

Dr. Kollerman

- 1- What part did you play in the negotiations ~~which~~, in 1932 - 1933, between Hitler, von Schleicher, von Papen and Hindenburg which preceded Hitler's appointment as Reich Chancellor?
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- 2- In/creating the Cabinet of January 30, 1933 did you ~~know~~ conceive of the ~~event~~ event not as of an ordinary Cabinet change but as a revolutionary act which was to initiate the end of democracy and of the parliamentary system?

Specifically, was it intended by you and ^{by} other Party leaders

- a- to perpetuate the life of the Cabinet by endowing it with powers not provided for in the Weimar Constitution?
- b- to eliminate, step by step, ~~all~~ the non-Party members and to ^{to} ~~be~~ replacing them with either Party members or persons thoroughly faithful and subservient to the Nazi cause?
- c- to use the Cabinet as an instrument with which to realize such objectives as were stated in the program of the NSDAP and in declarations by prominent Party members?
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d- to reduce, finally, the Cabinet to an institution of secondary importance in ~~order~~ order to strengthen the authority of Hitler and of such bodies and personalities as were designed by Hitler to exercise legislative and administrative functions?

Were any of these intentions ~~discussed~~ mentioned or alluded to in the negotiations preceding the appointment of Hitler as Reich Chancellor?

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- 3- When did you first decide to combat and eliminate the political opponents of the Party by other than parliamentary or conventional or legal means?
 - 4- What ~~methods~~ methods did you personally choose in doing away with the political opposition?
The Reichstag fire and the subsequent trial?
The creation of the Gestapo?
The establishment of concentration camps?
Detention, ~~and~~ arrest and confinement without trial?
 - 4- Were all these measures conceived and executed by you, exclusively ~~and~~ or primarily, or with the ^{the} counsel and assistance of other Party personalities and authorities?
 5. Specifically, in combatting and eliminating the political opposition, to what extent did you enlist the cooperation of the SA, the SS, ~~the~~ or ^{of} other Party and non-Party organizations?
 6. What were your relations to Himmler, at the early and at the later stage of the ~~Party~~ regime ?

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7. What ~~was~~ your attitude toward the Jewish problem and, specifically, toward the parts of the Party program which advocated the social, economic and political liquidation of the Jews?

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developed

8. Was the extermination of the Jews ~~conceived~~ as the "final solution" (Endlösung) planned from the very beginning of the Nazi regime, or even prior thereto, or was it ~~conceived~~ a goal gradually conceived and executed as time went by?

9. What was the true motive behind the official policy of anti-Semitism? ~~Specifically~~ An ideological one, a political one, a social one, an economic one? Which was yours ~~with regard to the various anti-Jewish decrees and measures~~ ^{adopted} and executed by you? As a vital element of policies adopted by you, ~~was~~ did you consider the elimination of the Jews a matter of fundamental belief or of expediency?

10. How well did you keep yourself informed about the form and scope of the execution of policies advocated and decreed by you with regard to political opponents, Jews, ~~etc.~~ etc.

11. When did you first begin to ~~consider the possibility of a war~~ to be waged by Germany in pursuit of the objectives advocated ~~by~~ the Party program?

12. What were the ^{first} steps ~~preparatory~~ taken by you to prepare for the ~~eventual~~ eventual conflict?

13. What were the first steps taken by the Nazi regime after the rise to power to prepare for the conflict?

in April 1933

14. How early were they taken? Was the consideration ^{of} a Reichsverteidigungsrat the first step in this direction?

15. Were your appointments as Minister for Aviation and, later, as Delegate for the Four Year Plan conceived as preparatory steps toward re-armament and military conflict?

official

16. In your various capacities, what did you do in furtherance of such aims, prior to the outbreak of the war?

general

17. What were your ~~conceptions~~ of the meaning of "total war", in terms of military and political objectives, in terms of methods employed, in terms of treatment of conquered territories and populations?

18. Specifically, what were in your mind the functions and possibilities of strategic bombings, of V-weapons, ^{deliberate} of strafing of civilians, of the hostage system, of the eradication of civilian objectives, of killings or deportations of civilians (for the purpose of forced labor), of the killings of PW's?