

- 16/1 After my presentation thus far it must seem rather improbable that there were indeed friendly relations between Hau and me and that he confided things to me which are of eminent importance and which he kept from his lawyer for months.
- 16/2 I now come to the actual central point of my publication and want to break my silence with the public since it concerns Hau's life and truthfully report that which Hau told me in confidence and which I can swear to in court. At first it was not my intention to have my notes and experiences with Hau published-- Hau's wish to be silent about that which he said to me had kept me quiet. But I cannot not suffer it that Hau is presented in a bad light by the many biased, distorted and superficial descriptions and that people try to present his relationship with his sister-in-law Olga as a, cool completely conventional relationship: Mr. Hau, Miss Olga! I, too, read the longwinded, unfounded explanations in the press in which Olga Molitor had to seem the domestic, naive girl. Furthermore, they tried to present the relationship between the victim and her daughter Olga as the most untroubled, cordial possible. They even went so far as to insinuate that the people who thought Hau to be innocent had been (17) bribed by Hau's American friends. As I have learned from informed sources, a reporter from a Berlin newspaper was thus reproached by a friend of the Molitor family. Lately there have also appeared for the first time so-called proofs of Hau's irrefutable guilt which out of context could only be incriminating against Hau: I speak of Dr. Dietz's letters to the late wife of the accused. It is unknown why Lieutenant Molitor destroyed those letters which Mrs. Hau had carried with her. It is certainly to be assumed that no further explanations are awaited by the district attorney's office in the matter itself. Thus an exoneration by the authorities can no longer be expected in the current situation.
- 17/1 But I was completely upset when I recently found out that Olga Molitor, who under oath during the trial, when questioned by the judge answered the question of whether she thought Hau to be the murderer with a definite "no," now suddenly does consider her brother-in-law to be the murderer. I didn't doubt for a moment that Hau would have to be cleared; he himself was sure of it. In response to my questions as to how to conduct myself if called as witness, Hau advised me that in pre-questioning I should simply explain that he told me nothing of importance.
- 17/3 One morning I was alone in the cell and was considering what I should do if I (18) should be called as witness directly to the main trial without pre-questioning. When Hau came back to the cell-- the missionary was there, too-- I said to him: I have decided not to make any statements, even if they lock me up.
- 18/1-2 To that Hau answered, "Don't let it come to that. Just see that you leave Karlsruhe immediately. Then if a summons to be a witness cannot be delivered, you certainly won't be sent for. You don't need to tell your landlord where you're traveling." The missionary also heard all of these conversations. Therefore it is completely out of the question that Hau had the intention of winning me over as a defense witness. Under the prevailing circumstances, I am forced to make public what I did not say as witness in the main trial out of consideration for the accused and the Molitor family, despite the pressure applied to me.
- 18/3 The reason I acted out of consideration for the Molitor family, too, is that on the morning of the 4th day of the trial, I had the following conversation with Lieutenant Molitor in the corridor of the Hotel zum Roten Haus in Karlsruhe. I explained to the gentleman, 'Are you prepared to mediate a private discussion between me and Miss Olga Molitor? Only the purest motives drive me; I act only in the interest of your sister and the accused.' The gentleman answered, 'No, you may in no case speak with my sister; I have warned her against it. She testified under oath in court; there's no purpose to try to influence her.' I repeated, 'It has nothing to do with influencing you sister.' The answer was, 'No, it is out of the question that you speak with her; besides, we have no interest in the accused.' (19) Lt. Molitor, do you remember how I

