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From Alberto Dorfzaun, in an e-mail dated November 29, 2011:

Dear Fellow Ecuadorians !!! I hope that you are doing fine. I am attaching an article that was written and delivered by Dr. Alfred Karger in 1961. It is very good !!! Best regards and all the best, Alberto

From Gabriel Alexander, in an e-mail dated December 1, 2011:

Alfred Karger's article reflects a very sophisticated research in Jewish history and values, but has nothing to do with the Jewish immigration to Ecuador.

Karger arrived in Quito from Berlin very late, in 1941(?) and convinced the local Jewish leadership to erect at the original Jewish cemetery (which doesn't exist anymore) what I believe to be one of the first monuments in the world to commemorate the Holocaust victims . If I remember well, without going into the documentation that I found in archives here in Jerusalem, it was done in 1943, during an official ceremony that representatives of the Ecuadorian government, including the State president representative, attended.

The original Holocaust memorial also doesn't exist anymore; a newer memorial stands in the entrance to the Jewish cemetery in El Batán. Most of the people I knew in Quito as a kid, rest there in peace. They have also transferred over there the remains of the Jewish cemetery in Ambato, besides from the original Jewish cemetery in Quito. here is a photo of it on the JOE's website.

Saludos, Gaby

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