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Mr. Helmut Kallmann
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CANADA

Dear Mr. Kallmann:

In response to your letter of September 29th, only just received, I would like to tell you that Isabel and I will be arriving in Ottawa at 2:10 in the afternoon of Tuesday, October 21st, staying with Isabel's sister Marion Dick at 23 Lipstan Avenue, which is near Fisher and Baseline in Nepean.

I will call you soon after arrival to inquire whether a visit late that afternoon or early evening would be convenient and to get directions to Foothills Drive.

I am writing to Eric Koch to inquire whether we could meet him.

I much look forward to meeting Professor Heckscher during a visit to Princeton next January. There is no question in my mind that his Vogel story is correct. I sent him a sketch of Vogel supplied by a historian of German-Jewish studies in England, and Heckscher recognized that sketch immediately.

I just hope that we will live long enough to see Heckscher's memoirs.

Dr. Henry Biberfeld was the most serious Jewish scholar in Camp I. Unfortunately I do not get to Montreal often.

I much look forward to meeting you and remain, with best regards,

Yours sincerely,

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Dear Mr. Koch:

Mr. Helmut Kallmann has kindly given me your address and telephone number.

My wife Isabel and I plan to be in Toronto from October 28th to November 1st and I would much like to meet you. I have your telephone number, 923-5347, and I will 'phone to inquire if and when might be convenient for a visit.

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29 September 1997

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You were not the only one who wondered about Dr. Heckscher's Vogel story, but his explanation sounds plausible enough.

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Sincerely,
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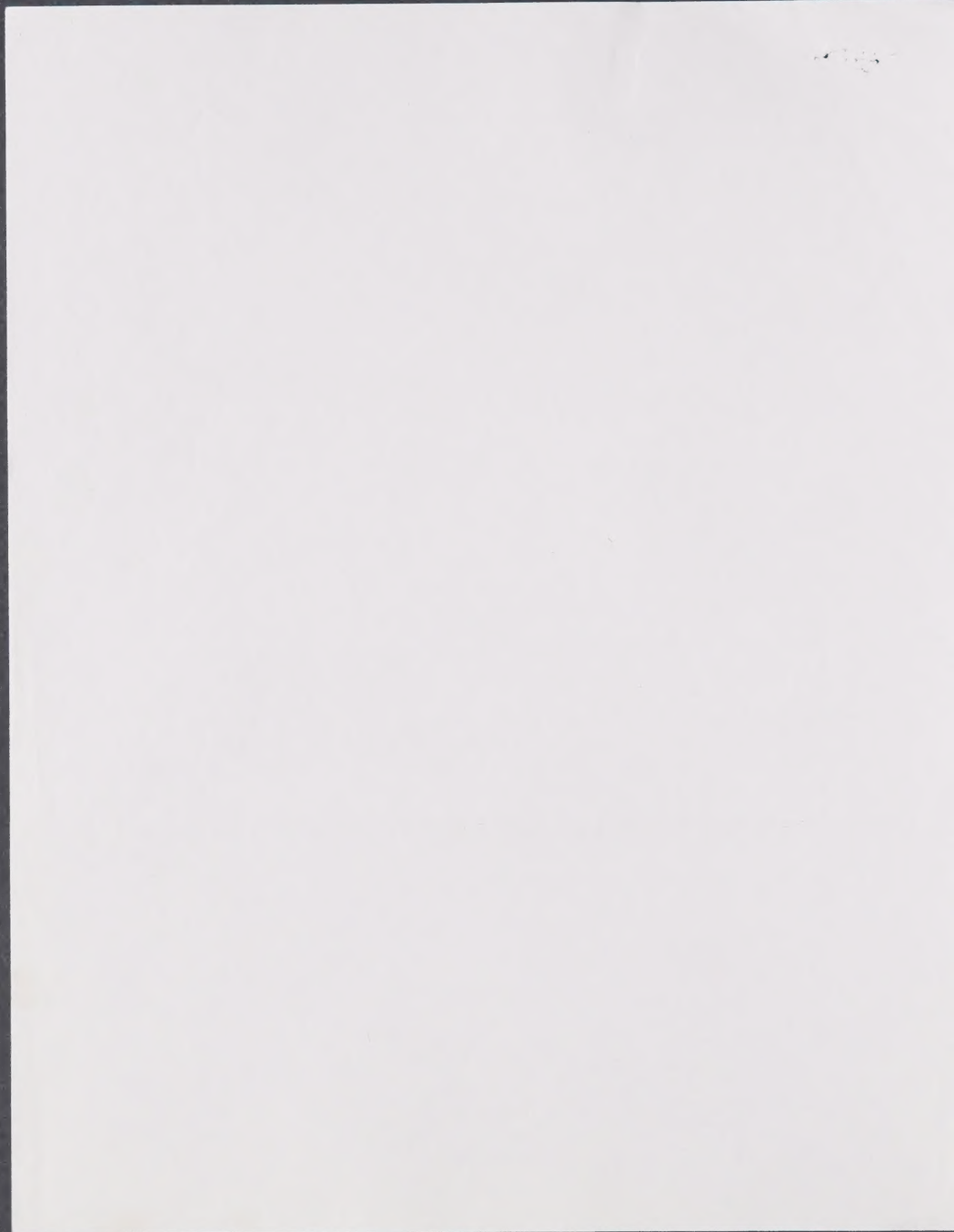
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Dear Mr. Kallmann:

