

RENDEL Adolf

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Biography

Adolf RENDEL was of German origin.

Before he came to Luxembourg around 1927 he was operating a *Knopf- und Metallwarenfabrik* in Barmen/Wuppertal. He took up residence in Luxembourg to set up a similar factory.

To this effect he founded in June 1927 with local partners the company MARCEL (*Manufacture d'articles en métal et celluloïd*). The new company absorbed the Mamer-based company “*La Métallique*”, *Usine d'estampage et d'emboutissage*, and kept its seat registration in Mamer.

RENDEL's place of residence was “*Mamer/Schloss*”.

By November of 1927, however, the company was already dissolved.

RENDEL pursued his project by setting up his own company in 1928 in Luxembourg-city (14a rue de Strasbourg) under the name of *Rendel & Cie*. His partner was Cerf ISRAËL: ¹

Ordentliche, jüngere Mädchen für leichte, saubere und lohnende Beschäftigung gesucht von Knopffabrik RENDEL & Cie., Luxemburg, Straßburgerstraße, 14a

In November of 1931 the company was converted to a *société anonyme*, took on the name of RECO s.a. and moved to 75 Hollericherstrasse. The company presumably closed the *Knopffabrik* and turned to manufacturing polish, including containers for polish: ²

Zum sofortigen Eintritt suchen wir gegen hohen Lohn einen erfahrenen zuverlässigen Wichskocher.

Reco A.-G., vorm. Rendel u. Cie., Hollericherstr., 75.

RECO s.a. at the same time announced the creation of a subsidiary in Mersch: ³

Zum ersten Mal seit 17 Jahren rauchte vorgestern wieder der Schlot der hiesigen Lederfabrik. Leder wird wohl keines mehr hier fabriziert werden, wohl aber Wichse und eine Anzahl verwandter Artikel. Die Fabrik wurde von der Firma Reco (Rendel u. Co., früher Luxemburg) übernommen. Das Werk soll erst allmählich ausgebaut werden.

In January of 1932 RECO recruited workers for its new subsidiary in Mersch: ⁴

Jugendl. intell. Arbeiterinnen für unsere Fabrik in Mersch gesucht von Reco, A. G., Luxemburg, vorm. Rendel u. Cie.

In November 1932 the local press reported further: ⁵

Die Firma Reco, Aktiengesellschaft, vormals Rendel u. Cie., Fabrik chemisch-technischer Produkte, wird binnen kurzem ihre in Luxemburg befindliche Metallwarenfabrik in ihre eigenen Fabrikgebäude verlegen. Ferner hat vorgenanntes Unternehmen seine deutschen Patentrechte auf seine in allen Kulturstaaten patentierte Gewindedose an ein deutsches, führendes Haus der Schuhcremebranche verkauft. Als Preis wird die Summe von 80 000 Reichsmark genannt.

In 1933 the company RECO was restructured, changed its name to: *Usines Luxembourgeoises pour le Travail du Métal, en abréviation “Ultrametal”*, and transferred its seat to Mersch. ⁶

The manufacturing site of Luxembourg-city was also transferred to Mersch, as previously announced.

Adolf RENDEL was no longer a shareholder of the new company and probably left Luxembourg for his home city Barmen/Wuppertal around 1933.

¹ *Luxemburger Wort*, 31 October 1928, page 6

² *Luxemburger Wort*, 20 November 1931, page 12

³ *Luxemburger Wort*, 25 November 1931, page 6

⁴ *Luxemburger Wort*, 9 January 1932, page 8

⁵ *Luxemburger Wort*, 11 November 1932, page 5

⁶ *Mémorial du Grand-Duché de Luxembourg, Recueil spécial*, 16 May 1933, pages 3-4

In May of 1935 the company “*Ultrametal*” was dissolved and declared bankrupt in March 1936 .Its assets were sold in a public auction. ¹

In December 1937 RENDEL filed a German patent application giving evidence that he was then again resident in Barmen/Wuppertal.

He obtained his last patent in 1951, still living in Barmen/Wuppertal.

It has not been possible to obtain genealogical data on Adolf RENDEL.

¹ In 1958, the liquidation of “*Ultrametal*” had still not been completed! (*Luxemburger Wort*, 4 July 1958, page 8)