

Interrogation of SCHWARZ, Franz Xaver

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Witness states that he held several State Offices prior to 1925 and that he joined the Party in 1922. When the NSDAP was legalized in 1925, he was called in by Hitler who asked him to become Party Treasurer, which he did. Witness continued to be Party Treasurer thereafter. Was issued Party Membership No. 6. States that he was a honorary member of the SS, being SS Oberstgruppenfuehrer.

States that the Party in the early days received its income from dues, part of which were turned over to the National Party Treasury. In 1939, by decree originated by him, all dues thereafter were paid directly to the National Party Treasury Headquarters. States that Party also received income from lotteries conducted two or three times a year.

States that only one Reichsleiter received a salary from the Party and that all the others held state offices and received their salaries from the State. Admits, however, that Reichsleiters had expense accounts by virtue of which they received money from the Party. Witness states that at various times the Party borrowed money from the State. States that the State paid the SS and SD salaries and all costs of construction and operations of concentration camps, and that the Party had nothing to do with their finances. Said that the State paid the salaries of the Waffen SS.

Witness is quite old and somewhat feeble and had to be carried to the interrogation room in a chair. His memory is poor, either intentionally or because of old age and he probably would not make a good witness.