- answered you? I said, quote, 'You are acting foolishly. If the public later discusses the matter, explain that I warned you.' You promised me then.
- 19/1 I was the only one who could speak with Hau about everything during his months-long investigation incarceration. I was completely honest with him from the very beginning concerning myself and my affairs. Due to my openness, there developed a splendid give-and-take with him in the following days. My lawyer and the accused's can confirm that.
- 19/2 I was alone with Hau for the first time on the 4th day of our confinement together; the missionary was before the investigation judge. I emptied my heart to him. I was very agitated. At that time I had heard nothing from my relatives or my landlord. I was caught up in the uncertainty that because of my sudden arrest, letters addressed to me could be opened. I worried that their contents could easily lead to false conclusions concerning the relationship between me and the person who I was expecting the letters from. My lawyer is also able to confirm these fact as well. Because of the revelation of my intimate affairs, Hau was of a disposition the likes of which I saw in him neither before nor since. He sat sunk down on the edge of his cot with his head buried in his hands. I noticed that he shared my most profound agitation. After a long silence, he stood up from the bed, sat down at the table with tears in his (20) eyes. Then he looked at me with a look which I will never forget in my life. Finally he broke the silence and, deeply moved, said to me, "Dear Lenk, how harmonious are you troubles. Your conscience is pure; you have only to fear that those from afar could temporarily misinterpret a completely pure relationship. I admire you that you have kept your ideals so pure. You do not know how horribly I suffer from my unscrupulous behavior. How have I sinned against my wife who loved me through everything. She would have been the only one who could have saved me if she hadn't departed this life. I shamefully deceived her and had no chance to tell her the truth. Now that she is no longer there, I know no one who can ease my conscience." I told him, "Hau, you can depend on me. You see, I have always been honest with you and told the truth. If we want to live here together, then you trust me, too." He sank down at the table and was silent again. I sat down on my bed and cried. He finally broke his silence and told me of meeting the Molitor family on Corsica. He continued to chat, more and more freely and uninhibitedly.
- 20/1 He told me that her got to know Frau Molitor, his future wife and her sister Olga better in Ajaccio. He was of interest to both young women, at first due to his unusual mental aptitude, then due to a-- as he said-- cursed habit of exaggerating. He played the part of grand seigneur for them. The older of the two sisters, his future wife, seemed serious to him. But he preferred to spend time with the younger; she was livelier and liked to be courted by him. (21) Frau Molitor approved of his attention to the younger daughter. The Ruf family will be able to give more information about this stay of Hau in Corsica and his relations to the Molitor family. As I recall, the Ruf family lives in Leipzig.
- 21/1 Hau traveled from Corsica to Florence with this family and his future wife. There they saw together the sights of the city, that is the museums. The Ruf family went from Florence to Venice, and Hau and Miss Lina Molitor went alone to Genoa. She visited a Miss von Neuenborn (or Neuenbron) a relative of the Molitor family. A close relationship developed between Hau and Miss Molitor during their stay in Genoa. They often had the opportunity to be alone. They were so close that they seriously thought about a lasting relationship. But finally they considered the hopelessness of a marriage and went separate ways with the mutual promise never to write to each other again. Miss Molitor went back to Germany. Hau went to the spa in Montreux. There he met a certain Braune, the son of an estate lease-holder from one of the Saxon-Thuringian states who was in Montreux because of a lung ailment. They shared a room. Suddenly one day Frau Molitor appeared in Montreux with her younger daughter, Olga.

- 21/2 --- If I remember correctly, the two women stayed in the same hotel as Hau and met first in the dining room. --- Hau greeted the ladies and introduced his friend, Braune. They then regularly spent time together. Hau and Braune agreed between themselves that Braune would spend time with Frau Molitor. That way Hau often had the chance (22) to be together unobserved with Miss Olga Molitor. They took walks together in the area.
- 22/1 According to Hau, something happened on one of these walks which has to be of greatest importance in the explanation of the motive and therefore in the outcome of the trial. I will not go into further detail here, but I am ready to give an explanation as a witness under oath!
- 22/2-6 From Montreux Hau went back to Germany. He then heard in Freiburg of the engagement of his future wife with an officer. One day Hau got a letter from Lina Molitor in which she explained to him that she couldn't leave him and become the wife of another. As is well known, Hau spirited his future wife away to Switzerland. There they both wanted to commit suicide by poison. Up to this point Hau had given me communication for 4 days in succession. We were never alone together again and never again had the opportunity to talk together unobserved by the missionary.
- 22/7-23-5 I will now attempt to summarize the information given me by Hau to the extent that they are of interest to the public, but only the main points. Among them are the following statements of Hau:
1. "His father, his relatives, as well as the Ruf family and his friend,, Braune, were completely surprised that he got engaged with Miss Lina Molitor and not as was expected with Miss Olga Molitor."
 2. "Miss Olga reproached her own sister Lina for snatching away her man from her."
 3. "In Paris his wife had surprised him and his sister-in-law Olga in a suspicious situation."
 4. "The district attorney was once very close to being on the right track in Paris, but he turned away from it again right away. He was too bound up in his motive of greed."
 5. "The district attorney will certainly be upset that he turned in his charges before the entry of the American statements. Now he has completely turned from his silly motive of greed."
 6. My sister-in-law Olga will certainly refuse to testify."
- 23/6-7 I have never spoken with Hau about the crime itself. I had only superficial knowledge of the trial material, as much as Hau told me about the course of the proceedings. I never asked him questions about these matters. I could not know that the things told to me could have any sort of bearing on the trial. My suspicion of Hau had long since disappeared due to his uninhibitedness and calm, and I told him immediately after our first time alone together, "I feel sorry for you; I have heard only talk of a murderer concerning you. Who would suspect that your fate has taken such a tragic form. No one has sympathy for you." After this 4th day of being with him, I very often spoke with Hau about what should happen if they called me as witness.
- 24/1 Hau already knew before the 4th day that I would in no case put up with it if they held me in jail only to make me a spy. Hau said to me at that time: Thinking someone to do something is everything to them (the district attorney and investigation judge). Your case surely cannot last long; they have to let you out soon in any case.
- 24/2-3 I now want to tell how it came that I was a witness after all. Four days after I was cleared, that is on the 3rd day of Hau's trial, on July 20, I read with greatest astonishment that Miss Olga Molitor disputed any relationship to the accused. It further struck me that she of all people-- in contrast to the statements of other family members as the only one of the relatives, additionally the only one present in the immediate area of the crime, mentioned absolutely no suspicion against the accused even though she more than any other from the Molitor family circle had to be in the

