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Professors at the University of Mainz

Prof. Dr. Bollnow (Philosophy)	Formerly full professor at the University of Giessen. Party member 1 July 1940. SA.
Prof. Dr. Dabelow (Anatomy)	Formerly full professor at the University of Leipzig. Party member 8 Feb. 1938. SA 1934.
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Prof. Dr. Flemming (Philology)	Formerly full professor at University of Kiel. Party member 1938.
Prof. Dr. Bernecker (Law) Dean	Formerly professor at University of Prag. Party member 1938. SA troop leader 1941.
Prof. Dr. Galling (Evangelical Theological Faculty)	Formerly University of Halle. Party member 1940. SA 1933.
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Prof. Dr. Isele (Law)	Formerly Universities of Halle and Vienna. Party member 1937. SA.
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Prof. Dr. Schaetzel (Law)	Formerly University of Marburg. Party member 1938.
Dr. Wuertenberger (Law)	Formerly University of Erlangen. Party member 1937. SA 1933.

Employees of the University of Mainz

Nicolaus, Oskar	Until Germany's defeat - Judge in the Chamber of Accounts at Speyer. Made Chief Inspector in the Chamber of Accounts on 1 July 1946. Reinstated as Judge 15 July 1946. Reviewer in the Rector's Office. 1 April 1934. SA. Party member 1937.
Dr. Schmitz-Braeuning, Willi	Formerly director of student society and member of the Nazi "Herrenklub". Now director of the supply agency of the University of Mainz. SA. Party member.
Wagner, Hans	Formerly official of the financial administration in Neustadt (chief tax inspector). Decision of the denazification courts to release him. Appointed as chief inspector, director of University bank.

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Gruen, Reinhard

Principal school teacher. Was released by
denazification boards. Director of Social
Service. In charge of arranging studies.

Employees of the University Library

Dr. Menn, Walter	Director of library. Party member, SA.
Dr. Fuchs	On library staff. Party member, SA.
Dr. Benzing	On library staff. Party member.
Masdler, Paul - Engineer	Overseer of the building works. Party member, SA.
Wuentscher, Franz	Overseer of the building works. SA.
Hochholz, Josef	Overseer of the building works. Party member.
Puetzirer, Karl	Overseer of the building works. Party member.
Presber, Karl	Overseer of the building works. Party member, SA.

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~~the pertinent corresponding documents are located in the French zone in~~
~~the Division of Education and High Schools in Baden-Baden.~~

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Prof. Dr. Galling (Evangelical Theological Faculty)		Formerly Until now Univ. of Halle Party member 1940. SA 1933
Prof. Dr. Hampl (Philosophy)		Until now Univ. Giessen. NSKK Scharfuehrer 1938-39.
Prof. Dr. Isele (Law)		Until now Univ. of Halle and Vienna. Party member 1937. SA.
Prof. Dr. Just (Philosophy) Dean		Until now Univ. of Bonn. Party member 1938
Prof. Dr. Klute (Geography)		Until now Univ. of Giessen. Party member 1937.
Prof. Dr. Molitor (Law)		Until now Univ. of Greifswald Party member 1939.
Prof. Dr. Schaetzel (Law)		Until now Univ. of Marburg. Party member 1938.
Dr. Wuertenberger (Law)		Until now Univ. of Erlangen. Party member 1937. SA 1933.

library

Dr. Menn, Walter Director of library. Party member, SA

Dr. Fuchs on library staff. " "

Dr. Beuzing " " "

Paul Maedler, Engineer Overseer of the building works
Party member, SA

Franz Wenteicher " " " " SA.

Joseph Hochholz " " " " Party mem.

Karl Puetziger " " " " "

Karl Presber " " " " t " " SA.

in the course of automation studies.
Director of Science Services,
Was succeeded by Dr. D. G. H. Goss,
Professor of Electrical Engineering
and Director of University Research
laboratory as Acting Vice-Chancellor
and to release him
President of the D. G. H. Goss
University (Chair of Mathematics)
from all administrative duties
and the conduct of the
University Affairs.

from Prof. D. G. H. Goss

University Affairs

to the University
of the New Territories
of study should number
S.A. Port Moresby. S.A. Port Moresby, Director
of Schools-Borneo, Mr. J. W. M.

for 1937-1938, S.A. Director
of Education in the Federated
as far as possible is 15 July 1938;
accounts no. 1 July 1938. Returns
of money made in the drawings of
the Director of Accounts go
the drawings of accounts before the end of
July 1938.

Nicolaus, Doctor

by the University

Naziprofessoren und Angestellte an der Mainzer Universitaet.

Bereits seit Monaten kursiert das Geruecht, dass der Lehrkoerper der Mainzer Universitaet von ehemaligen Nazi-Professoren durchsetzt sei. Es war bisher nicht moeglich, die genauen Unterlagen dafue zu beschaffen, da ^{sich} das entsprechende Aktenmaterial ~~wurde~~ aus schliesslich in Haenden franz. Behoerden - der Abteilung Erziehung und Hochschulwesen in Baden-Baden - befindet.

