





Schacht dominated the room. His forceful delivery, his resonant voice, and his precise use of language were very astonishing and fascinating. In a seminar or conference his performance was very remarkable, for his enthusiasm for "his subject, and the vast store of knowledge from many fields that illuminate and broadened every discussion, made these hours delightful and exhilarating ones." Moreover, he had a fine appreciation of humor and a sharp wit which he exercised with unsuppressed pleasure. His generosity also appeared in his attitude towards his advanced students. He was always ready, for example, to lend scarce works from his private library, and turned over copies of rare manuscripts and notes that he had carefully collected during his research over a period of many years.

## 2. Schacht's career

Schacht's scholarly background supported his career and enabled him to acquire a rare combination of academic qualifications. He received his first academic appointment at the University of Freiburg in Breisgau in 1925. Two years later, in 1927, he was appointed associate professor at the age of twenty five. The year 1929, when he returned 27 years old, was an important one in his career, for in that year he was promoted to full professor of oriental languages. At that time he was the youngest man ever to have achieved this position in Germany. He held this chair for the next three years. In 1932 he was invited to take up a chair in the same subject at























