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PRACTICING HATE PROPAGANDA

GERMANY, 1934: Professor Wolfgang Windelband, a Jewish lecturer, was ordered by his university to leave his position and take an inferior one in another city. He confided to a friend that he would rather resign than make the journey. "If I went, there would be Hitler Youth demonstrations against me, no students would register for my work, and in a few months I would be dismissed."

GERMANY, 1995: A 55-year-old teacher took up a new position in a primary school near Hamover. When it was learned that she is a Scientologist, her classes were boycotted. She was dismissed from teaching and forced to take up an administrative post.

In the 1930s, to demonize the Jewish community and make its persecution seem necessary to protect the German people, the Nazis claimed that "the Jews" were intent on dominating the world. Although the Jewish people represented less than one percent of the German population, the Third Reich propaganda ministry portrayed them as the sole cause of Germany's economic and social problems, taking over the country and stealing jobs from "good Germans."

Today, in an effort to legitimize government discrimination against members of the Church of Scientology, a recognized religion all over the world, certain German government leaders have claimed that Scientology is trying to "take over" Germany and undermine the economy — an accusation just as absurd as that made 60 years ago.

The Church of Scientology has long since recognized that the problem in Germany is not with the whole government, much less the German people. The instruments of propaganda, however, are very loud and often drown out the facts.

For instance, in 1991, the state prosecutor in Munich, Bavaria's capital, ended a politically inspired investigation begun 10 years earlier, because he had uncovered no violation of any law. In fact, in the 26 years that the Church of Scientology has existed in Germany, not once has a Church official been charged with, much less convicted of, any crime.

Germany Then: As part of their propaganda campaign, the Nazis claimed that the Jewish people had to be ruthlessly fought because they undermined the economy and sought world domination.

The striving of the Jewish people for world domination.

Adolf Hitler, Mein Kampf

In economics he [the Jew] undermines the state.

Adolf Hitler, Mein Kampf

The treatment we give the Jews does them no wrong. They have more than deserved it.

*Joseph Goebbels
Reichminister of Propaganda
November 1941*

The Jews are our destruction ... What they mean to achieve by it is to destroy the German state and nation. This plan must be frustrated.

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German Officials Respond:

Just like the Nazis before them, German officials brush off well-documented criticisms with denials and excuses. In the 1930s and 1940s, those in charge ridiculed anyone who uttered a warning from abroad.

Atrocity stories devoid of all foundation.

(Referring to accounts by Jews of persecution by Nazis)

*Joseph Goebbels, 1933
Reichminister of Propaganda*

Yet last week, the Bavarian government implemented a wholly undemocratic measure instigated by state Minister of Interior Guenther Beckstein to prevent the employment of Scientologists in the civil service — marking the first time since the Third Reich that people have been excluded from government jobs solely because of their religious affiliation.

Protest has been raised from diverse corners of Germany. Among them, the chairman of the Central Committee of Jews in Germany, Ignatz Bubis, last week publicly criticized Bavaria's decision not to employ Scientologists in the civil service. The head of Germany's parliamentary interior affairs committee, Wolfgang Penner, said too that Bavaria was wrong.

Despite a growing voice of opposition to the totalitarian measures against Scientologists, officials like Bavaria's Guenther Beckstein stubbornly hold onto their undemocratic views — in the face of repeated findings by their own authorities that the Scientologists are doing nothing wrong.

Why are German officials discriminating against Scientologists? There is no legitimate reason, just as there was none for the persecution of the Jewish people. And, let us not forget, Germany has no

tradition of religious freedom as in the United States.

Germany's post-WW II Constitution *guarantees* the right to practice one's religion. Because the Constitution makes discrimination against the Church of Scientology illegal, German officials have simply asserted that Scientology is not a religion. They ignore the dozens of court rulings, government findings and scholarly expertises that independently concluded that Scientology is beyond doubt a religion.

German leaders have dismissed every request to engage in dialogue to resolve the discrimination occurring in their country.

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Germany Now: German officials claim that Scientologists must be ruthlessly fought because they undermine the economy and seek world domination.

