

Affidavit

I,
Karl L e n z,
residing at Essen-Stadtwald, Gironzellenstr.29

know that I would render myself subject to punishment by making a false affidavit. I declare in lieu of oath that my statements are true and were made in order to be presented as evidence before the Military Tribunal in the Palace of Justice in Nuernberg.

I worked during 1937 as first construction engineer in Krupp's "Department Heerlein."

It happened one day that a page of the Nazi paper "Der Stürmer" was shown on the bulletin board. Printed as it were a number of pictures, under each being a legend. The top picture represented Christ on the Cross. The others, too, contained reproductions of Christ's life and sufferings. The legends were nothing else but malicious and derogatory statements about Christ and religion.

Some 200 office employees passed the bulletin board daily.

I tore down the page in the evening and handed it to the office boy with the order to keep it until next morning. The following day I went right away to Dr. Erich Mueller and told him about the matter, saying expressly that I had torn down the page.

Dr. Erich Mueller immediately told me that I was right. He added (to quote the meaning): "I won't permit such incidents to stir up discord amongst the personnel."

A short time later I was called to the Gestapo due to a denunciation by party members. I immediately went to Dr. Mueller and informed him of this call. He told me (to quote the meaning):

"Go to the Gestapo, but don't worry, for I shall back you up."

At the Gestapo I was interrogated. Immediately after the interrogation the Gestapo said to me: "You are being warned. No punishment is imposed on you."

I assume with all certainty that I got off so easily only due to the intervention of Dr. Erich Mueller.

Essen, 13 April 1948
(signed) Karl L o n z

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I herewith certify the above signature, appended before me, of Herr

Karl L o n z,
residing at Essen, Girondellenstr. 29.
He identified himself by his identity card No.
AT 035 959 AAC, issued for the British Zone.
Essen, 13 April 1948

(Signed) Dr. Rust
Attorney-at-Law
Officially appointed deputy of
Dr. Walter Ballas, Notary Public,
Essen

Stamp: Dr. Walter Ballas, Notary Public, Essen.

Costs:

Value: RM 3,000.--

Fee according to Articles 144, 26, 39, of RKO	RM 4.--
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The Deputy of the Notary Public: Signed Dr. Rust

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