

A f f i d a v i t .

I, Franz KUTZI, residing at Memmingen (Allgaeu), Benningerstrasse 2/I, born on 11 December 1872 at Spandau, after having been cautioned that by making a false affidavit I render myself liable to punishment, hereby declare that my statement is true and was made in order to be submitted as evidence to the Military Tribunal at Nuremberg, Germany, or to any other Allied or German authority or court.

During my activity as chief of the Works Security Police of Fried. Krupp in Essen, Herr Otto Wilshaus acted as my deputy, at least during the last years and before this he had held the position of supervisor in my office. When in November 1938 I went on my last furlough which lasted until I was pensioned in November 1939, Herr Wilshaus was appointed my successor. This took place on my recommendation, as I knew Herr Wilshaus very well and because I considered him exceptionally well qualified for this position in view of his character.

At the time my retirement was approaching because I had reached the age limit, a certain Walter HASSEL speculated on becoming my successor. Hassel was an ignorant man inclined to violence who had become a member of the NSDAP already at an early date, with a Party number below 100.000. He, therefore, also wore the golden Party badge.

He was well thought of by Gahleiter Terboven and the Gaubmann of the German Labor Front, Jolitz. Terboven as well as Jolitz had tried to procure a good position for Hassel. To achieve their ends the retirement of Krupp's works police chief seemed to be as good an opportunity as any. As far as I was able to observe developments at that time, Terboven and Jolitz had discussed the matter with the now deceased Prokurist Sturm, who took care of the administrative matters of the works security police and who in this respect had been my superior in Krupp's official hierarchy. Terboven as well as Jolitz tried to induce Herr Sturm to appoint Hassel to be my successor. Sturm then contacted me in this connection and asked me to state my opinion. I urgently dissuaded him from this purpose, above all on the grounds that in my opinion, reinforced by 40 years experience in police work, Hassel was a know-nothing and, moreover, not a specialist. To head the works security police force required, in my opinion, a man who was capable of exercising the right measure of disciplinary power over approximately 300 subordinates as well as of finding the right approach in dealing with the then 60,000 employees. However, in my opinion, Hassel would never do in these respects.

In spite of my objection Sturm finally gave in to the pressure of the Party bosses Terboven and Jolitz, at least as far as to appoint Hassel Deputy Chief of the Works Security Police. The only correct way to describe these happenings is to say that Hassel was forced upon Krupp by the Party and that Herr Sturm

who was in good standing with Terboven as well as Jolitz, was used as an intermediary.

I also know that Direktor Ihn, in his capacity as chief of personnel matters, had taken a stand against the appointment of Hassel, but that he did not succeed in carrying his point.

I have carefully read the two pages of my affidavit and signed them in my own handwriting, as follows:

Memmingen, 12 January 1948.
(date)

(signed) Franz Kutzi
(Signature)

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I hereby certify the authenticity of the foregoing signature of Herr Franz Kutzi, Plant Manager, ret., at Memmingen, Benningerstrasse 2.

Herr Kutzi has identified himself by presenting his identity card No. B/07411 with attached photo, issued by the burgomaster of the city of Memmingen on 8 September 1946.

Memmingen, 12 January 1948.

(signed) Signature
Notary Public.

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