Scientology is striving for world domination.

Claudia Nolle, Minister for Youth and Family Affairs, April 1996

Scientology... is secretly undermining the economy.

Norbert Bluem, Federal Minister of Labor, May 1995

I am referring to the world-wide campaigns by Scientology. We must not show them any mercy.

*Norbert Bluem,
Federal Minister of Labor,
May 1995*

[Scientology pursues] secret campaigns of conquest unknown to the public... we must use all available means to uncover Scientologists. We must resist them.... We must form a chain of defense.

Norbert Bluem, Federal Minister of Labor, May 1995

Federal Minister of Labor Norbert Bluem (Christian Democratic Union) has told the churches to fight Scientology "together with the state".... Nobody should be irritated by protests from America

*German press wire
August 18, 1996*

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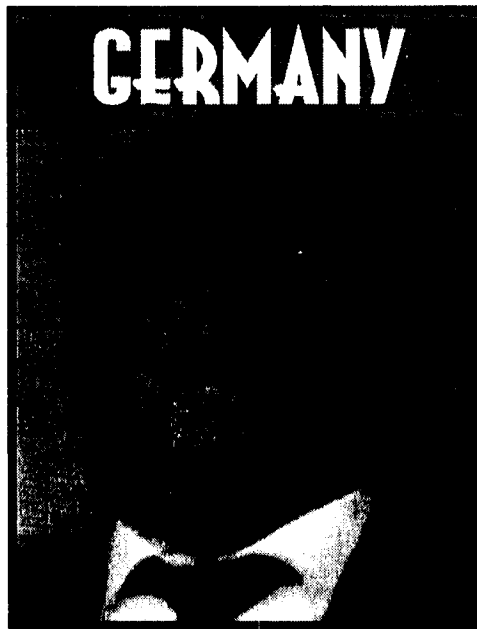
PRACTICING ECONOMIC OSTRACISM

GERMANY, 1933: Dr. Fritz A. Arnheim, a successful Berlin lawyer, married and with a young son, was dismissed from his job because he was Jewish. This left his family with no regular income. They tried to obtain visas to emigrate to the United States, but were unsuccessful.

GERMANY, 1995: G. W., a Bavarian company executive, married and with two young daughters, was dismissed from his job because he is a Scientologist. This left his family with no regular income. Unable to find satisfactory work in Germany despite an outstanding record, he and his family emigrated to the United States.

Throughout the 1930s, the Nazis systematically excluded the Jewish community from the social and economic life of the nation. A book published in 1937, "The Economic Destruction of German Jewry by the Nazi Regime", found that "the most serious problem confronting German Jews is their gradual squeezing out from economic life. Other aspects of the persecution may excite more honor... but in the end the factor that must prove most crushing is the closing to them of every profession, of every avenue of trade and employment, of every path to livelihood or skill in labour for the new coming generation. This side of the campaign is carried through without physical force, without massacre, without bullets, but it means, none the less, decisive destruction."

This bloodless discrimination is exactly what German Scientologists are experiencing today. Germany's Federal Minister of Labor, Norbert Bluem, has repeatedly tried to exclude Scientologists from employment because of their religious affiliation. A Bluem edict to the Federal Labor Office in 1994 ordered the revocation of any licenses issued to Scientologists that authorized



Federal Minister of Labor Norbert Bluem

them to operate employment agencies.

Fueled by such government authority, the bureaucratic gears of discrimination have been grinding at all levels of the country's economic life. Various businesses, acting on the false propaganda, require that their employees sign unconstitutional and illegal "declarations" confirming that they are not Scientologists. Failure to sign means no job. The

discovery that one's religion is Scientology has led to immediate dismissal. Scientologists are denied bank accounts and in Bavaria, Scientologists are not allowed to bid for public contracts.

When such abuses have reached a court, they have been declared unconstitutional. Undeterred by the judicial condemnations, however, the bureaucrats continue to discriminate.

