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Pastor lic. theol. Ludwig Seiler

Ostcoennen ueber Werl i Westf.,

1 February 1948.

A f f i d a v i t .

I, Ludwig Seiler, Pastor lic., Ostcoennen ueber Werl in Westphalia, am aware that I render myself liable to prosecution if I make a false statement in lieu of oath.

I declare in lieu of oath that my statement is true and that it was made for use as evidence at the Military Tribunal, Palace of Justice, Nuremberg.

The director of the Krupp Werke in Essen, Herr Karl Eberhardt lived for several years in the building of the Evangelical Press Association for the Rhineland of which I had charge. During that time we became so closely acquainted, man to man, that we could be perfectly free and open in our conversations. Thus in the years after 1933 we also never held back with our political opinions in our private discussions. I very distinctly remember one conversation in which he condemned the untruthfulness of the party in sharp terms.

Much more yet did Herr Direktor Eberhardt complain of the cultural policy of the party. Being well acquainted with the German influence abroad before the time of National-Socialism, Herr Direktor Eberhardt knew only too well how rapidly the German cultural influence was going down. He missed the free intellectual decisions of the German

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writers and saw therein the decadence of all truthfulness. Hence also in the church-struggle, Herr Eberhardt stood unreservedly on the side of the confessional church.

Summarizing, I can only say that Herr Direktor Eberhardt always kept himself strictly distant from the spiritual attitude of the party and I considered it as an indication of special confidence that he would express his opinion so frankly to me during the Nazi time. That is all the more reason why I feel it to be my duty to make this statement today.

(signed) lic. theol. Ludwig Seiler
(Lic. theol. LUDWIG SEILER)
Editor of the German Pastors' Gazette.

This is to certify that the above signature of Ludwig Seiler, Pastor lic., Ostoennen, Reichsstrasse 128, signed in the presence of the burgomaster of the municipality Ostoennen, is authentic.
Ostoennen, 1 February 1948.

(signed) Pagels, Registrar
acting Burgomaster of Ostoennen

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Ostoennen, District Soest.

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The Burgomaster Ostoennen
(District Soest)