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The screening and re-screening of high officials in the Bavarian land Government has led to the removal of several important functionaries from leading positions in the staff of Herr Fritz Schaeffer, Temporary Minister President. They include Ministerialrat Fischer of the Ministry of the Interior, Dr. Gessler, Councillor of State and Dr. Bhhhhk Schwinck, Conductor of the Landeswirtschaftsamt (Ministry of Economics). Another influential officer, Dr. Hipp, the temporary Minister of Education, proved insupportable and is on his way out. 287 lesser employees of the State had also to be dismissed last week alone. While similar "purges" are taking place throughout the Reich, de-nazification authorities here declare that a number of appointments suggested by the Bavarian Minister President and tentatively made by Military Government have been most unfortunate. Take Dr. Schwinck, for instance, a former member of the German General Staff and holder of high offices in the administrations of occupied Poland, France and Italy. Or Dr. Gessler who served Dr. Schaeffer in an un-official advisory capacity, without ever having been accepted by MG. For five weeks, the former Minister of War, one of the main instigators of Germany's "black" re-armament and co-founder with General von Seeckt of the "Schwarze Reichswehr", occupied the office space next to Herr Schaeffer's suite, informed himself of all important government business and participated as an advisor in all meetings of the cabinet. That Herr Schaeffer should have sought his advise, would seem quite incomprehensible, were it not for certain features which make the Minister President himself a rather ambiguous figure.

Herr Schaeffer has never been a Nazi, but belonged to the rightist wing of the rightist, Catholic "Bayrische Volkspartei" (Bavarian People's Party). When in 1922, the "German People's Day" in Koburg - one of the significant early Nazi successes - had resulted in physical violence against liberals and Social Democrats and the social democratic faction of the Bavarian Diet moved for State action against such Nazi activities, Staatsrat Schaeffer declared in the diet: "... we have no reason to turn against these units - no reason to face them with distrust. Quite to the contrary: the thought which saved our people then (in 1919) will have to save it again until some day the peace treaty is torn up...."

In the early twenties anyone trying to divulge Germany's illegal rearmament used to be murdered by his countrymen. When these cases, the so-called "Fememorde", were to be investigated in the Bavarian Diet, Schaeffer prevented the investigation, shielding, among others, Dr. Guertner, then Bavarian Minister of Justice and Reichs Minister of Justice under Hitler.

Despite his obvious sympathy with many a Nazi trend, Staatsrat Schaeffer, a Bavarian Catholic to boot and a separatist at heart bravely opposed Hitler during the years preceding his ascent to power and in 1933 was promptly relieved of his post in the Ministry of Finance. He has spent the past 12 years as a private citizen and since 1934 has been furnishing Catholic organisations with legal advice.

His appointment by MG, though possibly untenable, was a logical move. He was an experienced administrator, a leading member of Bavaria's leading party and a seasoned anti-Nazi. Even if his early past was known

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to be anything but flawless, 12 years spent in ~~X~~ voluntary retirement might have mended his ways. He had seen, too, where the aggressive nationanism which he was wont to favor, had ~~landed~~ landed his nation and might now be bent on peace and democracy.

He said he was, when I paid him a visit yesterday.

De-nazification, he observed, was a good thing, but should not be carried too far. While truly important jobs (was he thinking of Fischer, Gessler, Schwinck and Hipp?) should be given only to ~~the~~ the most reliable, there was no need for a purge of chairwomen. Political reliability was one thing, efficiency another. You could not run a state without a sufficient number of trained assistants. Some ~~X~~ 50 % of all Bavarian officialdom had been dismissed and were left penniless. Virtually all German males between the ages of 20 and 40 were dead, crippled, or interned and capable men were hard to find.

Asked, ^{from exile} whether or not the return of a number of schooled functionaries would help the ~~the~~ situation, he said Germany could be ^{UNDERSTOOD} ~~understand~~ only by Germans who stayed with her during the past 12 years.

The coming winter, he stated, would be hard but tolerable. There was enough ~~the~~ wood in Bavaria to keep the population reasonably warm. While allied authorities are not wholly satisfied with the progress of the wood cutting program (some people, they point out, will not realize that no coal whatsoever will be allocated for domestic use), Herr Schaeffer seemed confident. He did say, though, that the amount of stoves available was disquietingly small.

As for Bavaria's financial plight, he has just forwarded a comprehensive plan to Usfet. In it Herr Schaeffer recommends among other things, not the confiscation of unbanked Nazi property (banked assets have already been blocked), but a novel kind of taxation.

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"Actually", he said, "I took this job in a moment of weakness. In my own interest, as well as in that of my party, which is insufficiently represented (Schaeffer and the outgoing Hipp are the only members of the Bavarian People's Party in the present cabinet of eight), I should have declined. Now I suppose I shall have to stick it out."

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Was he not, ~~no~~ I inquired, privileged to resign, whenever he so desired?

He said that he did not think so.

I have reason to believe, however, that in this respect, if in no other, the Herr Minister President is mistaken. End article.