contacted as to the way in which we should include the explosives interests in our circle." It was decided to invite Mueller to all future meetings.

His counsel asked:

"But Herr Haefliger, did the Commercial Committee have anything to do with technical planning of production programs?"

"No."

"Who was responsible for these matters?"

"This was the Technical Committee's jurisdiction. The Commercial Committee had a purely informative and consultative character."

"The indictment says that the economics policy of Farben was aimed at strengthening the German Wehrmacht against all other countries, including the U.S.A., and to weaken the economic strength of these countries."

"No. Never."

"Did you actually attend the Commercial Committee Meeting.. where an 'economic New Order of Europe' was discussed?"

"I do not remember that meeting. I was just recuperating from a severe illness at the time and I expected to go on a long vacation to Italy."

At the second Commercial Committee meeting, in August 1937, two decisions were laid down which greatly affected Haefliger himself. Reich complaints had reached their ears that too many Farben men abroad took little interest in the Party. The Committee "generally agreed that under no circumstances should anyone be assigned to our agencies abroad... when positive attitude toward the new era is not established beyond doubt." And the second decision was to take "measures in Austria to establish a closer relationship" to the munitions industries there.

Of the change in personnel-policy abroad, Haefliger ~~said~~ threw in an afterthought: "I can't remember such a pronounced statement at the meeting itself." Certainly he would have recorded the decision differently. And the proof that Farben did not intend to countenance anti-semetism