and other windows were broken and the shops were openly looted by the mob. Gauleiter Büchel endeavoured to give some appearance of legality to this anti-Jewish action by issuing instructions that houses occupied by Jews should be searched for weapons and illegal literature. In the course of the search numerous arrests were made.

5. The immediate consequence of these demonstrations was that hundreds of Jews formed even larger queues than usual outside this consulate-general and that of the United States. On the 9th instant, already at 6:30 P.M., a large number of Jews lined up outside this consulate-general prepared to wait all night until the Passport Office opened the next morning. They were dispersed by the police that evening and three times again before 8:30 A.M. on the 10th and every Jewish man was taken into arrest, only the women and children being left. At the United States Consulate-General the S.A. began beating the crowds with rope-ends until the United States Consul-General, unable to bear the spectacle, insisted on police intervention, which was eventually granted.

6. The Vienna correspondent of The Times was arrested by the S.A. as he was taking notes of the demonstrations in the Leopoldgasse and was taken to the police station. On revealing his identity to the police, he received an apology and was allowed to go. Ten minutes later he was again arrested and again released. He informed me that on his arrival at the police station he observed a number of Jews covering in corners, so terrified that they were unable even to remember their names, while an old Jew with white hair and beard was lying on the floor being brutally kicked by an S.A. man while the regular police looked on.

7. This morning the public manifestations have ceased, but arrests continue to be made. The Jewish population is terrified and I am besieged with applications for help and by persons wishing to relate their experiences. I fear that several British subjects have suffered damage, and individual reports on these cases will be transmitted as soon as full particulars are available.

8. Last night Vienna presented an extraordinary spectacle, with fires raging all over the city and Jews being hustled along the streets, cursed at and assaulted by crowds of hooligans whose pride it is to belong to one of the greatest and most civilised nations of the world.

9. The anti-Jewish demonstrations were not confined to Vienna. Thus a synagogue at Linz was burnt to the ground; the synagogue at Salzburg was wrecked and its contents thrown into the street; Jewish shops were also looted. At Hallein and at Bad Gastein the Jewish hotels and pensions were sacked, including the Hôtel Bristol, the Kurhaus Cäcilia, a further Kurhaus and a large villa owned by a Jew.

I have, &c.
D. ST. CLAIR GAINER.
of attorney for the firm of Kleinwort and Co., Fenchurch Street, London, owners of three houses in Cologne occupied by German Jews whose windows had been broken. The local police were immediately informed. They promised to safeguard the properties. Herr Schwarz was asked to furnish details in writing. I should be glad to have instructions as to the general attitude to be adopted to such claims.

4. I venture to transmit herewith translations of two anonymous letters which I have received to-day, one from a person who describes himself as a "Beamter," the other from a person who describes himself as a judge. I make it a rule to ignore anonymous letters, but the writers have so well stated the views of many Germans that I think them worth transmission.

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J. E. BELL.

(Translation.)

Enclosure 1 in No. 7.

To the Herr Generalkonsul, Cologne, November 12, 1938.

I feel the urge to present to you a true report of the recent riots, plunderings and destruction of Jewish businesses, dwellings and incendiary acts of synagogues.

The German folk have had nothing whatever to do with these riots and incendiary acts.

Since the incitements of the party members had not had the least effect on the man in the street, there came from the police wireless on the morning of the 10th November, 1938, at 0·45 A.M. (a quarter to 1 in the morning) the following orders:

(1) At 4 A.M. the synagogues and chapels of the Jews were ordered to be set on fire.
(2) At 6 A.M. the destruction and looting of shops and houses was ordered to begin in the city.
(3) At 8 A.M. the same was to happen in the suburbs.
(4) All action was ordered to cease at 1 P.M. midday of the 10th November, 1938.

Whilst the "angry and excited folk," as the newspapers so well expressed it, still slept and had no idea of these orders, the police supplied all available young and newly enlisted S.A. men, strengthened by a mob of riff-raff, with axes, housebreaking tools and ladders at the police headquarters. A list of the names and addresses of all Jewish shops and flats was furnished, and the mob proceeded to do their work under the leadership of S.A. men.

The police had strict orders to remain neutral. At 8 o'clock in the morning of the 10th November, 1938, revolting fights amongst this mob over the booty were still to be witnessed, e.g., one of the robbers was carrying away eight suits of stolen clothing which he was refusing to share with his dear German comrades. In Cologne alone seventeen shops have been so far completely looted.

The population of Cologne had absolutely nothing to do with this murderous arson and condemns it, as does also the whole German nation. These actions were ordered by the Government in Berlin.

A certain police commissioner who intervened to save a shop from looting, has been placed on leave and relieved of his functions.

Please take information amongst the Cologne people, and you will convince yourself that the German nation had nothing to do with these crimes and disassociates itself from this action of their Government.

(Signed) EIN BEAMTER.

Enclosure 2 in No. 7.

Translation of a Copy of the Original sent to the Reichsminister for Justice.

The events of the 10th instant, with their anti-social crimes, such as incendiary, looting, bodily violence, robbery and murder, in all towns and villages of Germany cause German judges to beg you for guidance in the forthcoming legal processes.

Since these crimes against the social order have been staged by the Government itself, it would be advisable to quash all legal proceedings arising therefrom, since the public knows very well that no judge dare dispense justice without exposing himself to severe reprisals for his acting according to his conscience. More than 50 per cent. of the judges under your jurisdiction must do violence to their conscience, since the events which have happened are such as to make one ashamed of being German. Such ideas could only come from the narrow, criminal brains of a Hitler, Hess, Goebbels, Rosenberg, &c., and must carry the conviction abroad that they are the same incendiaries who formerly set fire to the Reichstag, and who were responsible for the deeds of the 30th June, 1934. It would be better if you recommended all German judges to retire. It cannot be expected that German judges should do hangmen's work.

The events of the 10th instant have unmistakably and clearly proven to all the world that a judiciary no longer exists in Germany.

You, Herr Reichsminister Dr. Görnert, are also responsible for what has happened, and you may depend upon it that we will bring you to book perhaps quicker than you think. Make sure of your own retreat by giving all right-thinking judges an opportunity to liquidate their services in a humane manner and by bringing the true situation before your friend Hitler, for the verdict that will be pronounced by all honest judges on you and your bandit friends will be death.

(Signed) JUDEX.