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Lot 597, a granite Bust belonging to the late proprietor was a feature of the selling-up of the German Embassy. This and such items as Ribbentrop's dress sword made it as fantastic an auction sale as you're likely to see. Ribb and his side kicks did themselves well. They had two of everything - and a few left over for spares. To housewives, the china looked like a pre-utility dream - not that ordinary folk had much chance of buying any - prices soared a long way out of reach of average pocket books. Show pieces of Dresden china, and an elaborate Ormulu chandelier attracted a lot of attention. Also looking for a new home was a paper shredding machine for destroying secret documents. Ribb didn't tear up treaties, apparently, he shredded 'em. Surprise of the sale was the beating dealers took from souvenir hunters and other interested parties who boosted the bidding to fantastic prices.

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And now the really serious business begins.

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Peep-show proprietors were among bidders for the flags.

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From the sensible first bid of two bob, in three minutes offers went sky high.

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The man with £500 to burn was Captain Robert Gordon-Canning; who was interned during the war under 18b. The bust of Corporal Schickelgruber finds a home in Britain; but we still think the man who offered two bob for it had a better sense of values.