

Eichmann's aide said to be in U.S. as war refugee

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A close collaborator of Adolf Eichmann — architect of Hitler's master plan for the annihilation of European Jewry—is living somewhere in the United States, according to Simon Wiesenthal, the world famous Nazi hunter, and Justin Finger, a senior official of the Bnai Brith Anti-Defamation League.

"We don't have a date on when he entered the country, and we don't know what name he used," Finger said, commenting on reports that former SS-Obersturmbannführer (Lieutenant-Colonel) Otto Albrecht von Bolschwing, entered the United States after the Second World War, posing as a Nazi victim. "Our best and last information is that Bolschwing is in California — that was reported some five or six months ago."

In his annual report to directors of the Jewish Documentation Center, the organization he heads in Vienna, Austria, Wiesenthal lists Bolschwing as a possible U.S. resident.

Bolschwing's collaboration with Eichmann, according to Wiesenthal, began in 1937, shortly after Bolschwing was "expelled by the British from his then place of residence, Haifa (then under the British mandate of Palestine), because of espionage for the Germans."

In 1940, Wiesenthal reports, Bolchwing left Eichmann's staff and went to work again for Walter Schellenberg, head of the SS's espionage division. "In his memoirs, Eichmann notes that . . . he lost a very valuable man," Wiesenthal writes.

Schellenberg first sent Bolschwing to Romania, then the Netherlands. Bolschw-

ing was arrested in Austria in 1943, after which he was demoted to the rank of an ordinary SS man.

"His crime could not have been a political one," Wiesenthal says, "otherwise, Eichmann would not have visited him in jail and persuaded Gestapo Chief Heinrich Muller not to have him put on trial."

ADL files show that Bolschwing was

born in Schonbruch, Germany on October 16, 1909. He joined the Nazi party on April 1, 1932. His SS number was 353603.

Before his demotion he was promoted to Hauptsturmführer and awarded the "war service cross second class with swords."

The records also note that he speaks English and French.

ADL sources report that Bolschwing is the subject of an investigation by the Justice Department's Criminal Division.

"I will only say that our policy in this office is not to discuss cases that have not been filed in court," said Allan Ryan, an attorney with the Department's Special Litigation Unit.