

Nazi revelation:

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▣ **Abstract (summary)**

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Bower had revealed that Herman Abs, founder of Deutschebank, was a Nazi supporter who had financed the building of a chemical factory at Auschwitz.

Deutsch paid the price by being asked to leave the glittering Deutschebank party at the Frankfurt Book Fair later that year.

"He was very hurt to be coming down the grand staircase when the world's leading publishers were going up," says Bower.

"People weren't ready for these revelations in those days and he wasn't sure my story was true. He was annoyed with me but later realised that, as a Hungarian Jew, he had missed a chance to make a big issue of it."

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