I so enjoy receiving your Ex-Internees Newsletters and #3 was no exception.

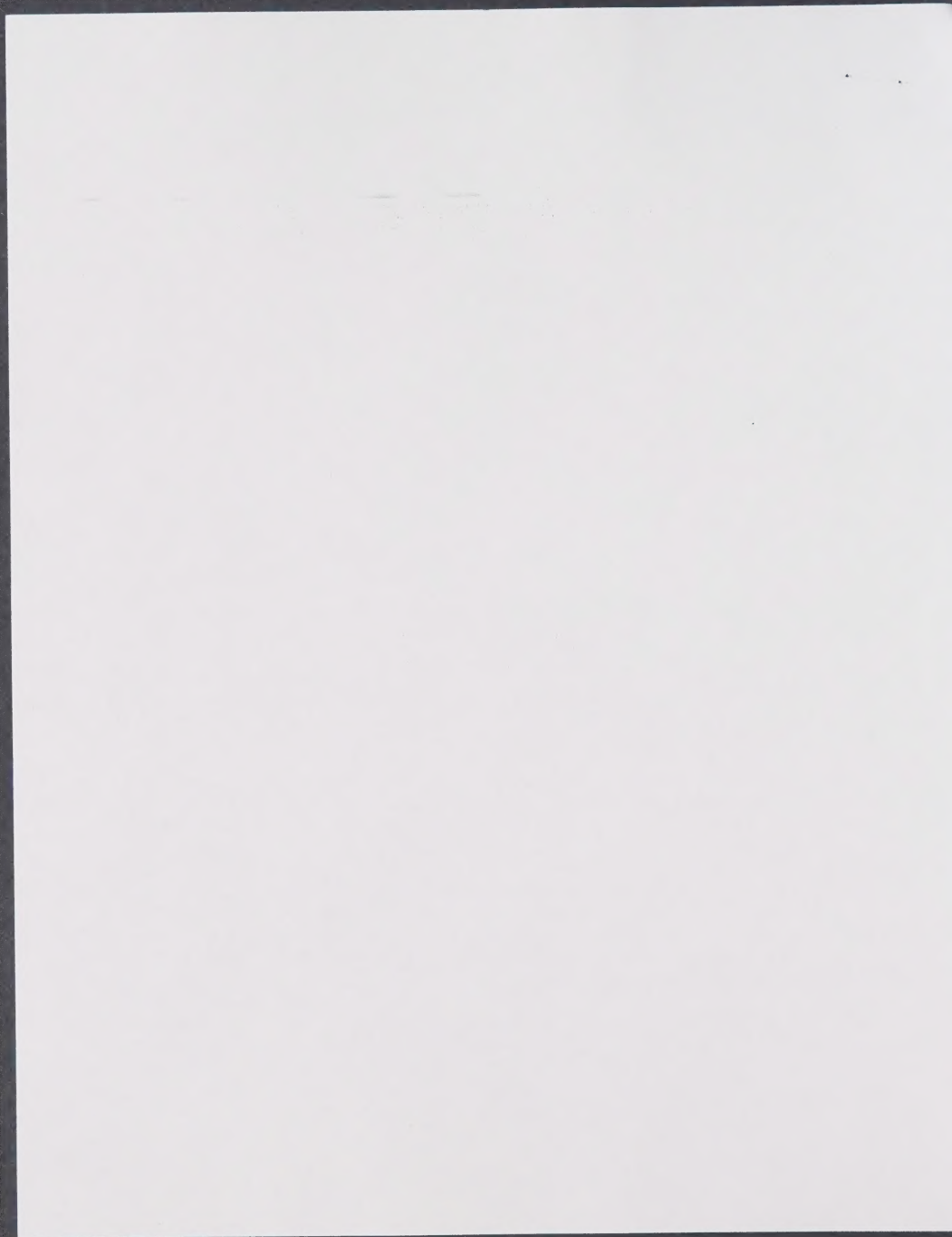
I couldn't help laughing reading and re-reading the August 13, 1940, *Bekanntmachung* in Camp "B".

