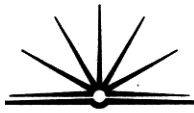




i. Speer was born in Mannheim to two upper middle-class parents he was never particularly close to. He married his long term girlfriend 'Gretel' after he finished his training at university. His chosen career as an Architect had few benefits for him until he met Hitler, who thought of himself as an architect at heart.

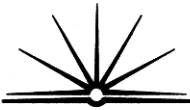
Speer had few career highlights prior to that of Minister of Armaments. His few accomplishments were designing houses for both his & his wife's parents that is until his friend Karl Hanke invited him to redecorate Goebbels' ^{home} ~~office~~. Hitler inspected & liked what Speer had done. In 1932 Speer returned to Mannheim that is until Hanke again called him back to Berlin to redesign Goebbels' ~~home~~ headquarters. The bright colours of yellow & red were not appreciated by Goebbels who soon had the building redecorated.

In 1933 Hitler appointed Speer as supervisor under ~~Trust~~ ^{Trust} at the building of the new Chancellery. Hitler visited almost everyday & Speer took him on



around the site. This began their close friendship. Also in 1933 Speer saw designs Hanneke had for the upcoming Nuremberg rally which Speer felt he could improve on. Speer designed an amazing ~~SS~~ layout with 10 storey high banners with an ~~off~~ enormous Swastika in between. This was met with tremendous satisfaction from all party members. Speer went on to design the ~~permanent~~ permanent site for Nuremberg rallies which included an eagle with a 30 metre wingspan. In 1936 he became one of Hitler's personal architects & was soon such a frequent visitor at the Chancellery that the guard simply waved him in & opened the gate whenever he saw his car approach. In 1937 Speer designed the German entry at ~~the Paris~~ and architecture fair in Paris. This greatly pleased Hitler as it dwarfed the next door Soviet display.

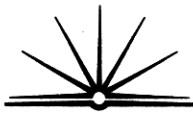
Speer having been given the task in 1936 of redesigning all of Berlin worked ~~day~~ ^{daily} ~~in~~ with Hitler on these plans that would make the



people remember Hitler. The central avenue would be 5km long. Speer even produced pictures of what the buildings would look like in a thousand years time with ivy growing on them.

~~1942~~ As Hitler's personal architect Speer kept himself busy with building shelters with decent sized bathrooms & kitchens for the workers on the autobahns. He also took it upon himself to rebuild bridges & widen roads.

In 1942 following the death of Todt in an aeroplane crash Speer was ~~the~~ promoted to the title of Minister of Armaments. In this position he was in charge of the ~~entire~~ production of Germany's war artillery. He excelled at this job as he was an excellent organiser & listened to the people who worked for him. He streamlined the production lines & limited the amount of new weapons produced. Also he allowed all trade secrets to be openly available



to all manufacturers. This again stepped up the level of production & some would argue ~~pretty~~ ~~at~~ enabled Speer to sustain the war on Germany's behalf for up to a year. At the conclusion of the war Speer was arrested & taken for trial at Nuremberg.