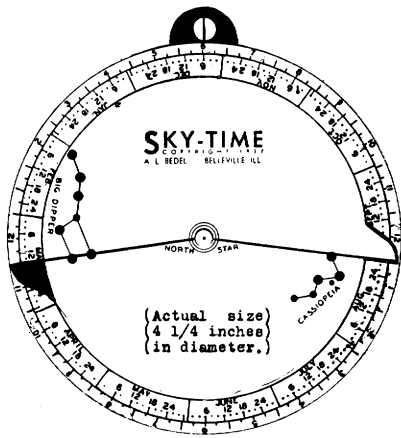


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# Psychology in Germany Has Suffered "Virtual Collapse"

## Number of Papers Has Dropped, Famous Leaders Have Migrated; Scientists Wonder About Austria

**P**OLITICAL conditions in Nazi Germany have crippled psychological science in that country, it is revealed by Dr. J. B. Maller, of Teachers College, Columbia University (*Journal of Consulting Psychology*, May-June).

Formerly famous as a center of psychological research, German scientists are scattered and research programs shattered. A "virtual collapse of scientific psychology," it is termed by Dr. Maller. In terms of publication, the loss is indicated by a decline from 8,921 publications in the field of psychology listed in the "Psychological Index" for the four years 1928-31 to only 3,820 during the years 1932-35. During the earlier period, more than a third, 35.4 per cent., of all psychological publications came from Germany. Her contribution during the later period was only 15.8 per cent.

In terms of individual scientists, Germany's loss is shown by Dr. Maller's list of great German psychologists now living in the United States:

Dr. Wolfgang Kohler, Dr. Max Wertheimer, Dr. Bruno Klopfer, Dr. Erwin Levy, Dr. Hans Wallach, and Dr. Kurt Lewin, of Berlin; Dr. Martin Scheerer and Dr. Heinz Werner, of Hamburg and Dr. Olga Marum, of Cologne.

Among those in exile in other countries, Dr. Maller lists Dr. Edward Spranger of Berlin now in Tokio, Dr.

William Peters of Jena now in Istanbul, Dr. Walter Blumenfeld of Dresden now in Lima, Peru, Dr. A. Angelder of Jena and Dr. Karl Dunker of Berlin now in London, Dr. Erich Stern of Giessen now in Paris, Dr. Helmut von Bracken of Brunschweig now in Amsterdam, Prof. D. Katz of Rostock now in Stockholm, and Dr. Werner Wolff of Berlin now in Barcelona.

"Many German psychologists have suffered greatly from the savage persecution of non-Aryans," Dr. Maller said. "But the severest blow to them was the fact that the discrimination was based on a pseudo-psychology of race differences which is no more than a jumble of wishful thinking and wilful misrepresentation."

Psychologists and psychiatrists are speculating with concern on the probable similar collapse of these sciences in Vienna, another famous center for research in these fields. Of the scientists known prominently in the United States, some are known to be already in exile, others have been arrested, and more have disappeared—their friends abroad afraid to search for them or try to communicate with them.

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