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Exhibit Opens about Student Resistance in the Third Reich

The "White Rose" as a Symbol of Freedom

Survivor of the Nazi Era Speaks at the Aiblinger Gymnasium

Bad Aibling. Important visitor to the Aiblinger Gymnasium: Franz Müller, formerly an active member of the resistance, came to this spa town to open the exhibit about the "White Rose" resistance group. He gave an introductory talk and answered questions from interested students. First, Kurt Lausmann, principal of the school, said a few words alluding to the current dispute regarding the renaming of General Dietl Street. "This presentation is happening at the perfect time. Bad Aibling currently has great difficulty in dealing with the past," Lausmann said. The exhibit at the Gymnasium is also open to the public.

A white rose is on the podium. In the assembly hall of the school, a large number of students from the upper grade levels sit spellbound. They direct their undivided attention to eyewitness Franz J. Müller, chairman of the "White Rose" Foundation. The poster boards for the exhibit can be seen behind him. The address for the exhibit's last stop — Santiago, Chile — is pasted on the packing boxes. So the historical documents are traveling around the world. Despite his white hair and his large mustache, 71-year-old Fritz Müller exudes great energy.

At the beginning of his talk, the guest from Munich briefly introduces himself. Müller is a lawyer, and worked for many years in the legal division of the German Parliament. In addition, he is the chairman of the "White Rose" Foundation in memory of the siblings Hans and Sophie Scholl. He spoke in detail, stressing most of all his personal reasons for joining the resistance.

Müller talked in an animated manner about why it is especially important for him to speak in schools. During his school years, the "place of learning" was a place where propaganda was

intentionally passed on to the students by the teachers. Müller warned the students about this, and also not to fall for simple slogans. "Simple solutions are usually wrong solutions," he said. Above all, that applies to today's slogans such as, "Foreigners Out," or "Work for Germans First."

After the talk, students posed questions which the speaker answered at length. In order to reenact the flyer campaign at Munich University on 18 February 1943, a teacher threw copies of the flyers into the room during the middle of the discussion. The students thanked the eyewitness with long applause showing their enthusiasm.

Before Fritz Müller's talk, the principal addressed a few words to the students. He explained that the "White Rose" resistance group represents the fight for individualism and stands as a symbol against oppression and totalitarian regimes. He also made some ironic remarks about the "Dietl dispute" in this spa town.

The exhibit on the "White Rose" was put together in the assembly hall of the school, and is made up of exhibit boards covered with texts, documents and photos. They present the history of the resistance group. The exhibit is open to other schools and the public on Mondays and Tuesdays from 2:00 to 4:30 p.m. It runs until July 2. — Max Schreiber

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Müller, President of the "White Rose" Foundation, found many interested listeners.

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