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Traces:

a. LEFNS, Professor Dr. Johann von jur. N. Career: Attended Gymnasium, studied law at the Universities of Kiel, Rostock and Berlin. Diplomatic career up to 1928. Attache in German Foreign Office. Left his position in order to devote himself to Nazi propaganda. Became a journalist and one of the leaders of the Nazi Students League. Up to 1933, chief editor of the monthly "Willie and Weg" which was published by the propaganda office of the Nazi party. Wrote numerous pamphlets explaining German history from the Nazi viewpoint, specialized in violent anti-Semitic outbursts. After the Nazis came to power, was made boss of the Foreign Policy Dept. of the Deutsche Wissenschaftliche fur Politik. In the late thirties, was appointed Professor of Law at the University of Jena.

b. In 1950 subj. arrived in Argentina. From 1950 to 1954 he supported himself by giving private lessons in French and German. Also lectured on history. In Feb 1954 left Argentina for Cairo.

c. In Aug 1956 William Stevenson, a correspondent of the London Times was expelled from Egypt because he identified subj. as a former Nazi propagandist who is masterminding Cairo's anti-Israel propaganda.

Additional traces on subj. are enumerated in ref.

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