Free Antigone in Munich – Sophie/Mohr by Claudia I. Haas

Sophie is being interrogated by Robert Mohr.

MOHR
What did you do when you returned from the Arts Colony?

SOPHIE
I finished my secondary schooling.

And then?

SOPHIE
What is the point? You know this stuff!

MOHR
Continue. Please.

SOPHIE
I became a Kindergarten teacher at the Frobel Institute. And then taught preschool in Blumberg to fulfill my service requirements.

MOHR
What was your experience in the service?

SOPHIE
The experience with the children was sweet. But my skills as a teacher were limited by the Party. There was so much I couldn’t teach. It was too regimented. It didn’t allow for any growth in the children.

MOHR
It is controlled growth.

SOPHIE
Teachers expand worlds. I was an indoctrinator. Why would you control a child’s growth? It’s ridiculous!

MOHR
You guide the child from a young age so that when he is an adult, he is one with his country.

SOPHIE
It’s creating one brain instead of allowing them their own thoughts.
MOHR
It ensures that when they grow up, they will be one with the Party and they will not be brought up on treason charges as you are.

SOPHIE
People value freedom of thought!

MOHR
On the contrary, People value safety. (Beat.) After your service, what did you do?

SOPHIE
I applied to the University of Munich. I started there in May, 1942 for the summer session.

MOHR
What are you studies?

SOPHIE
Philosophy and Natural Biology.

MOHR
When did you become a member of the White Rose Society?

SOPHIE
I didn’t.

MOHR
Answer the question.

SOPHIE
I did.

MOHR
When did you become a member?

SOPHIE
I don’t know what you mean.

MOHR
It’s on the leaflets - The White Rose Society.

SOPHIE
I don’t know anything about the leaflets.

MOHR
I want to know about The White Rose Society.
There is no/

/Hans told us there is.

(Beat.)

There is – a group of us who go hiking, skiing, attend concerts – that sort of thing.

Write pamphlets/

No!

We are gathering names.

What names? People come by on a Friday night – it’s different every weekend! Friends! Friends who listen to music and have all those kinds of discussions that students have!

On weekends, we get out of the city to hike in the mountains/

/Go back to the discussions. I am interested in the discussions.

Literature … theology …

Politics.

(Beat.)

Politics.