For example, this past December, a state court called "illegal" and "inappropriate" a Federal Labor Office order which revoked the license of a woman, who ran her own business, solely because she is a Scientologist. Despite this, a Federal Labor Office order surfaced in June 1996 which instructs all labor offices to initiate arbitrary and discriminatory measures against any employers who are suspected of being Scientologists.

This September, a court ruled illegal the dismissal of a Scientologist, on the basis of his religion, from a leading German engineering company. An outstanding employee holding a position of responsibility, the Scientologist had been given only one day's notice in December 1995 despite a contract extending through September 1996.

In a climate of intolerance created by irresponsible politicians, legality is forgotten and constitutional rights are ignored.

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Germany Then: *The Nazis sought to exclude the Jews from the spiritual, social and economic life of Germany.*

"Anyone who still maintains social relations with him [the Jew] is one of them."

— Joseph Goebbels, Reichminister of Propaganda, November 1941

"We demand of German students resolution and action towards elimination from German spiritual life of Jewish intellectualism and the liberal illusions bound up with it."

— Nazi poster affixed to advertising pillars in Berlin and signed by "German Student Body," May 1933

"The inhabitants of this village want nothing to do with Jews."

— Billboard slogan issued by Nazi District Propaganda Offices in the 1930s

Germany Now: *German officials are seeking to exclude Scientology from the spiritual, social and economic life of Germany.*

"We need an all-out social ostracism of the Scientology sect."

— Susan Eisenmann, CDU Member of Parliament, Baden Wuerttemberg, July 1992

"We will make Germany clear of Scientology."

— Ursula Caberta, Social Democratic Party Hamburg Member of Parliament, April 1991

"The renting of buildings owned by the government to Scientologists or their companies must be prevented. This would constitute some first measures to stop the further spreading of the Scientologists in this city."

— Antje Bumenthal, Christian Democratic Union April 1991

German Officials Respond:

Just like the Nazis before them, German officials brush off well-documented criticisms with denials and excuses. In the 1930s and 1940s, those in charge ridiculed anyone who uttered a warning from abroad.

"American Jewry in particular is bent on creating a new platform from which it plans to step up its struggle, especially against Germany."

— Reich Security Directive, October 25, 1940

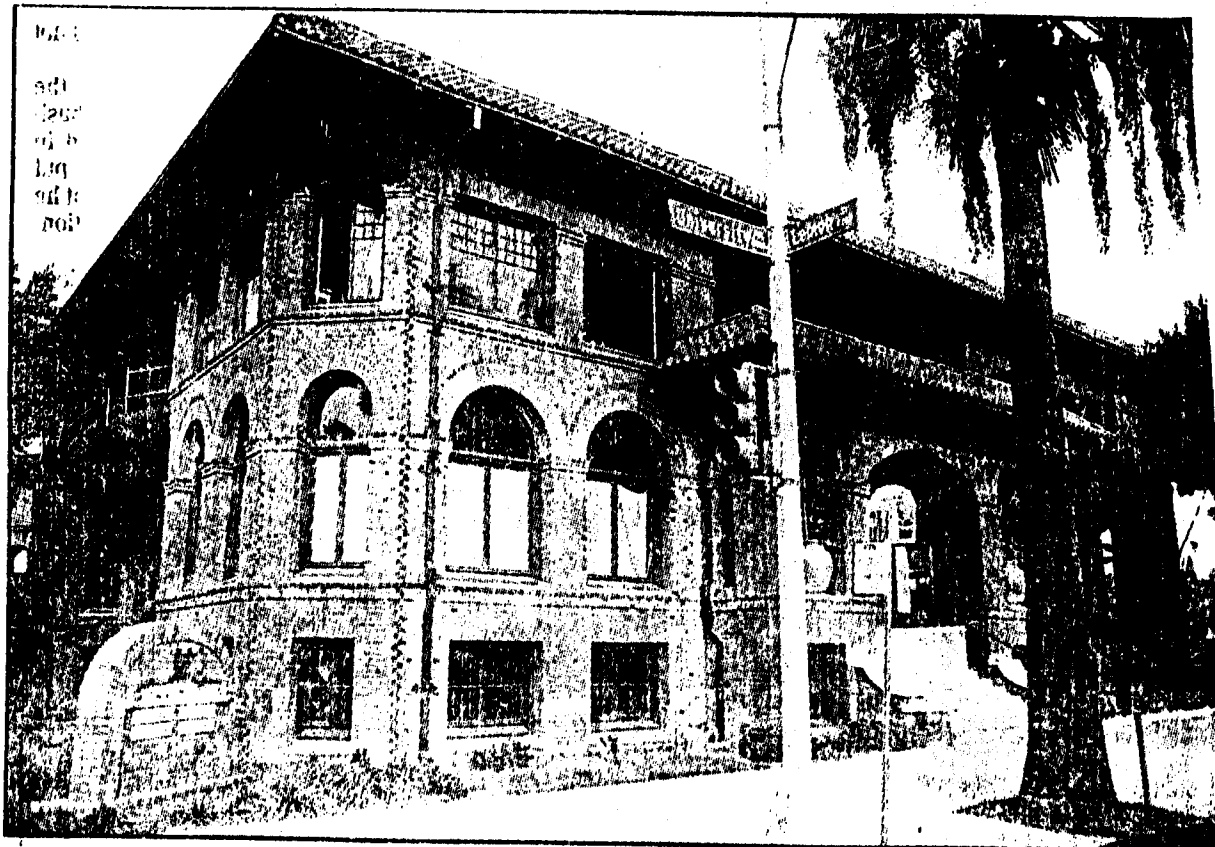
"Scientology runs disinformation campaigns in which U.S. senators are involved and spreads them worldwide with shrewd press agency."

