

Affidavit

I, Albert J a n u s, resident of Essen-Rellinghausen, Kantorie 57, am aware of the fact that I render myself liable to punishment if I make a false statement on oath. I declare on oath that my statement is true and was made in order to be submitted in evidence before court.

1) From 1904 till 16 February 1943, the date of my resignation, I was member and , from 1918 till the abovementioned date, chairman of the Vorstand of the Rheinisch-Westphalian Coal Syndicate (Rheinisch-Westfael-lisches Kohlensyndikat, RWKS) Essen.

2) Prior to the seizure of power in 1933, the RWKS made no donations whatsoever to the NSDAP.

3) After the seizure of power, the RWKS paid no contributions worth mentioning at all to the NSDAP, apart from the contributions to the " Adolf Hitler - Donation " , paid by the entire German industry and considered by it like a tax which no German pursuing a trade could evade. For the years 1933/34 - 1944/45, the yearly contributions of the RWKS to the " Adolf Hitler - Donation " averaged RM 11,722.--

Winter Relief

To the Winter Relief ( W.H.W.) the RWKS contributed from its own funds amounts kept within the usual limits.

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Apart from that, the syndicate acted as transmitting agent - banker - for amounts paid by members themselves to the Winter Relief. The RWKS remitted these sums in order to keep the contributions within uniform proportions and in order to prevent the individual members of the syndicate from being played off against each other by the Gauleiters, being made to pay unproportional sums. The contributions paid in this way were charged, according to a code laid down by the members, as special expenses against the accounts of individual members on the date the contributions were due and were deducted when the monthly bills were settled. Thus, these payments were not carried by the RWKS, they were not charged against the expenditure account and were not contained in the levy collected by the RWKS, according to the syndicate contract, from members to cover its money requirements. The RWKS advanced these payments for its members and deducted them in the monthly balancing of accounts.

Essen - Rellinghausen, 29 December 1947.

signed Albert J J A N U S

This is to certify the above signature of Herr Director General (retired)

Dr. phil.h.c. Albert J A N U S of Essen-Rellinghausen, Kantorie 57.

(Stamp of the notary)  
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signed Ewald L E N E L O H  
Notary.