

*Schilling*  
ALCOHOL BECAME A PRIORITY I ITEM (a) for the workers b) the gov't finally, c) all of the above)

\*One attempt to keep the people from drinking it was dyeing the grain purple. Within one week, the workers figured out that this could be filtered through raw potatoes and instant wonderbar Schnapps. Another attempt to prevent consumption was by putting a powerful laxative into it (Three guesses whose idea this was). This was not effective, however, because the workers could not work as they were quite frequently indisposed.

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\*Then things got quite ugly about the alcohol. They were told by government officials that some kind of control had to be established or people would have to bear the consequences - like jail. The availability of alcohol dropped. They then decided to mix wood alcohol with the grain. The first individual who took a swig from the fuel tank became blind - the next one died.

Then they got the Federal Alcohol Board after them as well as the Party members at Swinemunde. There was a tremendous amount of pressure to do something about the alcohol problem. F. Heimburg then decided to go on the offensive - drastic times require drastic means. So he went to the Party officials and said, "Look, give me the guy who died - I'm going to nail him on the main gate for three days. This will set an example. It will be an effective deterrent." This was too much. The Party officials themselves said that it was going too far. "We won't give you the corpse" So the heat and pressure was let off. The ruse had worked.

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"There is a difference between Russians and Germans."

... was one Polish intelligence man in the model shop - 1940 - 41.  
The man was a master machinist, intelligent, goodlooking and  
on one occasion, the Party members came to interrogate him.  
Schilling protected the master mechanic - Hands off - leave him  
alone. He was a selected volunteer. The Pole(cat) remained  
in Peenemunde - moving in different departments. Schilling  
lost account of him. He discovered that he was an agent in the  
interrogations by Allied Intelligence agents after the war.  
The man was described and recognizing his man, Schilling remarked,  
"He was my favorite master mechanic."