— Federal Minister of Labour Norbert Bluem August 29, 1996

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Laurie L. Ward / The Press-Enterprise

Former YMCA at the corner of University Avenue and Lemon Street.

Landmark Riverside building could become community asset

The onetime building of the Riverside Young Men's Christian Association, a Cultural Heritage Landmark designated as Italian Renaissance in style, is trying to develop an active community status.



THE COUNTY'S PAST

Tom Patterson

ed with murals designed by artist Sang Huang. Among its uses are programs called quincineras, a coming-of-age celebration for Hispanic girls.

Altogether, according to Manager Bent Corydon, there are some 25 tenants in the building, mostly artists working in rooms the Y once had available as living quarters. One large meeting space has been created by combining smaller rooms.

The original gymnasium was divided into smaller spaces before the Y moved to its present Jefferson Street location in 1968. The onetime swimming pool in the basement has become a storage place for odds and ends as the renovation continues.

It faces University Avenue at Lemon Street.

It has an auditorium, which combines earlier smaller rooms, available for conventions and other meetings. Its newest portion, the gymnasium built in 1951, has been decorated

In short, although the building's exterior is well cared for and retains its style, the interior is in transition and not exactly the neatest place in the world. Give it time. Reflect meanwhile on its history including the bizarre conflict following the Y's departure in 1968. It could have a long and useful life along with its heritage status.

Actually, the YMCA began in Riverside in 1884. In 1889 it completed and occupied a four-level building facing Main Street on part of the site of the Mission Inn. Frank Miller of the Inn had given the site. He bought it back and helped finance the Renaissance Y building that was completed in 1909. Its size was doubled by an addition along Lemon Street in the early 1920s.

The 1909 architect was Arthur Benton, the original and probably the most prolific of the architects participating in the California Hispanic Revival Movement. Indeed the arched windows and the tile roofing of overhangs on this building may, to some, suggest California Hispanic Revival. If the red brick had been covered with white stucco the likeness would be more complete.

But there is no white stucco. Italian Renaissance it is. Architectural textbooks and my architectural consultant Blaine Rawdon say so.

For six years after the Y moved the building was a "Gheel House," that is, a halfway house for retarded persons.

Next it was acquired by a chartered branch of Scientology, the organization headed by the late L.

