

A f f i d a v i t .

I,

Heinrich S p a h n ,
born at Essen on 19 September 1911
residing at Essen, Eigne Scholle 55,

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 American Military Tribunal III in the Palace of Justice at Nuremberg, Germany.

On 1 December 1940 I was appointed deputy department chief and on 20 March 1943 department chief of the Artillery Construction Secretariat (AZ-Manzlei).

As such, I took care during the war of the office work of the Armament Committee (Waffenausschuss) and of the Armament Commission (Waffenkommission) for Dr. Mueller and I also attended several meetings.

As far as I remember, Dr. Mueller resigned in March 1943 from the chairmanship of the Armament Committee in order to assume the chairmanship of the Armament Commission (Waffenkommission) in April 1943. During the time of Dr. Mueller's membership in the Armament Committee (Waffenausschuss) his activity was limited to the supervision of current arms development work and to giving advice on proposed developments, to purely statistical work regarding the output, to the coordination of mutual aid measures among the armament firms in case of difficulties and to the so-called exchange of experiences for the elimination of manufacturing difficulties. At that time, increase of production did not come within the proper scope of duties of the Armament Committee, nor was

it occupied with labor allocation measures.

I can say from my own experience that Dr. Mueller did not show great activity in dealing with the tasks assigned to the Armament Committee and I came to the conclusion that he was asked to resign from the chairmanship of the Armament Committee. Even after he assumed the chairmanship of the Armament Commission (Waffenkommission) his activity did not go beyond a certain coordination of the current arms development work of the various firms.

I remember that at times he had made scornful remarks concerning the measures ordered to be taken by the Ministry and I have the distinct impression that his activity with the organisations of the Armament Ministry was not to his taste.

My job was to see to it that the correspondence was attended to in due time and I often was at a loss to account for the fact why he kept putting-off answering certain letters in spite of the fact that I had presented the matter to him and it was a characteristic trait of his to let the sub-committees handle everything and not to undertake anything himself.

In conversations with my superiors and my colleagues we frequently mentioned the fact that Herr Mueller's passivity did not only hurt his reputation with the Ministry and the autonomous organizations, but also that of his firm. It was only after the end of the war that I realized that Dr. Mueller's passivity was wilful and that it was mainly the result of differences of opinion especially with HDL Seur toward the end of his activity in the Armament Committee as also soon after his appointment to the chairmanship.

of the Armament Commission (Waffenkommission).

Essen, 4 May 1948.

(signed) Heinrich Spahn.

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I hereby certify that the foregoing signature of

Herr Heinrich Spahn, Essen, Ligne Scholle 55,

was sworn to and attached in my presence.

Essen, 4 May 1948.

(signed) Dr. Rust,
Attorney-at-Law.

Officially appointed deputy of the
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