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AT THE CENTRE OF POWER. THE MANY FACES OF MAXIMILIAN RONGE, DIRECTOR OF THE K.U.K. SECRET SERVICE

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Maximilian Ronge was the last director of the Austrian k.u.k. monarchy's secret service. His career shows several similarities to the one of Admiral Wilhelm Canaris, who headed the German military intelligence service under the Nazi regime. Ronge was an important figure in the time of the Austro-Hungarian monarchy and also later, when Austria had become a republic. He used his extended networks of spies against "all kinds of traitors", secessionists, socialists and Bolsheviks. Before 1938, no spy in Austria could possibly evade him. Even after being released from the Dachau concentration camp, Ronge continued his activities. After the end of WW II, he cooperated with the American occupants to set up a new secret service in Austria. These are only a few milestones in Ronge's career. In the...

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