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WITNESS: Sauckel
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In March, 1942, witness was summoned by Minister Speer, and told it was urgent for him to take over a new job regarding manpower. A few days later, Speer invited witness to meet Fuehrer. (1) As a result of losses in winter campaign in Russia, it was necessary to increase armament production and raise new troops as well. (2) The Fuehrer said that use of foreign workers within occupied territories would not go counter to the Hague Convention because these countries had surrendered unconditionally, and in the case of Russia, she was not a party at all. "I then received a definite order to mobilize workers in those countries, and inasmuch as this could not be carried out through voluntary methods, to use the same methods of compulsory conscription which was enforced in Germany." (4) The witness then discusses the administrative machinery used for this purpose. (4 - 14)