The following article by Virginia Prewett, the correspondent of the Chicago Sun in Buenos Aires and who makes occasional contributions to the Washington Post appeared in the issue of the Washington Post for either October 20 or October 21, 1946:

"MANDL SETS UP FASCIST PAPER IN ARGENTINA"

"By Virginia Prewett"

"Buenos Aires, Oct. 20.—Fritz Mandl, Austrian munitions king who supplied ammunition for Mussolini's Ethiopian war and simultaneously armed the Austrian Heimwehr and their enemies, the German Nazis, has selected newspaper publishing in Argentina as his field of postwar expansion.

"Though blacklisted by the Allies for representing the Hermann Goering Works in Argentina and nicked for his airplane factory, IMPA, by the Argentine alien property control board, Mandl still has a vast financial empire intact in Argentina, Uruguay and Peru, with holdings in Paraguay and Chile.

"Mandl's latest venture is backing a daily newspaper to be published in Rosario, Argentina's second largest city. His agents are negotiating for equipment to start papers in Buenos Aires and Cordoba.

"Staffed by Fascists"

"The new Rosario daily will be called La Provinciana.

"Mandl's interests in the company are represented by his lawyer, Miguel Angel Martinez. The editorial staff includes well known Argentine and Italian fascists.

"The company will be capitalized for $750,000.

"Mandl, whose last trip to the United States was in 1939, when he was accompanied by a Nazi official and a technician from the Hermann Goering Works, has recently applied for a visa to return there. He was turned down, but still hopes his efforts to whitewash his record will go over with our State Department officials."
Forty-six-year-old Mandl, once the husband of Hedy Lamarr and builder of several financial empires, is a naturalized Argentine citizen now.

Began Shift in 1937

He began to shift his holdings to South America in 1937 and when he made his first deal with the local Nazis and 'readjusted' their line to suit Berlin better. His first deal was selling the Argentineans military equipment they had to discard as obsolete and unusable.

After the annhliuss, Mandl received a German passport, a million pounds of sterling in gold and a 'certificate of Aryan race,' in return for his German and Austrian munitions factories and services to be rendered.

Those services included representing the Hermann Goering Works in Argentina and acting as link with the pro-German army clique here.

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