position to know the accused in his person and character. With that was in complete agreement the characteristic which only she among the relatives gave: We considered him to be an abnormally clever and mentally superior person. In contrast to that, the unfounded statements of the other members of the family awoke in me greatest distrust. Firstly because Hau, as he had told me, had met the other members of the family only in passing and was on only most conventional terms with them and also the circumstance that Hau had told me concerning a lieutenant who couldn't stand him. But especially noticeable to me was the circumstance that the experts had spoken of, that of a shot fired point-blank, or at most from a distance of 1 meter; and this distance has grown smaller meanwhile since they are now talking about a distance (25) of 10 centimeters. Therefore the murderer must have walked directly up to the victim. In such an immediate proximity Olga Molitor could not have failed to recognize Hau who she knew face to face only too well.

25/1 That bothered my conscience. I was then and am up to this very hour convinced that he told me the full truth in all these matters. The conditions under which he told me these things were of such an unusual nature that I harbored not the slightest doubt at any time in their correctness. I am now of the objective conviction that the accused cannot be the murderer. I once again recalled all the individual remarks whose meaning only now became clear for the cohesion of the affair. I mean expressly the above named items numbered 1-6.

25/2-3 After a long inner battle I revealed these things to my lawyer, Dr. Vögele, on a long walk we took together. We were both of the opinion that after today's proceedings, the situation was very unfavorable for Hau. I finally explained to my lawyer that under the circumstances I considered it my duty to enter into the trial in some manner. I then told my lawyer in his capacity as such about Hau's relationship to his sister-in-law Olga as described above. We then deliberated how to proceed. I said to him I could under no circumstances appear as a witness. My personal affairs would then come into the discussion; I must avoid that at all costs out of respect for my family, because my father was especially concerned that my earlier offense not come before the general public.

26/1 I finally suggested to my lawyer to arrange a private meeting with Olga at any cost. We went back into town and investigated into where she was staying. When we could not determine that, we went (it was already past midnight) to Dr. Dietz and asked him to tell us the hotel where Miss Olga Molitor was staying. I said to him that Hau had given me important information and I wanted to try to convey to his sister-in-law Olga that I had become privy to important information through Hau and that there were still witnesses available who could have direct knowledge of it, too. I meant Braune, Miss von Neuenborn and the Ruf family. Dr. Dietz could not give any information. We again went back to town to the Hotel Erbprinz and learned there that the Molitor family was staying in the Hotel Roten Haus. I then and there wrote the letter to Miss Olga Molitor and gave it to the porter in the Roten Haus with instructions to deliver it to the person of Miss Olga Molitor. My lawyer and I were already aware that the meeting could possibly be avoided. We were also both of the opinion that the letter would probably be submitted to the court on the next day of the trial.

26/2 I expressly stress here that I had no discussion whatsoever with my lawyer about him making statements on the next day about the incidents of the previous day before the letter was presented to the court. I said only to my lawyer that I would come to him in the morning after I had made my call at the Roten Haus. I did just that on the next day.

26/3 It cannot be said-- like the district attorney maintained without any grounds at all-- that I wanted (27) somehow to make myself important. Nothing was farther from my thoughts than a craving of sensationalism. I had only the purest intentions in all the events described and simultaneously endeavored not to be caught up as a witness in the trial out of respect for my family.

