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Hearing of the witness Clemens LAMMERS by attorney-at-law Dr. BERNDT (Defense Counsel for Defendants MANN and Ter MEER).

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Q: Witness, I only have a few questions. Were you present during the meeting on the 27 January 1932 when HITLER held a speech in the Industrial Club of Duesseldorf?

A: No, I was invited, but I did not go there.

Q: Was this meeting a special meeting which was held for the purpose of hearing HITLER, or was this meeting part of a number of speeches and meetings ordinarily held by this club?

A: This meeting was one of a series of lectures where all political parties were heard with respect to economic-political subjects.

Q: Did you yourself once speak in that circle?

A: I spoke there approximately half a year or nine months before that time, about the effects of the Young Plan.

Q: Do you know whether during that lecture HITLER was intended at first as a speaker, or someone else?

A: I do not know anything about that from my own knowledge because I was not a member of that club. I was only a guest. I have heard, however, that Fritz THYSSEN demanded that a speech be made by HITLER particularly as I and Coohan REUSS, the socialist, had held speeches before.

Q: Have you heard anything about HITLER's success with this speech?

A: Immediately after that speech I received a few personal reports

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from Duesseldorf, and I also had occasion to read newspapers. In the "Bourgeois" newspapers, in the "Vossische Zeitung", and in the "Koelnische Volkszeitung" the failure of HITLER's speech was being reported. To me personally .....

THE PRESIDENT: You are getting into a field of hearsay now, that is quite apart from any knowledge of the witness, and I do not think you had better pursue that too far, Dr. BERNDT.

Dr. BERNDT: I have no further questions in that connection.