On December 1, 1940, Camp "B" received a really nasty letter from Lieutenant Colonel H. Stetham, described in some detail on pages 31 and 41 of my autobiography, copies enclosed. I was so astounded by the copy of Stetham's letter, which was also posted in Camp "I", that I copied it into my diary and readers of your Newsletter might be interested in that.

On page two of your Newsletter you write about Professor Ernest L. Eliel. His autobiography *From Cologne to Chapel Hill* describes his camp experiences in some detail. More importantly, he won the Priestley Award of the American Chemical Society - the highest award given by the ACS, just once a year.

Statistically, what are the chances of four ex-internees speaking at the same symposium? That happened at the Josef Loschmidt Symposium at the University of Vienna in June of 1995 when Professors Perutz, Eliel, Bondi and I spoke. At that symposium the University of Vienna gave me an honorary citizenship for my work on Loschmidt - which is described in Chapter 16 of my autobiography and in the enclosed article.

I would love to meet you personally and hope that Isabel and I may visit you during the last week of October when we will be staying with Isabel's sister, Marion Dick, who also lives in Nepean.



Mr. Helmut Kallmann
August 6, 1997
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Could you please help me by sending me the addresses of two ex-internees?

The first is Dr. Henry Bieberfeld, a very learned man in the best Frankfurt tradition.

The second is Erich Koch, whom I would like to meet when next I come to Toronto.

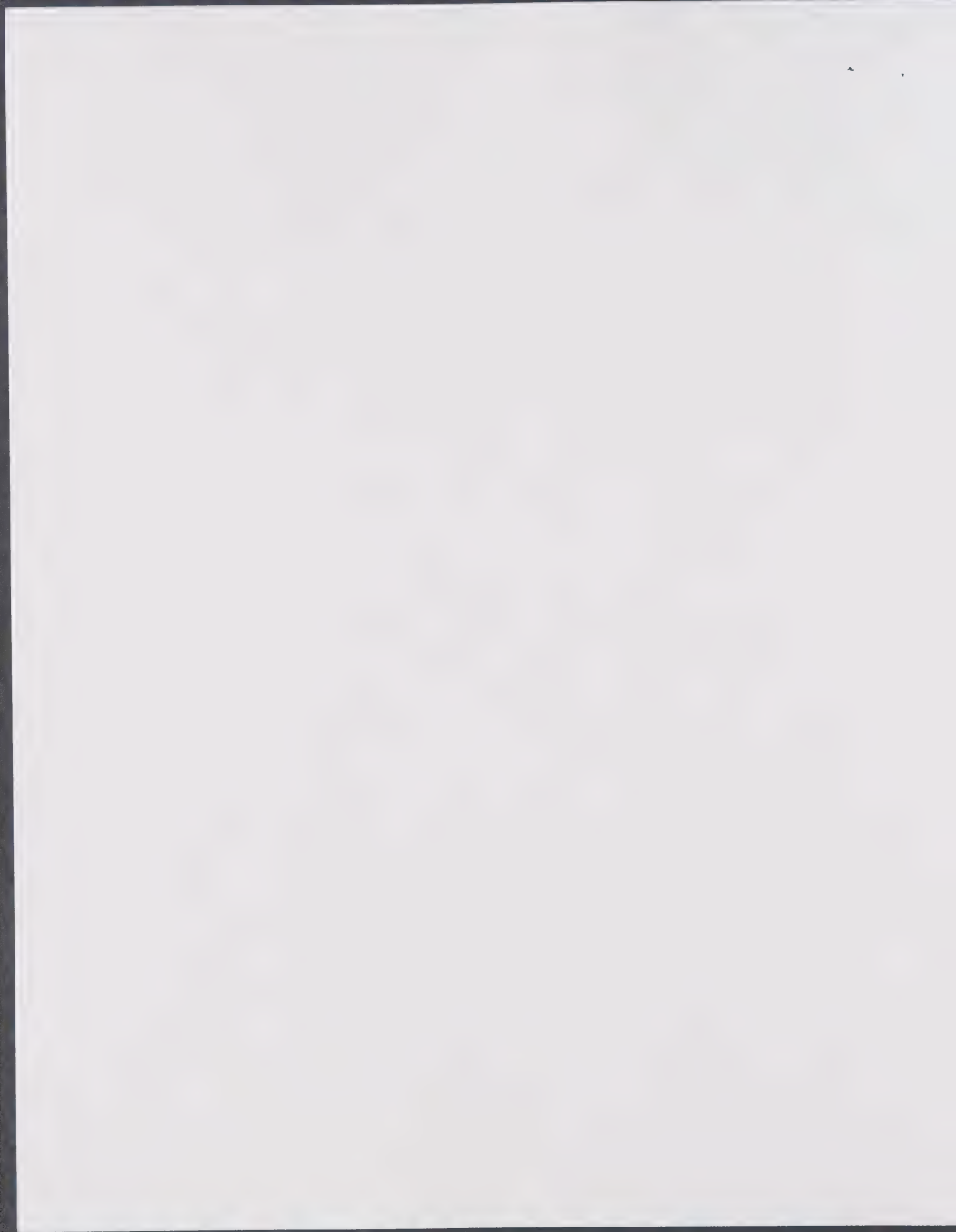
Keep up your good work.

