

Interrogation of . . . . . Dr. Werner Zschintzch

By . . . . . Mr. Sackett

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The witness related his education and the state offices held by him prior to his appointment as State Secretary in the Ministry of Education in May 1936. He described generally his duties as president of the Weisbaden District between 1933 and 1936 and admitted that as such he was in charge of the "order police" but denied any connection with or supervision over the Gestapo or political police.

Witness states that he had to join the NSDAP in order to hold his job as president of the Weisbaden District in that the local Gauleiter objected to his holding office unless he was a party member. Also admits having joined the SS at the suggestion of Himmler and was in 1936 made an Oberfuehrer in the SS which witness states was merely an honorary title.

States that it was the policy of the Ministry of Education to nazify all German education and that the emphasis in the schools was put on Nazi ideals and the Nazi form of government. States that the Ministry of Education promoted the teachings in the schools that the German race was a superior race.

Witness states that the orders to destroy or segregate and make unavailable to the public the Jewish books in Germany were issued by Goebbels but were carried out in some respects by the Ministry of Education.

