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Edwin Landau's eyewitness account

"In the early morning of 31 March, we saw SA men already traveling through town with their banners: 'The Jews are our misfortune.' The next morning, Nazis began to stand watch in front of Jewish shops, and every customer was told not to shop at Jewish businesses. There were two young Nazis in front of our store, keeping potential buyers from coming in. And we young Jews had once stood in the trenches and spilled our blood for these people to protect our country from the enemy. Weren't there any comrades from those days who were disgusted by what was happening? One saw them crossing over to the other side of the street, among them many to whom we had shown kindness.... Many had smiles on their faces betraying their malicious glee.... I found my war medals and put them on, went outside and visited Jewish stores. They tried to stop me there too at first. But I was enraged, and I would have loved to have screamed my loathing into the SA-men's faces. Since when had such hatred been part of me? Only for the past few hours: this land, this people, that I had previously loved and valued had suddenly become my enemy. I was no longer a German, or at least, I was no longer considered one. Unfortunately, you can't undo something like that in a few hours. But I suddenly felt one thing: I was ashamed of the trust that I had given to so many who were suddenly unmasked as my enemies. Suddenly the street seemed strange to me; even the city had become foreign."

(Landau, Edwin: *Selbstzeugnis* [Testimony for Myself]. In: Monika Richarz, ed., *Jüdisches Leben in Deutschland* [Jewish Life in Germany] (Stuttgart 1982), vol. 3, 1918-1945, p. 104.)