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In the days following the collapse of the Austro-Hungarian monarchy (1919) a Viennese girl with a doubtful reputation, Miss Hede Thune, married Gerhart Eisler, the famous Communist now detained in the United States. After several years of marriage to Gerhart Eisler, she was divorced from him and married Mr. Julian Gumperz, another prominent Communist who now lives in the United States. Then in the early thirties, she married Dr. Paul Massing, equally a member of the clandestine Soviet organization who also lives at present in the United States. All the three husbands of Hede Thune were agents of the Soviet Military Intelligence, as was also Hede Thune, who at one time or another became the wife of these three men. Miss Thune when married to Eisler was not yet a Communist but was induced very soon after their marriage, by Gerhart Eisler, her first husband, to join the Communist Party, which she did merely in order to please him.

Due to Eisler's high position in the Soviet clandestine organization, his wife, Mrs. Hede Eisler, also obtained some importance in the secret work. In 1926 she was sworn in as an agent for the G.P.U. and worked in the espionage network of the famous Ignatz Reisz, a key Russian spy working for Soviet Military Intelligence who was murdered by the G.P.U. in Lausanne, Switzerland, in 1937 during the purge of the Trotskyites. Reisz was a Trotskyite himself and had turned against Stalin. After the murder of Ignatz Reisz, Hede Eisler continued to work for the G.P.U., at least until 1941, and has boasted to her Communist friends that she had repeatedly traveled (under assumed names) between Moscow and the United States as a courier, carrying money from the Soviets to America for the Communist organizations.

Mr. Julian Gumperz, the second husband of Hede Thune, was also an agent of the Soviet Military Intelligence. He came to American after Hitler's advent to power in Germany, under the pretense of being a political refugee. He was, in fact, a member of a network established in America by the Soviet Military Intelligence. By that time, Hede Thune had divorced Julian Gumperz and had married her third husband, Dr. Paul Massing, also a Communist, who was a teacher in Frankfort, Germany, and occupied a higher post in the Soviet Military Intelligence than did his wife, Miss Hede Thune, with whom he became acquainted during their espionage work. After Hitler's advent to power, Dr. Paul Massing and his wife, Hede Thune, were ordered to join, in America, the network of Soviet Military Intelligence, and thus in 1933 or 1934 they sailed for the United States also as political refugees from Nazism.

Miss Hede Thune and her second and third husbands (Gumperz and Massing) were all members of the espionage network headed by the aforementioned Ignatz Reisz. They worked for him at first upon their arrival in the United States. In the year 1936, Ignatz Reisz himself was ordered by

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