Ron Hubbard. The chartered group fell out with the parent organization, resulting in a protracted lawsuit, ended by an out-of-court settlement in 1991. Part of the apparent outcome of the settlement made the dissident group owner of the building. It has taken the name of Life Arts Center, Inc.

Corydon, manager of the Center, was originally a participant in the Scientology organization, but fell out with it and is one of the authors of a book entitled "L. Ron Hubbard, Messiah or Madman?"

A year or more ago there was a study suggesting means and locations under which administration of police work, fire fighting and other functions of the city might be brought together at one location. It didn't mention the Life Arts Building or the old YMCA, but it did contain a map showing the entire block as a possible site, as though it were without any present building.

Nothing has been heard recently of that map. Fiscal problems have postponed if not ruled out such a development.

The Cultural Heritage Landmark status of the building will help to bring about its continued existence. The careful preservation of the interesting exterior will also help. The further development of the building as a site for civic, community and art activities would help still more.

Tom Patterson, a former Press-Enterprise reporter and editor, has published three books and numerous articles on Riverside County history. His column appears occasionally on Sundays.

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PRACTICING RELIGIOUS PERSECUTION

GERMANY, 1933: A little Jewish girl who had been called a pig for several days in succession refused to go to school anymore. Boys and girls who used to play with her, turned their backs on her. The teachers showed her frozen faces — they would lose their posts if they did not.

GERMANY, 1994: The two children of a Scientologist were banished by the rest of the school and a sign placed in front of the children's playground stating that Scientologists are not wanted.

In the 1930s, the Nazis manufactured a climate of hatred against the Jewish community by propaganda intended to sanctify their persecution. To strip the Jewish people of the protections traditionally given to religious communities, Nazi leaders insisted that Judaism's claim to be a religion was a fraud to disguise criminal and economic motives.

Today, to try to justify radical and unconstitutional measures against the Church of Scientology, some German government officials have claimed that Scientology is not a religion but rather a ruse. They simply disregard dozens of court rulings, scholarly expertises and governmental acceptances, which have independently affirmed Scientology's religious nature, and ignore official findings which have discarded baseless accusations of subterfuge and ulterior motives.

Claudia Nolte, Germany's Federal Minister of Family, Seniors, Women and Youth, is one such official. Relying on nothing other than hateful rhetoric, she and a handful of other politicians have called for repressive and unfounded measures to put Churches of Scientology in Germany under surveillance by the federal government.

Germany Then: The Nazis claimed that the Jewish people were not a true religious community but only pretended to be religious as a "trick."

It is a fact that the Jews had been tolerated by other nations only because they pretended to be a "religious community."

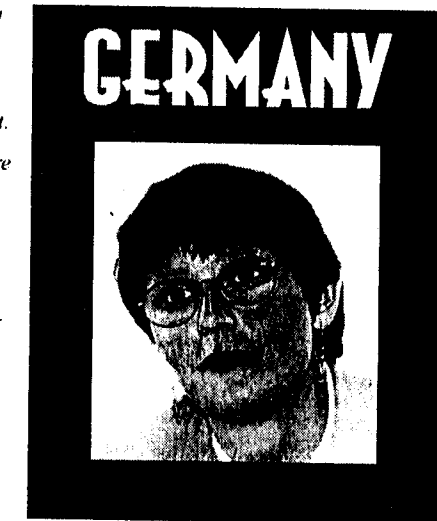
Der Stürmer, 1940 (The Stormtrooper)

Consequently, this people [the Jews] has always formed a state within a state. It is one of the most ingenious tricks that was ever devised, to make this state sail under the flag of "religion."

Adolf Hitler, Mein Kampf

[The Jew] can only endure for any length of time if he succeeds in arousing the opinion that he is not a people but a "religious community."

Adolf Hitler, Mein Kampf



German Federal Minister Claudia Nolte

When such threats are tested against actual facts, however, the picture is different.

On October 24, 1996, Germany's Conference of Ministers of Interior issued a report in which they admitted, as noted by a leading German newspaper, that "no concrete facts exist" to justify such measures.

The unfounded accusations of officials such as Minister Nolte contrast sharply with the results of such factual tests. For instance, Minister Nolte issued an inflammatory propaganda brochure on Scientology which relied in part on accusations of a convicted felon who had gone to jail for attempting to frame the Church for his own crimes.

In a climate of hate campaigns created by irresponsible politicians, facts are forgotten and constitutional rights are ignored.

Why are some German officials discriminating against Scientologists? There is no legitimate reason, just as there was none for the persecution of the Jews. And, let us not forget, Germany has no tradition of religious freedom.

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Germany Now: Despite official recognitions of Scientology as a religion all over the world, including more than 30 German court decisions, German officials have claimed that Scientology is not a religion.

Scientology... wants to spread its ... ideology all over the world under the guise of being a religion....

Norbert Blum, Federal Minister of Labor, May 1995

It is a state within a state and has to be combated. Each of its members is a citizen of the Scientology state. The aim is to take over the planet.

Ursula Caberta, Hamburg Ministry of the Interior August 10, 1996

Scientology claims to be a "church" and thus suggests a position close to the Christian Churches and religious communities.... The use of this term is nothing but a strategy....

The Federal Office of the Christian Democratic Union December 1992

German Officials Respond:

Just like the Nazis before them, German officials brush off well-documented criticisms with denials and excuses. In the 1930s and 1940s, those in charge ridiculed anyone who uttered a warning from abroad.

It is symptomatic that any measure we take against the Jews is reported the very next day in the British and American press. The Jews, then, even now have their secret lines of communication to the enemy nations.

Joseph Goebbels, Minister of Propaganda November 1941

At present Scientology is misusing international concern ... to cause serious damage to the reputation of the country [Germany] abroad with an advertising campaign in influential American newspapers.

Renate Rennebach, Socialist Party spokesperson December 1994

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SUBVERTING EDUCATION WITH "ENLIGHTENMENT"

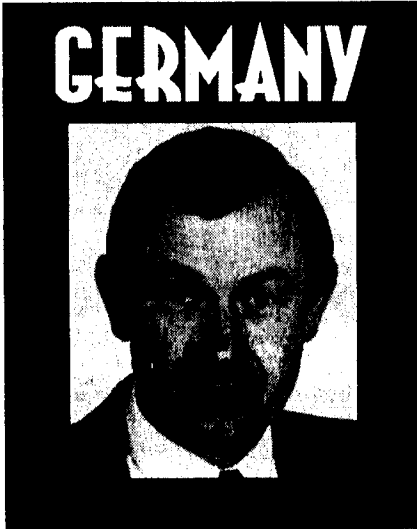
GERMANY, 1935: Exemplifying the success of a Nazi "enlightenment" campaign in schools, nine-year-old pupil Helga Gerbling wrote a composition called "The Cuckoo and the Jew." "When we call 'Cuckoo, Cuckoo,'" the child wrote, "he also scrapes and bows like the Jew merchant who always tries to be polite so that we Germans should buy from him. Both Jews, the one among the birds and the one among the humans, are parasites."

GERMANY, 1936: With the blessing of the Bavarian Ministry of Culture which has ordered schools to conduct an "enlightenment" campaign about Scientology, twelve-year-old pupils at the Ickstatt School in Ingolstadt prepared an art "exhibition" ridiculing the religious beliefs of Scientologists. The school manufactured a T-shirt design consisting of a cartoon story degrading Scientologists and gave it to the pupils to wear.

The vulnerable young minds of German schoolchildren were a primary target of Nazi "enlightenment" campaigns in the 1930s. Children were subjected to Nazi propaganda about "the evil Jew" from the earliest ages. In a popular board game called "Get the Jews Out!," children threw dice to move six Jews out of their homes and businesses and onto the road to Palestine. It sold over a million copies in 1938.

Pictures of classrooms from the day show blackboards featuring discussion topics to promote "enlightenment." A 1935 photograph from Cologne-Ehrenfeld shows young children discussing "Who knows the Jews knows the devil. No salvation for the German people without solution of the Jewish question."