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Dear Mr. Kallmann:

I hope that my letter to you of August 6th did not get lost.

I very much hope to have a chance to meet you personally at the end of October.

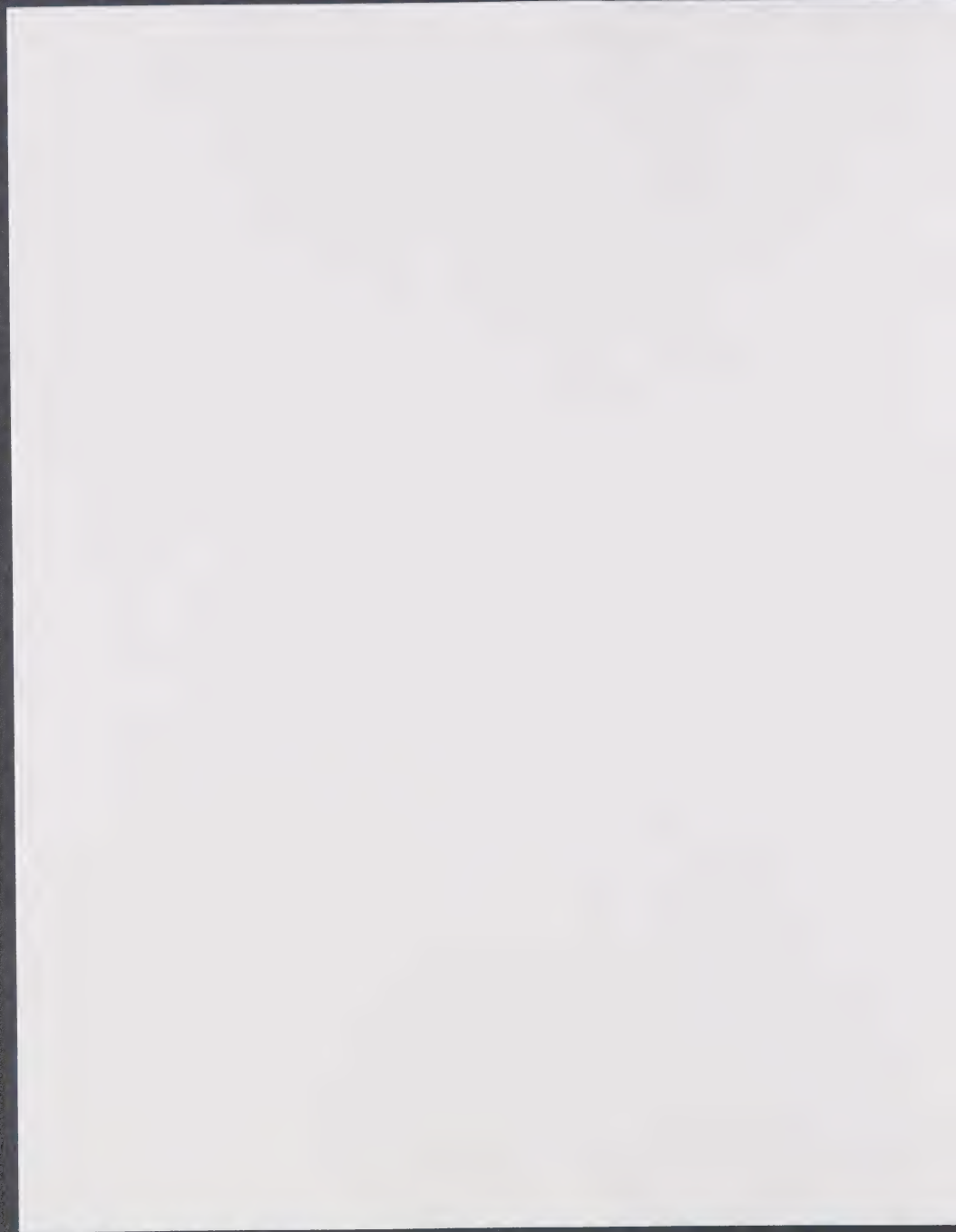
You will surely be amused and interested in Professor Heckscher's wonderful reply, copy enclosed.

