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Well over 100 foolscap pages of single spaced documentary evidence were served ~~today~~ ^{Today} cafeteria style to a queue of reporters between and after sessions at the Nurnberg courthouse. The tribunal fumbled through the same prodigious menu whilst U.S. attorneys Major Frank Wallis and Thomas J. Dodd continued to present the prosecution's case. Much of what was read seemed to apply rather to the well known fact that Germany entered this war armed to the teeth than to the charge that she thus armed herself for the express purpose of waging an aggressive war.

The defendants and their counsels seemed more puzzled than impressed. The latter had not received a sufficient number of copies to go around and found it difficult to follow the proceedings. Mimeographed German editions are expected to be available by Monday. The former scribbled feverishly as individual documents referred to their respective parts in the "conspiracy". As one of their lawyers put it: "They can hardly wait for the moment when they will be permitted to talk."

Their final reactions after today's ~~adjournment~~ adjournment were as follows:

Schacht: "They have begun to show that Germany armed and that I was largely responsible for financing her arming. But they have not even started to prove that we armed for anything other than security and bargaining power."

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Goering: "I don't know what ^{they} are talking about: of course, we armed and I did everything in my power to this end. The only trouble was that we didn't arm enough." (Throughout the session Goering nodded in agreement, particularly proudly when he was credited with creating the four years re-armament plan.)

Ribbentrop who speaks mainly of the "Fuehrer Prinzip", does not see what business it is of non-German nations which form of government Germany saw fit to adopt. He maintains that his business was to please the Fuehrer - or else - and adds surprisingly that Hitler was eager enough to please Himmler to have anyone shot if Himmler wanted it that way.

Funk admits that he was a little boastful at times and that it might come up ⁱⁿ the trial. To a birthday letter from Hitler he replied that he was overwhelmed with happiness to receive the Fuehrer's recognition of his services in helping re-arm the fatherland.

"Now", says Funk generously, "the praise really belonged to Schacht." (Funk is quite right: the letter is in the document room at the courthouse along with exactly 999 american ^{captured} held originals, 75 British, 75 French and an undisclosed number of Russian held documents to be used during the trials.) "Besides", adds the ex-president of the Reichsbank, "I've never been primarily concerned with finances, but am quite well known internationally as an author."

Another author, Baldur von Schirach, youngest of all the defendants, former Reich's Youth Leader and Gauleiter of Vienna, has no comment to make. According to his counsel, Dr. Fritz Sauter, Schirach is non-political: "An andante by Mozart means ~~hah~~ more.

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to him than all politics." ^{ARMY}

THE HITLER

A recent note to the one time leader of ~~all German~~ youth from his wife reads: "How you must suffer in your prison day after day without music!"

Baldur has six children. He claims that his grandfather was an american major.

lawyers

Of all the defense ~~hhhhhh~~, Dr. Sauter has the most on his mind. He ~~is~~ counsel for Ribbentrop, Funk and Schirach. The latter two, he maintains, are easy cases. Ribbentrop makes things a little difficult. His memory, ^{ACCORDING TO SAUTER} has ~~hhhhhh~~ been impaired by a bromid habit of four years and he is very nervous. A fourth Nurnberg client o Dr. Sauter's was ^{THE LATE} Robert Ley. The 61 year old Munich lawyer says that he was not originally interested in defending war criminals, but that the Americans finally convinced him of the desirability of the task. A Nazi party member since 1935, Sauter was expelled in 1940, allegedly for having defended Ernst Toller and others ^{"REDS"} after the Munich soviet revolution of 1919. Owing to existing de-nazificatio laws he would not be permitted to ^{ACCEPT} ~~accept~~ any brief following the ^{Nurnberg} end of the ~~hhhhhh~~ trials. ~~hhhhhh~~ Nobody who joined the party prior to 1937 may be employed otherwise than in ordinary labour, unless there are mitigating circumstances. His ~~springing~~ acceptance of the unpopular Nuernberg job may turn out to be his professional salvation. Like the majority of his colleagues at the Palace of Justice he has little to loose and ^{POSSIBLY SOMETHING} ~~much~~ to gain, end article.

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German defense had no copies of same stop also assuming that all
serious documentary aspects of trials dealt with by McMillan
~~should prefer to write more substantial piece stop reports~~

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Rilki, Schirach, Frank
other questions