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Biographic Brief on Dr. Gerhard Freiherr von Freuschen, Wiesbaden, Federal Republic of Germany at Munich Trial.

Dr. Gerhard Freiherr von Freuschen, Wiesbaden, lawyer who has been selected by Fed. Rep. to act as its official observer at Munich trial, was born in Jocham-January 27, 1903, son of an Army General, who hailed from a family of noted jurists in Darmstadt. Freuschen is a Protestant. He studied law and jurisprudence, concluding his studies in Frankfurt with a doctoral thesis on U.S. Constitutional Law.

Freuschen was forbidden to practice law during Nazi regime and found employment with a champagne firm in Wiesbaden, which frequently sent him to Berlin on business. In Berlin during war he became acquainted with members of anti-Hitler plot group among them Goerdeler and Graf Stalnaker, who were executed after unsuccessful July 1944 attempt. Freuschen himself was arrested in Berlin-Potsdam in early 1945 for anti-Nazi activities and sentenced to 18 months' hard labor. Due to delay in carrying out order transferring him to jurisdiction of a special SS command, he escaped execution and was liberated from imprisonment by Russians when they marched into Berlin.

After recovering from effects of his incarceration, during which he nearly starved to death, von Freuschen opened a private law practice in Wiesbaden (Porkstrasse 25) which he still runs. It is regarded by those who know him in West Germany as a man of outstanding integrity. No known party affiliation.

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