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HISTORY

Paper 1 Section A/B: Germany, 1890–1945: Democracy and dictatorship

Interpretations Booklet

Interpretations A and **B** for use in answering Questions 01, 02 and 03

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Interpretation A   Adapted from 'The House that Hitler Built', by Professor SH Roberts, published in the late 1930s.

Roberts was an Australian Professor of History who had travelled widely in Germany. He met Nazi leaders, attended Nazi rallies, and talked to ordinary Germans. His book publicised what had been happening to the Jewish people.

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Interpretation B   Adapted from an interview after the war with Fritz Muehlebach in 'Follow my Leader', published in 1951.

Muehlebach had been a merchant seaman for four years. He joined the SA in 1932 and took part in their violence against the Communists during the election campaigns of that year. He worked in an office, then joined the army and was wounded fighting in Russia.

> The attitude towards the Jews that newspapers always printed wasn't right. Not all Germans hated the Jews. Some Jews had fought bravely in the First World War. My brother worked for Jews and they treated him very well. I agreed with Nazi ideas but I did not really believe that the Jews were to blame for everything that had gone wrong in Germany. I was unsure about the persecution of them.

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END OF INTERPRETATIONS