(TRANSLATION)

FIASCO OF THE HEIDELBERG UNIVERSITY CELEBRATION.

Berlin, June 30. There is great disappointment here
over the small foreign participation in the Heidelberg
University celebration. The English are altogether
absent, from the United States only delegates of a
few unimportant universities came, and otherwise from
foreign countries only South American universities and
several Far Eastern universities were represented. The
number of foreign guests was very small, and would
have been still smaller had it not been announced be-
forehand that most of the foreign participants would
have an honorary doctor's degree conferred on them. A
good many well known foreigners had, it is true, been
present at the University Conference which preceded
the university celebration. At the end of the confer-
ence, however, they demonstratively left.

The absence of the former American Ambassador in
Berlin Sherman, who refused one day before the begin-
ning of the celebration, made a particularly painful
impression. In American circles in Berlin it is be-
lieved that this refusal to participate in the
celebration was caused by the fact that the Heidelberg
University authorities replaced the Minerva statue with
the inscription "To the living spirit" by a National
Socialist emblem with the inscription "To the German
spirit". The statue formerly stood in front of that
part of the University which after the war was built
with American money. The celebration showed that those
people were right who from the beginning were of the
opinion that it was only to be a National Socialist
event, and who therefore refused the invitation. S.A.
and S.S. in uniform were ordered to attend the cele-
bration. The Rector of the University also appeared
in S.A. uniform. A disagreeable impression was caused
by the fact that it was the Professor of War Science
who made the peace speech addressed to foreign countries.