case.

24 MR. ROGERS: Yes.

25 MR. RYON: I do not understand what some of the things
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1 are and I may refuse to furnish them voluntarily.

2 MR. MC INTYRE: They may not be available.

3 (Discussion off the record.)
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6 Emily Hall Spritzer
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8 Subscribed and sworn to before me
9 this 18th day of March, 1941
10 ~~October~~, 1940.

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12 Mabel Reynolds

13 Notary Public in and for the County of
14 Santa Barbara, State of California.
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1 STATE OF CALIFORNIA, }
2 County of Santa Barbara. } ss.

3 I, MABEL REYNOLDS, DO HEREBY CERTIFY:

4 That I am a Notary Public in and for Santa Barbara
5 County, California, duly commissioned and qualified to ad-
6 minister oaths; that EMILY HALL SPRECKELS, the witness in
7 the foregoing deposition named, was before the commencement
8 of her deposition by me duly sworn to testify the truth, the
9 whole truth, and nothing but the truth; that said deposi-
10 tion was taken before me as such Notary Public pursuant to
11 stipulation and subpoena, at 2:00 o'clock p.m., Wednesday,
12 October 2, 1940, at the offices of Schauer, Ryon & McMahon,
13 26 East Carrillo Street, Santa Barbara, California; that
14 said deposition was taken down in shorthand writing by D. L.
15 Hossack, a disinterested shorthand reporter, and was there-
16 after transcribed into typewriting under my direction and
17 supervision; that said deposition, when so completed, was
18 read over, corrected and signed by said witness in my presence.

19 I FURTHER CERTIFY that I am neither counsel for nor
20 related to any party to said action, nor in any wise interest-
21 ed in the result or outcome thereof.

22 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name
23 and affixed my official seal, this 18th day of March, 1941
24 ~~October, 1940.~~

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26 Notary Public in and for the County of
Santa Barbara, State of California.