Infolge der Spannungen, die zwischen dem Kabinet des Generals KOENIG und dem Kabinet des Generaladministrator LAFFON bestehen, sind nunmehr einige Unterlagen zu beschaffen gewesen. Dabei stellte sich heraus, dass KOENIG dem Verantwortlichen fuer das Erziehungswesen in der franz. Zone, General SCHMITTEIN, schon zu Beginn der Rekrutierung des Professorenkorps die Anweisung erteilt hatte, das Aktenmaterial ueber die politische Vergangenheit der Professoren unter Ausschaltung der deutschen Entnazifizierungsbehoerden ausschliesslich den franzoesischen Stellen zuzuleiten.

General SCHMITTEIN ist bevoeltnaeigt, die Einstellung eines Professors oder Angestellten der Universitaet zu verfuegen. Die beiliegende Liste - eine erste Liste dieser Art - gibt einen Begriff davon, wie franzoesischerseits vorgegangen wurde. Die auf der Liste angefuhrten Professoren ~~wurde~~ und Angestellten sind durchweg Mitglieder der CGP und waren vor 1953 grosstenteils bereits im Rahmen der Zentrumpartei taetig.

In persoenlichen Unterhaltungen mit ihnen, geben die betreffenden Personen offen zu, dass sie sich franzoesischerseits gegen alle Angriffe, die eventuell von deutscher Seite kommen koennten, geschuetzt fuehlen. Besonders typisch ist der Fall des Amtsrates Oscar NICOLAUS aus Speyer. Er wurde durch Spruch des Neukasteler Entnazifizierungsausschusses in den Rang eines Oberinspektors zurueckversetzt, tauchte aber bereits 14 Tage spater wieder erneut mit Rang und Gehalt eines Amtsrate an der Universitaet Mainz auf. Bekannten gegenüber, die sich darueber wunderten, sagte Herr NICOLAUS, dass der Bischof von SPEYER fuer ihn "gesorgt" habe.

Auch in diese Angelegenheit hat sich nunmehr die franz. sez. Partei auf den Umweg ueber LAFFON und BENET eingeschaltet. Ebenfalls wurde der sozialistische Erziehungsminister NAEGELEN mit der Angelegenheit befasst. Man wartet in diesen Kreisen auf weiteres Material, um dann die Machenschaften KOENIGS durchkreuzen zu koennen.

LAFFON, BENET, GRUMBACH und NAEGELEN sind der Auffassung, dass KOENIG der hohen deutschen Geistlichkeit mit derartigen Konzessionen ~~herrscht~~ deren politische Zugeständnisse in den Fragen der BID~~x~~ von BIDAULT vertretenen Deutschland-Politik "abkaeft." Der Kampf um den Nachweis derartiger Machenschaften KOENIGS wird von LAFFON mit allen Mitteln gefuehrt.

28.10.1946.

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Prof. Dr. Bollnow (Philosophie)	bisher ord. Prof. Univ. Giessen Pg. 1.7.40 SA NSDOB. seit 1942
Prof. Dr. Dabelow (Anatomie)	bisher ord. Prof. Univ. Leipzig Pg. 8.2.38 SA 1934 NSDOB 1938 NSLB. 1934
Prof. Dr. Dirlmeier (Philologie)	bisher ord. Prof. Univ. Muenchen PG 1934
Prof. Dr. Erler (Jura) <u>Prorektor</u>	bisher ord. Prof. Univ. Strasburg/ Tuebinge ? ? ?
Prof. Dr. Flemming (Philologie)	bisher ord. Prof. Univ. Kiel Pg. 1938
Prof. Dr. Bernecker (Jura) <u>Dekan</u>	bisher Prof. Univ. Prag Pg. 1938 SA Scharfuehrer 1941
Prof. Dr. Gallring (ev. Theol.Fak.)	bisher Univ. Halle Pg. 1940 SA 1933
Prof. Dr. Hampl (phil.)	bisher Univ. Giessen NSKK Scharfuehrer 1938/39
Prof. Dr. Isele (Jura)	bisher Univ. Halle / Wien Pg. 1937 SA
Prof. Dr. Just (Phil.) <u>Dekan</u>	bisher Univ. Bonn Pg 1938
Prof. Dr. Klute (Geographie)	bisher Univ. Giessen
Prof. Dr. Molitor (Jura)	bisher Univ. Greifswald
Prof. Dr. Schaetzel (Jura)	bisher Univ. Marburg
Prof. Dr. Wuertenberger (Jura)	bisher Univ. Erlangen Pg. 1937 1933 SA

Nicolais, Oskar

bis zum Zusammenbruch Amtsrat Rechnungskammer Speyer
Am 1.7.46 v.d. Rechnungskammer als Oberinspektor wieder eingestellt,
seit 15.7.46 als Amtsrat b.d. Univ. Mainz,
Referent im Rektoramt
1.4.34 SA - 1937 PG

Dr. Schmitz-Braeuning
Willi,

SA, Pg., Leiter des Studentenwerks, Mitglied
des NS-Herrenklubs
Leiter der Beschaffungsstelle der Univ. Mainz.

Wagner, Hans

bisher Beamter der Finanzverwaltung Neustadt
(Steueroberinspektor)

Spruch der ZSK lautet: Entlassung

als Oberinspektor eingestellt, Leiter der Univ.
Kasse

Gruen, Reinhard

Hauptschullehrer

Spruch der ZSK lautet: Entlassung

Leiter des Sozialdienstes, Betreuung der Studier

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Paul Maedler, Ing.

Baufuehrer Pg. SA

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