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PART II

THE SUCCESSIVE STAGES OF THE CRISIS EXPERIENCED AGAINST
THE JEWISH PEOPLE

(Analysis of Various Types of Crises)

Introductory Note

The conclusions arrived at in Part I of this paper disclose with absolute certainty that the ultimate goal of Nazi German policies with regard to the Jewish people was nothing short of complete physical annihilation.

Indeed, the extermination of the Jewish people has been well planned and prepared by the Nazi party and the German Reich with all the usual German thoroughness and exactness.

The object was not only the Jews of Germany, or even European Jewry, but the Jewish people all over the world.

Adolf Hitler himself complained that

"The conviction was lacking that this (Jewish question) was a question of vital importance to the whole of mankind, and that on its solution the fate of all non-Jewish people depended" (Mein Kampf, English edition, p.156).

"For Germany, the Jewish question will be solved only when the last Jew will leave the Great German space."

stated Reichsleiter Alfred Rosenberg, and he continued:

"For Europe the Jewish Question will be solved only when the last Jew will leave the European continent" (Neikampf, April-September, 1941, p.71)

Wilhelm Grau, the director of the Nazi Institute for

Research of the Jewish Problem, declared that:

"The struggle on the Jewish question and for a unified solution of it will continue even after its satisfactory solution in Europe" (Ibid., p. 15)

He referred specifically to American Jewry.

Another German writer, Ernst Hilbert, emphasized that the "judenraube" Germany has yet another mission to fulfill; it has to bring about the solution of the Jewish problem all over the world for "the solution of the Jewish problem -- that means the redemption of all mankind" (Der Sturmer, No. 48, December, 1938, article "Der Kampf geht weiter").

Nazi Germany treated the Jewish Question as a world problem, and led its war against the Jewish People far beyond Germany's geographical boundaries.

(2) Some preliminary observations are necessary in order to clarify the general character and the meaning of the terms used in the following eight charges, summing up the German conspiracy against the Jewish people.

1. By reasons of expediency and caution, whenever such tactics seemed to be advisable, the criminal gang did not proceed in a simple and uniform manner, but carried out its ultimate program in successive stages. Some of these measures were deliberately devised and carried out exclusively in regard to the Jewish people as, for instance, disfranchisement, stigmatization, complete economic ruin, ghettoization, mass murder. In other respects, methods used by Germany in her biological warfare, like starvation, forced labor, deportations, were applied toward the Jewish population in high grade, anyway, in a higher grade than those applied to the non-Jewish population. While the transfer of millions of slave laborers was one of the mainstays of German manpower policy, this process referred only to able bodied men and women; the deportation of millions of Jews was carried out in a completely indiscriminated manner. Forced labor was applied also with regard to other lower races; however, no other people was singled out for complete slavery.

2. Whether the methods used against Jews were of specific nature or only applied in stronger doses, there is one thing which is common to all methods used with regard to Jews, as different from those applied towards non-Jews, and that is, that for the latter there was always an individual explanation, while for the former even no attempt was made to explain the crimes, the only justification being the racial point.

3. ^{It} ~~who~~ would be ^{to} ~~to~~ look into the statute books and international usages or a natural law for some specific norms which could have regulated this unprecedented case of annihilation of a whole people. It speaks in favor of the "unimaginative humanity who never before thought it necessary to introduce into statute books provisions for such crimes."

However, both the IVth Hague Convention of 1907 and, especially, the preamble, referring to laws of humanity which are the very basis of laws of war and a ^{fontin} ~~fontin~~ ^{cons} ~~cons~~ of laws of peace, supply us with sufficient legal ~~as-~~

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not to judge these crimes. Moreover, German law, as enacted and applied by pre-Nazi Germany, again supplies us with sufficient legal justification for trial of these crimes.

1/ One great danger should not be overlooked, and that is the poverty of human language which results in using the same words not only for different notions, but sometimes for conflicting ones.

"Reservation," as understood in this country in regard to certain indigenous populations, is a protective measure against certain social and sanitary evils, while the same word used by the Nazi philosopher, Alfred Rosenberg, when applied to Jews means in the final analysis mass grave. Even "segregation," whatever its moral connotations may be, has certainly nothing to do with some physical consequences for persons segregated. The Nazi use of segregation (ghettos) was meant not as a geographical or local separation of ethnic elements, but as a method of expediting the process of destruction. The number of examples could have been amplified.

It was the deliberate intention of the Germans to cover their deeds with words which lent themselves to connotations different from those which are inherent in the very deeds.

§. One more observation of a general character. As a rule, we use here the expressions Nazis or Germans interchangeably.

It is outside of the scope of these ^{introduction} charges to take issue with political problems of the responsibility of the German people as a whole or the Nazi party and its membership.

The planning, the philosophical foundations, the propaganda and the so-called fighting period of the party,

all that may, in a sense of historical truthfulness, be laid down at the doors of the party alone. While the concrete legal and extra-legal measures taken in pursuance of this philosophy and in implementation of the party program are certainly due to the triple responsibility of the Government, the Party and the Leitungsstab.

6. The following pages represent an analysis of the successive crimes committed by Germany, culminating in the mass murders. While for methodological reasons it appeared advisable to discuss the eight charges individually, it should ^{have} always be borne in mind that in fact they are all so closely interrelated and interlocked ^{and} that their mutual functions toward each other are so tied up as means and purposes that a certain artificiality in the disposition of individual crimes is in the very nature of these charges.

This mutual interdependence of the individual charges and their interlocking is the final evidence for the unity of purpose and intent, sometimes hidden behind the separate methods.

7. The following eight charges do not represent the totality of all the charges the Jews as a people could have raised against Germany. Only the most important ones, and the purpose of which was not an individual member of the Jewish race or people but Jewry as a whole. No

refrain from therefore from quoting thousands of crimes
committed against individual Jews in form of looting,
murder, torture, and so on.

The various crimes are analyzed in the following
order of charges: