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VIEWS FROM THE PAST *Paul Rothschild*

Rothschild's promising German academic career was cut short when Hitler rose to power. He had spent two years in England as a postgraduate and with Lewis wrote papers on intermittent claudication and ischaemic paralysis of nerves. Lewis warned him of the Nazi danger looming; after he had returned to Frankfurt he received a telegram from Lewis offering him a base at University College Hospital and brought his family over. He subsequently entered general practice, also serving in the Royal Army Medical Corps. After his death in 1965 distinguished contemporaries including A V Hill and Sir George Pickering wrote in glowing terms of his abilities and distinction (Lewis collection).

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