

Dr.Margret VYGEN

Duisburg, 31 May 1947

A f f i d a v i t

I, Dr. Margret VYGEN, Duisburg, Boeningerstr. 39, know that I make myself liable to punishment, if I give a false affidavit. I declare on oath that my deposition is true and was made to be presented as evidence before the Military Court in the Palace of Justice in Nuernberg.

During the long years of my activity with the North West group of the Association of German Iron and Steel Industrialists and its succeeding organization, the District Group North West of the Economic Group Iron Producing Industry it was my duty among other things to take care also of the news-paper archives. The cutting out of the papers and the filing was entrusted to reliable workers who were also under steady control and supervision. It exists, therefore, no reason to doubt that the enclosed news-paper clippings from

Koelnische Volkszeitung of 14 and 28 January 1932

Berliner Tageblatt of 27.1.1932

Vossische Zeitung of 27 January 1932

Dortmund General Anzeiger of 31 January 1932

on the meeting in the Duesseldorf Industrial Club on 26 January 1932 were really taken from the papers noted on them.

of I am giving this deposition based on my cooperation/long years / ^{lasting} to the best of my knowledge and belief,

(signed) Dr. Margret VYGEN

The foregoing signature of Dr. Margret VYGEN, residing Duisburg, Boeningerstrasse 39, given before lawyer Dr. Wolfgang Pohle is confirmed herewith and attested by me.

Duisburg, 31 May 1947

(signed) Dr. Wolfgang Pohle
Lawyer and
Substituting Counsel for Defense

KOELNISCHE VOLKSZEITUNG No. 14 of 14 January 1932

HITLER speaks in the Duesseldorf Industrial Club, Duesseldorf, 13 January 1932 (Own report by wire). A short while ago, as may be remembered, spoke the Nazi leaders for political economy, WAGNER and FEDER, at the Gau meeting of the national socialist party in Düsseldorf. The Nazis tried at that time to interest the industry especially for this meeting, but had to find out later, as told in well informed circles, that the views presented by the two economical-political top leaders did not find much love in return. Now we learn that Adolf HITLER in person, invited by the Industrial Club in Duesseldorf, will speak in Duesseldorf before the members of the said club on the 26 of the current month. The meeting will be held strictly restricted. The introduction of guests is not permitted this time with consideration to the limited space, as it is said. Neither is the press admitted.

The foregoing is a literal copy from the Koel-nische Volkszeitung of 14 January 1932, what is confirmed herewith by me.

(signed) Dr. Rudolf DIX
Lawyer

Nuernberg, 17 June 1947.

KOELNISCHE VOLKSZEITUNG No.28 of 28 January 1932

Hitler before the industrialists

The dangerous insanity of his program.

)) Duesseldorf, 27 January 1932 (own telegraph). The Duesseldorf Industrial Club made it his affair in the last time to win politicians of the most diversified party lines for lectures. Recently the socialist Cohen-Ruess spoke and so did HITLER yesterday. First the national socialist leader has tried for two and half hours in unrestrained speech to make the industrialists understand his ideas of policy. The second part of his explanations gave a broad picture of the development of his movement. HITLER's profession of his political faith did not depart in any way from the tenor of most of his other usual speeches. His position to the most urgent question, of economical policy, as it could have been expected, and as it had been on its right place before this gremium, was missing entirely. Presumably HITLER did not want to touch the sore spots, inflicted quite recently in Duesseldorf by his economical-political paladins FEDER and WAGNER.

It would mean, therefore, to understate the Duesseldorf Industrial Club and the majority of its industrial members, if one would like to speak of the impression made by Hitler's explanations. Shaken was the majority probably more by a feeling of emptiness. The reception of the HITLER speech remained also essentially cool. This impression cannot be changed either, if an objective picture is given, by the rather undisguisedly appearing

enthusiasm and approval of the industrial followers which are already completely convinced by the Third Reich. This role was reserved for Herr Fritz THYSSEN who summarized his answering statement (Korreferat) by saying that he and his friends could underwrite everything explained by HITLER. This profession of Herr THYSSEN must not surprise any more after his parting from the ranks of the German nationalists. But that he believed to conclude his explanations before this meeting with the old German salute "Heil" will not have been exceptionally pleasing to many a participant, after the word has gone around after all, that this salute - formerly good German - has become little by little a strictly national socialist party fanfare.

In the interest of the political health and leadership of the German people we really cannot complain about HITLER having spoken before the industrial forum. Especially will the suspicions, so far only whispered, about an eventual candidacy of this party leader for the presidency scarcely be discussed any longer in the face of the inanity of his program which mixes up ever so long known notions of political and economical nature besides entirely muddled ethical-religious moments into a hodge-podge of professions, and this in such a naive way that there is no other example in existence. A pure simploton (reiner Ten) it is true, for whom the favour of the environment, prepared by war and (economic) crisis has created a fertile soil for his nononsense ideas, but a dangerous simploton!

The foregoing is a literal copy from the Koelnische Volkszeitung of 28 January 1932, what is confirmed herewith by me.

Muernberg, 17 June 1947

(signed)

Rudolf D i x
Lawyer

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Berliner Tageblatt No.45 of 27 January 1932
DUESSELDORF, 27 January 1932 (Private telegram)

HITLER's speech in the Industrial Club, attended by more than 600 Western German industrialists did not bring anything essentially new. Hitler expressed himself in his well known way on the development of the national socialist movement from the political-historical point of view. He obviously eluded to take up any decisive position regarding the actual economic and political problems. He also was amazingly reserved towards the government BRUENING. Before everything else he tried to justify the national socialist movement by saying that it be its merits to have prevented the outbreak of bolshevism in Germany, and to make his listeners disposed this way for the necessity of a financial support of the national socialists. The impression of the speech on the listeners was rather at variance. Some prominent economic leaders in particular expressed grave doubts against the economic views of HITLER and above all against his views with regard to foreign policy. The lecture was followed by a banquet, with more than 1000 persons participating.

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Nuernberg, 17 June 1947

(signed) Dr. Rudolf DIX
Lawyer

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Vossische Zeitung No.45 of 27 January 1932

THYSSEN as HITLER's pacemaker
Own report of the Vossische Zeitung

Essen, 27 January

Adolf HITLER spoke before the WESTERN GERMAN HEAVY INDUSTRY in the Industrial Club in Duesseldorf yesterday evening. In a speech of 2 1/2 hours duration he dealt with the general political aims of the National Socialism without giving new points of view, and passed then to giving an account of his party's development. From the start it could not be assumed that HITLER would give explanations before this large gremium which could permit conclusions on his association - though existing - with a part of the leading economic personalities. Just the Western German champions of HITLER in the industrial regions of the Rhine and Westfalen are in a too difficult position for that with their propaganda among the working class.

The lead among HITLER's friend takes Fritz THYSSEN who yesterday believed to be able to affirm that the political program HITLER's is signed by him and his friend's without reservation. This seems to mean that THYSSEN who recently resigned of his mandate as a municipal representative in Muelheim for pretended overburdening with work has now formally left the German Nationalists and joined the National Socialists. Apart from this, HITLER's explanations met with an exceptionally cool response. The majority of the auditory obviously did not want to expose themselves too much by demonstrations of sympathy.

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(signed) Dr. Rudolf Dix
Lawyer