

E. Pivcevic: 1933 was of course the year of Hitler's accession to power. He became Chancellor on 30 January 1933, and Goebbels was appointed minister for propaganda in March of the same year. What was the atmosphere like in Prague at the time? How did the philosophical community react to these events?

Professor Quine: In Prague our only intellectual contacts were Carnap, the philosopher-physicist Philipp Frank, their wives, and perhaps Karel Reach. Certainly all of us, unreservedly, found the Nazis scandalous, outrageous, and alarming – much as we do now in retrospect, even though not foreseeing then the horrors of the holocaust. We had already observed the anti-Jewish propaganda and the expulsion of Einstein. In Vienna, where Nazi graffiti and swastika confetti had already been widespread in 1932, my friends likewise saw matters as I did and do. Similarly in Warsaw, with two rather vacillating exceptions.

E. Pivcevic: Who were the vacillating exceptions?

Professor Quine: De mortuis nihil nisi bonum.

E. Pivcevic: A number of German philosophers, especially those associated with the so-called 'Vienna Circle', emigrated to the States in the thirties. Tell us about those who came to Harvard.

Professor Quine: Philipp Frank, Viennese in origin, and Carnap, Viennese by adoption, both were of the Vienna Circle. Frank came to Harvard and stayed. Carnap visited at Harvard but settled at Chicago. Gerald Holton, a younger philosopher-physicist and a Viennese with a changed name, came to Harvard and stayed, and a great teacher he has been; but he had been a little too young for the Vienna Circle. Herbert Feigl, a young member of the Vienna Circle, had come to Harvard on a fellowship before Nazi times, and had been instrumental to my choosing Vienna in 1932.

E. Pivcevic: Russell was there too at one time. In 1940 he gave a series of lectures at Harvard which were later published under the title *An Inquiry into Meaning and Truth*. Did you attend his lectures?

Professor Quine: Yes, 1940 was a great year: Russell, Carnap and Tarski were all at Harvard. I did indeed attend Russell's lectures, and later I reviewed the resulting book, *Inquiry into Meaning and Truth*, for the Journal of Symbolic Logic.

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