

The Establishment of Dachau Concentration Camp

Announcement in the Voelkischer Beobachter on the Establishment of the Concentration Camp at Dachau. 21 March 1933

Wednesday the first concentration camp with a capacity of 5,000 people will be established in the vicinity of Dachau. All Communists and – as far as it is necessary – functionaries of the Reichsbanner and the Social Democrats who endanger the security of the state will be incarcerated here. This is being done because it is impossible in the long run to accommodate these functionaries in the prisons and it constitutes a heavy burden on the state apparatus. It has been proven impossible to leave these people in liberty as they continue to incite and to cause disorder. These measures have to be used in the interest of the state security and without regard for petty considerations. The police and Ministry of Interior are convinced that they herewith contribute to the pacification of the entire national population and that they act according to its wishes.

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