



Boleslavs Maikovskis in 1951, left, when he came to the U.S., and during World War II. Photo at right is from a 1962 pamphlet in Latvian, "Daugavas Vanagi."

Deportation Inquiry Reopened In L. I. Alien's War-Crime Case

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The deportation investigation of a Latvian alien sentenced to death in absentia for World War II war crimes has been reopened here by the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

The service said that new evidence against the Latvian, who lives on Long Island, had come to light recently during the deportation proceedings against former Nazi prison camp guard, Hermine Braunsteiner Ryan, who lives in Queens.

The Latvian alien is Boleslavs Maikovskis of 232 Grant Avenue in Mineola. Mr. Maikovskis, a 69-year-old carpenter, had been sentenced to death in absentia by a Latvian war crimes tribunal in 1965. He had been charged with carrying out the orders of Eduardo Rauschmann known as the "Butcher of Riga," and other S.S. officials during the German occupation of Latvia in World War II.

In June, 1965, the Soviet Government asked for Mr. Maikovskis' extradition.

Sol Marks, regional director of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, disclosed this week that he had appointed Anthony J. DeVito, an investigator normally assigned to the chief trial counsel, Vincent A. Schiano, to carry out the new investigation. Mr. DeVito had been conducting the investigation in the case against Mrs. Ryan, with Mr. Schiano handling the prosecution.

Mr. DeVito disclosed yesterday that his inquiries in the Ryan case had turned up documents and other information relating to former Nazis and Nazi sympathizers in the United States.

Earlier Investigation

While in this country, Mr. Maikovskis has been active in Latvian-American organizations, both as a member and an officer. Some of the groups seek the restoration of a non-Communist government in Latvia.

He came to the United States in 1951 as a displaced person, accompanied by his wife. Under questioning by investigators back in 1965, Mr. Maikovskis asserted that his father had been killed by the Communists in Latvia.

Jailed by Russians

When the Russians occupied his country, he was jailed for three weeks as an anti-Communist. Later, after the Germans took over, he attended Baltic University in Pinnberg, Germany, in 1941. One Federal official charged that he was at the university to attend an S.S. school, but that was no confirmation.

Mr. Maikovskis refused to answer many questions in the earlier investigation of his alleged affiliations with the Nazis, and the matter was subsequently dropped.

Mr. Maikovskis was unavailable for comment on the reopening of the government investigation. He has an unlisted telephone number. Earlier he had denied the charges leveled against him, calling them propaganda "of which not 1 per cent is right."

Meanwhile, it was learned that the Government of Poland has been holding talks with officials here on the possibility of having Mrs. Ryan extradited to face trial for war crimes in the country where she allegedly