I look forward to hearing from you, and remain,

Yours sincerely,

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Ex-Internees Newsletter – September 1996

Greetings, fellow ex-interned refugees!

The news about old friends and assorted characters keep happening in by newspaper, word of mouth or publishers' advertisements. Should I keep them just to myself? Or share them with those who might be interested?

Let's admit it: there has never been a need for a Canadian association of ex-interned refugees. Most of us keep up with a small circle of friends from those years, but our social, professional, political or religious associations are among Canadians of any kind with similar interests, persuasions or in similar localities. The several attempts to examine our internment history: Eric Koch's 1980 *Deemed Suspect*, Ted Jones' 1988 *Both Sides of the Wire* (vol. 1), Harry Rasky's 1981 TV film and Neal Livingstone's 1993 video have brought some of us together – but each just for once – and have spread news about old friends. A few friendships were renewed but still most of us went our separate ways.

That's probably as it should be, and the present newsletter is not an attempt to form an association or to bathe in nostalgia. But there is one other consideration beyond the sharing of news. The youngest of us are now 72, so perhaps the time for stocktaking is at hand. The "Kochbuch" and the Jones-book deal with our internment history almost exclusively. Should not the contributions of the "campboys" to Canada and other countries during more than 50 years form the subject of another study?

I am sure that each of the few dozen to whom this mailing will be sent knows other persons, other news, and other addresses. And even remembers an anecdote or famous quotation from camp. If the response justifies it, a second and a third newsletter will follow. So please, let's hear from you with news, addresses of others and, if you wish to make a donation for postage and paper expenses, fine, but do not feel obliged. And now, are you ready for the good news.

Helmut Kallmann

Anniversaries

Fritz Bender ("Holländer Group" in Camp B) celebrated his 90th birthday in Ottawa on August 16, 1996 together with **Franz Dammers** (known to us as **Franz Spanier**) who was born the same day and year. Franz lives in New Jersey. Fritz had a distinguished career with the Government of Canada as wood chemistry expert. Both had escaped from Holland in the same rowboat,

along with others. Among the crowd of wellwishers were campboys Carl Amberg, Günter Bardeleben, Gerry Fry (Gerhard Frey) and Helmut Kallmann.

Achievements

Do you know that more than 35 campboys have become professors at Canadian universities and colleges, more than 40 in other countries (USA, England, Germany, Israel).

Order of Canada. The following ex-internees belong to the Order of Canada: John Newmark and Franz Kraemer (Officers); Max Stern, Walter Homburger, Helmut Kallmann, Henry Kreisel, Gregory (Gerd) Baum, Fred (Fritz) Kaufman(n), Peter Oberlander (all Members). (Newmark, Stern and Kreisel are deceased.)

In Ottawa

Among those living in Ottawa are Peter Haridge (Harisch), Gary Fry (Gerhard Frey), Ernst Oppenheimer ("EMO"), Fritz Bender, Hans Reiche, Hans Reichenfeld, Carl Amberg, Paul Mandl, Edgar Sarton (Saretzki), Helmut Kallmann, Bernhard Pfundt, Walter Josephy, Fred Schlessinger, Carl Froehling, Kurt Ekler, Ernst Oestreicher.