- 27/1 The believability of the accused has been thoroughly shaken in the course of the trial and by the public saving of the honor of Olga Molitor by friends and relatives. The authoritative personalities: the district attorney and the justice minister by the announcement of their conviction of the accused's guilt have led public opinion to be likewise convinced. Therefore I consider it my duty in these circumstances to report without any regard for public figures everything that could change this conviction of Hau's guilt.
- 27/2 How easily one who doesn't defend oneself can go down in the public's opinion-- I'm the clearest example of that. They denied me every bit of morality in the press and ascribed to me the basest of motives. They made my personal affairs in the most ruthless manner a measure of my personality without knowing the course of events that had played a roll in my personal affairs.
- 27/3 The distortion of my personality is solely to be traced back to the fact that I have up until now kept silent about everything of myself. But in spite of this distortion my friends who know me have remained true to me. I know that from the daily pouring in of letters in which they call upon me to finally give an explanation.
- 27/4 The public has had an even less clear picture regarding Hau's personality. Most of the characterizations about Hau stem from people who (28) know only the trial, not his personality. The entire trial material is built up on the foundation that Hau really is the murderer. The clearest proof for that is that the district attorney had already submitted the accusation before the American statements had been received. They marked him as a morally degenerated person and as a swindler in that they had detected womanizing in his earlier life and relied on an unfounded statement of a relative who knew neither Hau nor the world in which he lived.
- 28/1 But one senses the extraordinary personality, and that is proved by the phrases which recur over and over again: Übermensch, complicated character, puzzle, etc. etc. Puzzle is the correct expression. Because according to what the trial has produced about Hau's personality, he must remain a puzzle.
- 28/2 Hau's is a personality that one may not dismiss from the circles of the German Philistines. The most incisive course of his development lies in America. Only people who know America exactly and have a clear vision of the political and economic processes of this country can correctly judge his activity. His effectiveness in Constantinople in connection with the political constellation of his second homeland has been as of yet subjected to only one qualified objective critique.¹ This will also not doubt stay this way since those called to do so don't want to come up with the words due to heavy-weighting economic considerations. The trial material is here too satisfied with disconnected, individual facts. They check what he spent in Constantinople and attempt to make the connection that he must be a swindler. The only witness who could observe Hau personally in Constantinople in his (29) behavior was an editor, Bratter. The defense lawyer asked him, "Was the behavior of the accused that of a swindler or a industrial baron?" Whereupon the witness answered, "No, not at all." This single fact proves convincingly the correctness of my conviction. What does this testimony prove compared to that of the lieutenant who knew Hau only in superficial, social meetings and who certainly has no conception of American and Turkish relationships.
- 29/1 I can still see the witness Kiem, Hau's childhood friend. What did he say? "Hau was constantly noble and good. A gentleman through and through. Even as a school child he had the craving for over-exaggerating." And then when the judge asked him so curiously, "How is it that you present such a glowing report of one accused of murder?" What was the straightforward answer? "I palled around with Hau for 3 years. I don't think that the accused committed the murder."

¹ ref. the brochure of Dr. Fritz Friedmann, Hau is not a stubborn murderer.

- 29/2 What did such a statement mean compared to all the bits of the other witnesses who talk about Hau having been to bordellos, not being able to stand Schiller and Goethe, and playing the man of world experience. It reminds me of washerwomen gossip about an absent third party.
- 29/3 One should explain to me the unbounded love of the wife of the accused, the wife who committed suicide of her free will, if he is the man that the public now is given to see. One should also explain to me the jealousy of Olga and the letters in which she speaks of the relationship of her sister to her mother. A specific characteristic is to be found in this appalling process in that all those people who had personal feelings for Hau were absolutely convinced (30) of the innocence of the same. I need only recall the sympathetic report of Professor Aschaffenburg.
- 30/1 But those are facts which one cannot so lightly pass over!
- 30/2-7 I am finished with my confession. I haven't gone farther than it appears to me to be absolutely necessary for the clarification of the exceedingly involved conflicts in the Hau affair. It was not my intention to challenge or insult anyone, solely a pure motive to cast light onto a still dark matter before the last word has been spoken-- this has led me to publication. I would like to mention someone before I close, the man whose person and accomplishment they have tried many times to hang in the press. I mean Hau's defense lawyer, Dr. Dietz. He is a person who has interceded with his whole energy and who is completely convinced of his innocence, and who certainly would not have pleaded for an acquittal were there even a glimmer of belief in him that Hau could be guilty. He could not go his own way in the defense since this was prescribed by the accused; this could well be the source of the opinion of the lay people: Dr. Dietz has done a bad job in the defense. That is not so; Hau and I know better.
- 30/8-9 Now in closing, a few words to you, the jurors, you who have judged concerning a man's life-- now you have experienced the full truth! Does it now become clear to you that you have been led astray by a faulty procedure and by the prejudice of the district attorney? Does it now become clear to you that testimony under oath stands in severest conflict (31) with that which I have here given and can prove as witness under oath?
- 31/1-2 It is not difficult to find the truth, you must just tear yourselves loose from the mistaken view of the district attorney [...illegible Xerox copy] has let Hau be made a murderer. No, members of the jury, if you had known Hau as I have known him and learned to appreciate him, [...] of his inner being, his feel for life, his manner of thinking and acting, as a person and lawyer, then [...] raise you hand with me and swear:

Carl Hau is no murderer!