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Branded With Swastika

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LOS ANGELES, Dec. 9 — An infection from a swastika branded into his flesh was being nursed here today by 33-year old Prof. Ronis Schlerman, a refugee from Nazi barbarism.

Prof. Schlerman was a faculty member in the biology department of the Berlin University before the Hitler regime forced him to undergo imprisonment and extreme suffering.

The story that the Jewish scientist told here today was one of gruesome tortures in which he was stabbed with a bayonet in a concentration camp and the sign of the swastika seared into his flesh.

Prof. Schlerman was forced to sell his Berlin home, for which he received \$3 and ordered to leave the country. He was then

imprisoned when he was unable to leave the country without any money.

In a prison camp, the professor was offered water from officers' wash basins to drink and was forced to get down on his knees and lick dirt for the amusement of the Nazi storm troopers.

Two months ago, Prof. Schlerman was rescued by a group of American friends whom he had known in the Berlin University, and who arranged for him to come to the U. S.