Old Celebrities

The astronomer **Günther** (Hermann) **Archenhold** is written up in the book *Juden in Treptow! Sie haben geheissen wie ihr heisst* 1993, In 1931 he followed his father as director of the Treptower Sternwarte in Berlin. He was dismissed as "nichtarischer Christ" in 1936 and in November 1938 spent time in Dachau. The observatory was renamed Archenhold Sternwarte after the war, and a high school in Treptow was named Archenhold-Gymnasium in 1992, in the presence of the 88-year-old astronomer – whether named after father, son, or both. Presumably "our" Archenhold lives in England. Who doesn't remember him explaining northern lights and sun spots in Camp B!

A similar book, *Juden in Lichtenberg* (Edition Hentrich, 1995) mentions that the **Newman Twins**, our camp acrobats, had once lived in Berlin-Lichtenberg. As far as I remember, they came from Breslau. I'll never forget the reaction of one of them when their practise time was required for another rehearsal: "Wenn mir der Maren juckt, muß ick trainieren. Lagersprecher, Camp Kommandant, die könn' mir alle nischt!"

Kurt Rothschild is or was president of the Canadian Zionist Federation according to the Globe and Mail of 15 June 1992.

Alfred Bader, a chemical manufacturer who had already enabled Queen's University to acquire Herstrnonceux Castle (near Brighton, England) donated a large sum in support of disabled victims of the war in Bosnia (Globe and Mail, 13 July 1995)

The Hon. **Fred (Fritz) Kaufman(n)**, a retired Quebec Court of Appeal judge, is commissioner in the public inquiry into the wrongful murder conviction of Guy Paul Morin (Globe and Mail, 5 September 1996).

Howard Mann and his wife are featured in the autumn 1996 issue of the *University of Toronto Magazine*, photo included. Howard has been chairman of the National Harbours Board and worked "managing transportation organizations and directing Canada's major ports." The couple is retired in Vancouver; they are benefactors of the U of T.

Deaths (from 1993)

O. J. (Jack) Firestone (ex-Feuerstein) died in Victoria on 14 October 1993 at 80, leaving a remarkable collection of paintings. He was a resident of Ottawa. A professor of economics at the U of Ottawa 1960-78, he had served on the Royal Commission of Medicare.

Kurt Jacob of Don Mills, Toronto, died in 1994. Raised in Elberfeld, he was a proofreader, translator, part-time (and after his retirement full-time) actor.

George Shindler (Hans Georg Schindler from Leipzig) died at 72 in England 10 December 1994. Senior resident judge of the Inner London Crown Court 1987-1992 (when he moved to Norfolk) he was described as a "most humane" judge, a "compassionate and contemporary mind" and "a great supporter of the underdog" (obituaries in London newspapers). He was active in the Labour Party. He had 3 sons.

Dr. **Richard Hoff** died in Ottawa in 1995 at more than 90. He had been a translator of legal literature for the government.

Harry W. Coleman (Hans Kohlmann from Nürnberg) died in Toronto 2 April 1995. He was an accountant and kept up his piano playing. He left two daughters and one grandchild.

Heinz Ulrich Loewenthal died at his London residence on December 26, 1995 at the age of 72. Ulrich was raised in Göttingen and had been a librarian at the British Museum/British Library for many years. He had an M.A. from the University of Toronto in English literature. He left his widow and five children.

Willy Amtmann died in Ottawa on 22 July 1996, two weeks before his 86th birthday. Born in Vienna he was a violinist and later professor at Carleton University, author of *La Musique au Québec, 1600-1875*. He leaves his widow, daughter and grandson.

Herbert (Paul) Wedeles died in Oakville at the beginning of August 1996 in Oakville, Ont., father of 3 and grandfather of 4.

Publications

Carl Weiselberger. *Eine Auswahl seiner Schriften*, edited by Peter Liddell and Walter Riedel, 1981, 240 pages, is obtainable from German-Canadian Historical Association, P.O.Box 406, Station K, Toronto, M4P 2G7, for \$8.50 plus \$1.00 for shipping. (Weiselberger was Viennese and was released to Ottawa as a censor. He contributed a regular column to the *Citizen* until 1965. He moved to Victoria and died in 1970.)

Eric Koch's latest book is *Hilmar and Odette*, a revealing glimpse into the relationships between German Jews and Christians during the Hitler years. It is published by McClelland and Stewart, 1995, \$29.

