Name: Reichert, Jakob Völklein

Nationality: German

Region: Berlin-Köpenick, Köpenickstr. 42

Positions: Geschäftsführer (Manager) of "Wirtschaftliche Betriebshilfe" (Economic Group Iron Producing Industry), Publisher (Herausgeber) and editor of Metall und Eisen, Düsseldorf, etc.

Birth date and place: 13 March 1895, Boxberg, Baden

Family History: Reichert was married in 1928 and has three children.

Education:

Reichert attended elementary school in Boxberg and high school (humanistisches Gymnasium) in Wertheim a/f. and Mannheim from 1897-1904. He studied Law and Economics at the Universities of Heidelberg, Munich, Rostock, and Berlin from 1904 to 1910. He has travelled extensively throughout Europe.

Work and Political History:

Dr. W. Reichert has been active in industrial organizations of the iron and steel industry since the days before World War I. A member of the Deutsche Nationalen Partei (Conservative Nationalistic Party) and representative of this party in the Reichstag from 1920 to 1933. Reichert placed his experience in industrial organizations at the disposal of the Nazis, becoming one of the top leaders in the Nazi administration of German business.

Until 1932 Reichert worked as consultant (Wissenschaftlicher Hilfsarbeiter) and lawyer (legal adviser) to the Duisburg-Ruhrort Chamber of Industry and Commerce. In 1912 he became Chief Manager of the Association of Iron and Steel Industrialists (Hauptgeschäftsführer des Vereins Deutscher Eisen und Stahl-Industrieller), which - counting all major German iron producing and processing concerns among its members - wielded considerable influence in determining industrial policies. From 1911 to 1922 he also served as Reich Representative of the Office of Foreign Trade in Iron and Steel products (Reichsbevollmächtigter bsw. Vertreter des Auswärtigen Amtes für Eisenerzeugung und Metallwaren). In 1928 the management of the Association of Iron and Steel Industrialists was merged with the management of the Fachgruppe Betriebsföhnde Industrie des Preiseverbandes der Deutschen Industrie (Trade Group Iron Producing Industry
Reichert, a leading figure in the German iron and steel industry, became manager of the Reichsverband der Deutschen Industrie (German Chamber of Industry) and played a significant role in its activities. Between 1918 and 1938, the Reichsverband was the strongest industrial organization in Germany, promoting the interests of German industry and exerting considerable political pressure in questions of social and economic policy. In addition to his position as manager of the Tetsche Geland Iron Producing Industry, Reichert was a member of the Hauptausschuss (General Committee) of the Reichsverband der Deutschen Industrie. Until its dissolution (1933), he was also a member of the Reichswirtschaftsrat (Reich Economic Council), which represented all major economic groups (industry, banking, agriculture, etc.) and had the right to review economic legislation passed by the Reichstag as well as to initiate new legislation. Reichert, in addition, became the Manager and a member of the Executive Committee of the Wirtschaftsgruppe Eisenproduzierender (Economic Group Iron Producing Industry) of the National Group Industry. In this capacity, Reichert exercised organizational control over the entire German iron producing industry.

In addition, under the Nazi regime, Reichert became head of the Deutsch-Bulgarische Handelskammer (German-Bulgarian Chamber of Commerce), and the Deutsche Weltwirtschaftliche Gesellschaft (German Society for World Trade), Berlin. He was also a member of the Nationalsozialistischer Juristen Bund (National Socialist Lawyers' Association).

Summary

By virtue of his position in the Nazi administration of German business, particularly as Manager of the Wirtschaftsgruppe Eisenproduzierender Industrie (Economic Group Iron Producing Industry), Reichert has played an important part in determining Nazi economic policies, particularly in relation to the German iron and steel industry.

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