

Council on Germany joined them in calling for new efforts by the German government and the Laender governments (which control education) to give new emphasis to the teaching of the history of the Nazi era. This is now being done at all levels of German education, including adult education.

Nevertheless, concern about the new Germany, as evidenced in the press, was widespread. This concern has since been exacerbated by the immense publicity which the Eichmann trial inevitably created -- fair though the trial was in itself -- and further doubts were raised by William L. Shirer's best-selling book, The Rise and Fall of the Third Reich. Mr. Shirer implies the collective guilt of the German people and treats the Nazi movement as a representative product of German culture, rather than as mainly the product of inflation, depression and defeat. Furthermore, in an effort to capitalize on all the lucrative publicity, a whole series of anti-German books followed, such as those by Dornberg and Tetens, not to mention television programs and films, the latest of which -- Stanley Kramer's Judgment at Nuremberg -- is the most devastating and distorted.

In an effort to discover the facts behind the Swastika daubings, Christopher Emmet, Executive Vice President of the Council, and Norbert Muhlen, a Director, undertook a detailed study of present-day German attitudes toward anti-Semitism and the Nazi past. Their booklet, The Vanishing Swastika, published by Henry Regnery Company in December, 1960, was widely reviewed and has enjoyed a large circulation in this country as well as in England and Canada. The Council also published a pamphlet, Germany's Democracy in Perspective -- Can It Ripen Under Suspicion, based on a German radio interview with Professor Max Horkheimer of the University of Frankfurt and Professor Ferdinand Hermens of the University of Cologne. In addition, the Council has circulated Education for Democracy, a study of post-war German educational methods, compiled by Dr. Walter Stahl, Executive Secretary of the Atlantik-Bruecke.

Partly as a result of the publicity elicited by The Vanishing Swastika, both Mr. Emmet and Mr. Muhlen made numerous radio and television appearances. Mr. Muhlen appeared on the nation-wide program "Open Mind" with William L. Shirer, Telford Taylor, and Erik Blumenfeld of the Atlantik-Bruecke. Subsequently this program was seen by German audiences. Mr. Muhlen twice debated T.H. Tetens in connection with the latter's book, The New Germany and the Old Nazis. Mr. Muhlen's new book, The Survivors, which deals with the situation of Jews in Germany today, will be published by Crowell and Company in the spring of 1962. The New York Times published two letters from Dr. George Shuster, President of the Council, on the significance of the Swastika outbreaks and related subjects. An important letter by our legal advisor, Joseph Kaskell, was also published in the Times. Mr. Emmet has devoted a number of his regular radio programs on Foreign Affairs Round Table, Station WEVD, to German problems.

The activities above described were undertaken to explain to Americans how Germans were feeling and thinking. But of course, the Council is equally concerned with clarifying American opinions to the Germans. Thus, Mr. Emmet's article in the June, 1961 issue of Politische Welt, "Germany - America", attempted to explain how Americans felt about the balance of payments problem, the Eichmann trial and other matters. A number of Council members, including Mr. Muhlen and Louis Lochner, as well as Mr. Emmet, have made television and radio appearances in Germany and have lectured there over the past year.