There was no rational reason for the Nazi persecution of Jewish people. Similarly, today there is no justification for the intolerance incited against



Bavarian Minister of Interior
Guenther Beckstein

the Church of Scientology and its members by some extremists within the German government. Bavarian Minister of the Interior Guenther Beckstein has been at the forefront of a propaganda campaign against Scientologists in his state. On November 1, 1996, he implemented a 15-step approach to ostracize Scientologists from public and private life throughout Bavaria.

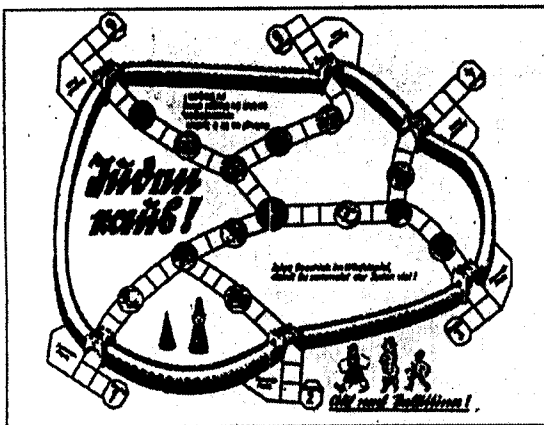
As a result, the Bavarian Ministry of Culture ordered that all schools conduct an "enlightenment" campaign about the Church of Scientology. Information supplied to all headmasters for use in the campaign reveals that the Bavarian government has respect for neither human dignity nor the German Constitution. Lies disguised as research abound, as if transparent attempts to incite fear and loathing, such as the statement: "As a consequence [of participation ... one can observe physical changes like a change in weight (fatness/slimness)... altered beard growth..."

A circular sent to all schools in Munich County advises headmasters that they "are asked to report by September 25th, 1996 about the measures they have taken [about Scientology]" and it concludes ominously "Non-compliance will not be tolerated!"

One school reported that the class wanted to invite representatives of the Scientology organization to discuss the subject with them, but the idea was prohibited by the government. "Never again" must not be an idle slogan, it must be a promise we keep. True, no one has been killed or hauled off to death camps. But history has taught us that we would be at fault if we stood by and did not point out the alarming similarities between the 1930s and today. German officials protesting these comparisons should stop recreating the past and they will remind no one of it.

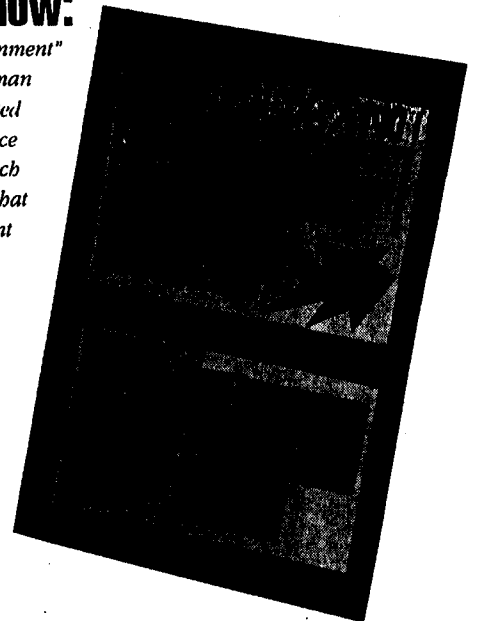
Germany Then:

Nazi "enlightenment" aimed at schoolchildren in the 1930s included "Get the Jews Out!" — a game in which Jews were to be driven out of Germany. More than a million copies were sold in 1938.



Germany Now:

The current "enlightenment" campaign of the German government has created new games of prejudice for schoolchildren, such as the art exhibition that incited these intolerant posters.



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Now the Jews are abroad spreading atrocity lies against us. But we don't listen to them and we follow our Leader."

— Der Stürmer, 1935 (The Stormtrooper)

[Explaining away U.S. protests about discrimination against Scientologists]: "After all, the Americans have another understanding of freedom."

— Franz-Josef Kniola, Minister of Interior, Northrhine-Westphalia, August 18, 1996.

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