7   DPA SERIES: THE NAZI HOLOCAUST FAILED IN DENMARK — At 4 A.M., August 29, 1943, the Germans toppled the Danish government by force. Without it as a buffer, the Danes were more vulnerable to Nazi tactics. Martial law was immediately declared, military courts were set up, and the death penalty for sabotage was decreed. But the worst was reserved for the Danish Jews. Dr. Werner Best, German plenipotentiary in Denmark, suggested to his superiors that action against the Jews was overdue. Hitler, who always flew into a rage when the Danish Jews were mentioned, approved. By September 17th, a plan was conceived. Karl Heinz Hoffman (Heinrich Himmler's special Gestapo agent), Rudolf Mildner (SS commander and Auschwitz official), and various security and SS commando units were sent to Copenhagen to implement the roundup. Denmark's Jews were scheduled to suffer the fate of all other Jews who fell into Nazi hands. Jews arrested in Germany and in other occupied countries were forced to wear the Star of David (above), a badge for easy identification. (Danish Jews were not required to wear the Star until after their deportation.)