

Spruchkammer Heilbronn  
Der Öffentliche Kläger  
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As.  
Name Dr. Strölin

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Eisenmann  
als Ermittler

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Protokoll

In dem Spruchkammerverfahren  
wurde heute vernommen:

Dr. Strölin  
Frau Anneliese Goerdeler

Nachdem die Zeugin mit dem Gegenstand der Untersuchung vertraut gemacht und zu wahrheitsgemässen Aussagen ermahnt, wurde sie einzeln und in Abwesenheit der später abzuhörenden Zeugen wie folgt vernommen:

In der Spruchkammersache gegen Herrn Dr. Strölin, ehem. Oberbürgermeister von Stuttgart, wurde heute Frau Anneliese Goerdeler geb. Ulrich, geb. am 6.8.1888 zu Königsberg, s.Zt. wohnhaft in Gleebrohn, Katharinenplaisir, vernommen und gibt folgendes aus Protokoll:

Bereits als mein Mann noch Oberbürgermeister von Leipzig war, bestanden zwischen ihm und Dr. Strölin sehr freundliche Beziehungen. Mein Mann schätzte an ihm den Mut und die Tatkraft, mit der Dr. Strölin gegen die Partei für die Angelegenheit der Selbstverwaltung eintrat. Er lag immer im Kampf mit dem damaligen Reichsstattthalter und Gauleiter Murr und dessen Übergriffe. Bei seinen vielfachen Besuchen in Stuttgart, hat mein Mann, auch nach seiner Antoniederlegung, immer den Kontakt mit Dr. Strölin aufrecht erhalten; andererseits Dr. Strölin von der tatsächlichen Lage unterrichtet. Mein Mann hat mir gegenüber des Öfteren geäussert, dass Dr. Strölin ein Mann wäre, mit dem man stets offen sprechen könnte und der ein anständiger und unbestechlicher Charakter wäre; einer der wenigen Kennmär der Partei, vor dem sich ein solches Urteil rechtfertigen liess. Daher hat auch mein Mann Dr. Strölin darum gebeten, Generalfeldmarschall Rommel zu den letzten Anstrengungen des Widerstandes zu gewinnen, um Hitler zu beseitigen. Ich erinnere mich genau, dass mein Mann mir damals erzählte, dass für diese nicht ungefährliche Mission nur Dr. Strölin in Frage käme. Dr. Strölin hat sich auch mit grossem Geschick und zur lebhaften Befriedigung meines Mannes dieser Aufgabe entledigt.



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Statement.

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As I know many statements of my husband, Dr. Carl Goerdeler, former Lord Mayor of Lipsia and murdered by the Nazis, he was since 1937 in close business and personal contact with the Bosch Company in Stuttgart.

At the beginning my husband acted as financial adviser of Mr. Bosch and his firm, the Robert Bosch GmbH, handling for them various business affairs at home and abroad. Mr. Bosch and the executives of his enterprise, as old-time democrats, were fierce enemies of the Nazis. Out of the common feeling between my husband and this group of persons sprang up the unanimous desire and plan to remove the Hitler regime. Since 1938 my husband cooperated with Mr. Bosch and his associates, particularly with Director Hans Walz, Raurat Albrecht Fischer and Willy Schlossstein, to realize this project and to prevent a disastrous war. These gentlemen, especially Director Hans Walz, supported my husband and the movement organized by him spiritually and financially. To each of them was assigned a certain task. It was Mr. Walz above all who procured the necessary financial means to organize the anti-Nazi movement. Together with Raurat Fischer he furthermore put at the disposal of my husband's enterprise his excellent experience and ability; Mr. Schlossstein acted as liaison person to friends abroad. During the war he carried through certain transactions in Switzerland for my husband with the view of taking up connection with local friends and to establish for the time after the overthrow of the regime the necessary base for an armistice, quickly followed up by a peace treaty on democratic principles between the Allied countries and the representatives of the opposition in Germany. Furthermore my husband entrusted Mr. Schlossstein with the safe-keeping of part of his correspondence.

The confidential cooperation with these gentlemen of the Bosch group necessitated monthly meetings and conferences relating to the actual situation and the steps secretly to be taken. At some of these meetings I was present. My husband and I were also in friendly relations with the families of Messrs. Walz, Fischer and Schlossstein. On these occasions I could convince myself of the mental affinity of these gentlemen as well as of the other members of the management of the Company, i.e. Messrs. Wild, Fellmeth, Rausbach and Knoerzer with my husband, and I became fully convinced of their willingness to support my husband's plan of a removal of Hitler with all possible means.

Owing to the help of Bosch my husband was able to enlarge the counter-movement continuously, so that soon it included members of all social classes and circles: officials, clerical and military representatives, leading persons from the industry and also members of the trade unions. In south Germany the Bosch group with its leader, Director Walz formed the basis of the organization. Without the help of Bosch, effective over a period of many years, the movement against Hitler never would have been able to subsist up to the - unfortunately unsuccessful - climax of the 20th July 1944.

I am acting in my husband's spirit when I declare that it would be great injustice should the Bosch Company and its executive members who, like my husband, for years lived in continuous danger for their lives, be held responsible for the crimes of their enemies, the Nazis, and put upon the same level with them, for the only reason that, for the purpose of hoodwinking, some of them had to join the Party or one of its organizations. Without the screen of such nominal memberships it would have been absolutely impossible to start a counter action under the very eyes of the Gestapo and to carry it through without being revealed for years.

If some day the history of the events of the 20th July 1944 will be written, the Bosch Company and its leading men, - in the first place Director Walz and his associates - will not remain unmentioned, because in brilliant contrast of so many they had the courage to cooperate with my husband in his gallant fight against the Nazi criminals.  
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