Dr. **Emil Fackenheim** has written *The God Within: Kant, Schelling, and Historicity*. 10 essays, edited by John Burbidge. University of Toronto Press. 1996. Emil now lives in Israel.

Gregory (Gerd) Baum is the author of *Karl Polanyi on Ethics and Economics*. Foreword by Marguerite Mendell. McGill-Queen's University Press, 1996.

"Music in the Internment Camps and after World War II: **John Newmark's** start on a brilliant Canadian career," by Helmut Kallmann appeared in summer 1996 in *German-Canadian Yearbook/Deutschanadisches Jahrbuch*, ed. Hartmut Froeschle. Vol. XIV, Toronto, Historical Society of Mecklenburg Upper Canada, 1995. p.181-191.

Harry Seidler (b. 1923), an architect in Australia, recipient of an honorary degree from the U of Manitoba in 1988, has had *Diary of an Internment* published. He received the Royal Medal for Architecture from the Queen just recently.

Organizations

Many among us came to Britain via Kindertransport. Do you know that there is an organization **Reunion of Kindertransport** that issues a Newsletter

every few months. It has helped many to locate old friends and relatives and provides interesting documentations. The August 1996 issue was No.48. The address is 2nd Floor, 148 Curtain Rd., London EC2A 3AR. The annual fee is \$15. A similar organization exists in the USA (KTA, Kinder Transport Association).

A Toronto Chapter of RoK is called **Kindertransport Association**, c/o Liesa Collier, Apt. 503, 55 Skymark Drive, Willowdale, ON, M2H 3N4. Membership is \$15. A modest newsletter is circulated; there are Chanukah and other parties.

Those of us who grew up in Berlin should know of the **Association of Jewish Ex-Berliners** with headquarters in London. Chairman is Peter H. Sinclair, 33 Church Hill, London N21 1LN; the Treasurer Manfred Alweiss, 22 Middleton Road, London NW 11 7NS. Membership is 15 pounds. AJEB publishes a quite substantial quarterly magazine, *So What's New?* and a shorter Newsletter in-between. Searches, reports on the efforts to obtain pensions from Germany, on visits to Berlin, news from members, etc. fill its pages.

The City of Berlin mails a periodical **Aktuell** twice a year to exiled Berliners free of charge. It has interesting articles, carries search notices and is well illustrated. Write to the Regierende Bürgermeister, Senatskanzlei - IV C, Berliner Rathaus, D-10173 Berlin. Redakteur is Elleonora Schulte-Goebel.

Those researching their family history may like to subscribe to **Stammbaum**. *The Journal of German-Jewish Genealogical Research*. Volume 1,1 is dated Winter 1992-93 and the latest issue is volume 8-9, July 1996. Subscriptions should be placed via the Leo Baeck Institute, 129 East 73rd Street, New York, NY 10021-3585. Subscriptions are \$20 US, \$28 international.

Neal Livingston's 1993 video **Both Sides of the Wire** (of Camp B) might still be available from him at Black River Productions Ltd., Box 55, Mabou, NS BOE 1X0, his address at that time.

A Video (47 minutes) by Wendy Oberlander, daughter of ex-internee Peter O., called **Nothing to be written here** traces her discovery of her father's wartime experiences, mixing personal narrative and historical documentary. Distribution information can be had from her at 2635 East Fifth Ave., Vancouver V5M 1N1, phone and fax (604) 255 9557.

Back to Camp B anyone?

A Canadian Press item in the *Globe and Mail* of November 23, 1995 reported that the New Brunswick Internment Camp Committee wishes to rebuild the camp as a historical monument, educational centre and tourist attraction. A scale model, built by students of the Minto area, sits in the National Exhibit Centre in Fredericton. Anyone itching to be a tour guide? Or establish and move into a retirement home perhaps?

Question

There were at least four former pupils of the Hohenzollern-Gymnasium (Reform- Realabteilung) of Berlin-Schöneberg in our Canadian camps: **Gerry Waldston**; ex- Gerd Waldstein, now in Toronto), **Helmut Kallmann** (in Ottawa), **Ulrich Steinfeld** and one **Blankenfeld**. What happened to the last two? Steinfeld may have changed his name to something like Fielding; Blankenfeld is supposed to be a scientist in the US. Does anyone have any clues or know any other ex-Hohenzollern? (In Huyton/Liverpool camp I had met one other classmate, **Erich Immerwahr**, never heard from again.)

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