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the defense of the 22 ~~waxxximials~~ accused war criminals,
The defendnts are conducted into 57
~~xwne~~ through a secret tunnel connecting their geol with the
administrative wing of the building. ~~xxxxestorlndxintoxx57xtinrughx~~
~~xaxbackxdooRxxxxxxx~~

After conferences with their ~~lawyers~~ counsels they are escorted back to their cell block through a secret tunnel.

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outside
to talk to the lawyers wait ~~in front of the door~~. For more than
an hour I stood in the corridor ~~today~~ while ~~on the other side of~~
of the door
Dr. Hans Marx, conversed with his client, the accused
Streicher.

~~in the hall~~

When Dr. Marx finally emerged he told me that Streicher
was astonishingly calm. ^{V2a} Reading the indictment against himself
left the jew-baiter ~~unaffected~~. According to his
has ~~been~~ unaffected. According to his
consel, Streicher still sticks to his guns, maintaining that he
had every right to run his campaign against the jews the way he
did. He ~~is as violently anti-semitic as ever~~ but ^{disclaims} that
any direct responsibility of the atrocities ~~committed~~, which he
was the first to demand.

~~Dr. Marx~~

Dr. Marx plans to base his defense on this very point.

~~Streicher's philosophy~~
is not the crux of the matter.
he says, ~~is not the crux of the matter~~
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He disclaims however, any direct responsibility of the atrocities which he was the first to demand.

Dr. Marx plans to base his defense on this very point; He will neither deny nor defend the ferociousness of Streicher's anti-semitism but will attempt to prove that the notorious Jew-baiter hasn't done any actual Jew-baiting. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ he says himself. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ The Gestapo/were the real culprits; ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ to them no concern of his clients. orders came straight from Berlin. and were ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~

Streicher, moreover insists that his position in the party has been greatly overestimated. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Dr. Marx asserts that he has documentary evidence ~~that~~ corroborate ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ this claim.

Even so, the ~~XXXXXX~~ 63 year old lawyer admits that the trial will be no picnic. Asked what prompted him to take over ~~this~~ ^{the} appreciating how difficult it would be case, he stated that ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ to find ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ & counsel for this particular ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ defendant, he ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ *Now had he very properly pointed out his regard to defend in regard* he stated that he hadn't accepted lightly. ~~For many reasons it was difficult for him: Streicher, according to~~ ^{The accused} the Dr., was anything but a friend of his; in 1933, he had found his office door adorned with a Streicher poster classifying him as a Jew; shortly afterwards, Streicher had publicly denounced him as being Jewish; in 1934 Marx was thrown into prison upon ~~his~~ ^{by} orders of the ~~the~~ *Marx*

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of the man who is now his client, an incident which was followed shortly afterwards by ~~Marx~~ his expulsion from the party.

Streicher and his lawyer do not talk about these things. ~~Mark~~ observed
However, the Jew-baiter ~~has said to him~~ : " I am fully aware of the fact that you are not an anti-semite".

~~Thinking this was somewhat ambiguous~~ I enquired whether Marx was a semite. The dark eyed, ~~expressive~~ lawyer, ~~his expressive~~ shrugged humourously and said "I am not sure". ~~When I asked whether~~ ~~there~~ were there, I asked, many german "aryans" by the name of Marx. "None," he replied. His mother's maiden name was Dreycorn.

In this context it is interesting to note that around memmingen, ~~Streichers~~ ~~Street~~ where streicher was born, ~~people~~ it ~~his own~~ his own "racial purity" is not taken for granted.

29 { In contrast to many of his co-defendants, Streicher shows no tendency to commit suicide. Although the deceased Dr. Ley was known to be his best friend in this company, ~~it did little to~~ ~~shake him.~~ ~~According to~~ all he had to say when he learned of his deed was: that he considered it "a trifle cowardly".

Regarding the ultimate outcome of his trial, the defendant streicher, ~~says~~ *with a wicked logic that* there are three possibilities: (a) he might be condemned to death, (b) sentenced ~~to life~~ for life, (c) or for a short term. ~~In the third case he does not think that he would be permitted to continue his former activities~~

~~It is not possible to draw any conclusions from this~~

If the third possibility should materialize, Streicher agrees that ^{have to} his activities might/be somewhat curtailed.

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~~xxxx~~, According to D. Marx, ~~public opinion concerning his decision~~
~~xxxxxx~~ few lawyers would have agreed to defend Streicher.
Apart from his professional interest in the case, he had finally
accepted it so as to facilitate the trials. ~~xxxxxx~~ ~~xxxxxx~~ ~~only~~ ~~xxxxxx~~
~~xxxxxx~~ For the rest, only Goering and Rosenberg ~~were~~ ~~xxxxxx~~ ~~xxxxxx~~ ~~xxxxxx~~
might obtain
~~would~~ have found it difficult to find counsel.

Public opinion in Nurnburg is sharply split on evaluating
Marx's decision. Goering's and Rosenberg's lawyers too, may come
in for a measure of criticism. ^{As} For the remaining 19 defendants,
it seems to be taken for granted that they deserve to be defended.
Up to date, Marx has received no threatening letters.

Nor has he received any down-payment for his services.
He expects the tribunal to determine ~~the~~ his fee, which, he thinks
the Americans will permit to be drawn from Streicher's frozen assets.
^{the latter}
Though ~~his client~~ has refused to divulge to him just how much money
^{he}
he possess, ~~Streicher~~ is generally considered here to be a millionaire.
The trial has no precedent either in character or in world wide signi-
ficance. Any first rate lawyer defending a prominent and wealthy
client of Streicher's prominence and wealth would receive an honorarium
of not less than 50,000 marks. x

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Nuernberg November 9th

Oddest room in the vast sprawling courthouse at Nuernberg is number 57. All day long German civilians carrying briefcases can be seen entering and leaving, but the persons with whom they confer remain invisible. The civilians are the lawyers for the defense of the 22 accused war criminals. The invisible ones use only the back door. After conferences with their ^{counsels} ~~handlers~~ they are escorted back to their cell block through a secret tunnel.

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When Dr. Marx finally emerged, he told me that Streicher was astonishingly calm. In contrast to many of his co-defendants he shows no tendency to commit suicide. Although the deceased Dr. Ley was known to be his best friend in this company, ~~the doctor's gruesome end did little to shake him.~~ ^{all} he had to say when he learned of Ley's ~~deed~~ ^{gruesome deed, was}, that he considered it "a trifle cowardly".

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Even so, the 63 year old lawyer admits that the trial will be no ~~picnic~~ picnic. Nor was Streicher's request to defend him granted lightly. The accused, according to the doctor, was anything but a friend of his. In 1933 Marx had found his office door adorned with a Streicher poster classifying him as a jew. Shortly afterwards the Gauleiter had publicly denounced him as being jewish. In 1934 Marx was thrown into prison for 6 days by order of the man who is now his client, an incident which was followed by ~~his~~ ^{THE LAWYER'S} expulsion from the party.

Though Streicher and his ~~lawyer~~ ^{COUNSEL} do not talk about these things, the former recently observed: "I am fully aware of the fact that you are not an anti-semite."

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