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STARVATION

A. Intent and Purpose

Food in the hands of Germany has become one of the most powerful weapons of subjugation and domination. It was the weapon used for "cleansing" areas marked out as Germany's Lebensraum; it has become the means and method for the extermination of the Jewish people.

The plan to use food and starvation as one of the foremost weapons in the biological war of annihilation waged by the Nazis has been conceived and approved on the highest level and then elaborated and executed with additional skill and eagerness by the innumerable military and civil authorities in Germany, the satellite countries, and in the occupied areas under the general supervision of the successive German Ministers of Food and Agriculture, Walter ^{Herbert} Darre and Hermann Backe. Reich Marshal Hermann Goering, in his

notorious speech on October 4, 1942, made it very clear that

"if privation is unavoidable it will in no circumstances affect Germany. The German people come before all other peoples for food."

In conformity with this principle, the Germans stripped off the occupied countries of the barest necessities, leaving large portions of the population to die of starvation.

speech
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A very rigid system of rationing has been introduced, based upon racial principles.

Dr. Robert Ley, the German Minister of Labor, formulated the "philosophy of the racial rationing system," as far back as January 31st, 1940, by stating in an article in Der Angriff:

"A lower race needs less room, less clothing, less food, and culture than a higher race."

The occupied countries had to serve as the granaries of the Reich, whereas the native population had to live with a minimum of food. Field Marshal Goering in his capacity as Commissioner for the Four Year Plan and Plenipotentiary for the Government General of Poland, in a confidential instruction address to Major-General Buchmann, Head of the Branch Office for the Four Year Plan in Orszow orders to set up a "planned distribution of the foodstuffs" (Par. 2a), based on the principles set forth in Par. 4a as follows:

"In connection with the food supply for the population it must be attained at all costs that people engaged in concerns of vital or military importance, shall maintain their efficiency, while the rest of the population shall during the food shortage, be reduced to a mini-

Law of food. (G 8 L/40 of 25.I.1940).

The Governor General, Dr. Hans Frank and his secretary, Dr. Bushler, sent this confidential order to all heads of departments, chiefs of districts and district and city chiefs with the instruction to follow strictly the given directions.

In result a detailed differentiated system of rationing has been elaborated.

B. Jews Singled out for Starvation

On the lowest grade of this system have been the Jews. As for the main idea upon which their rations have been based, has been the determination to speed up their total extermination.

Dr. Fischer, the Governor of Warsaw, where the largest Jewish Ghetto has been established, stated very plainly:

"We shall exterminate this tribe (the Jews). They will disappear due to hunger and destitution."

Jews have been systematically discriminated against in respect to food rations. As far back as in 1938, Jewish inmates in the concentration camps of Buchenwald and Dachau have been given half the quantities of food rations, while their work was doubled. (See Starvation Over Europe, p. .)

The starvation of Jews has been executed in the following manner:

Jews have been rigidly segregated from the gentile population, they were

given rationing cards specifically marked, they were forbidden to buy allotted rations in the regular purchasing hours; special hours, usually one or two hours before the closing of the stores were being set as the "Jewish shopping hours," the purpose being that Jews may buy only what was left over by the Aryans; (for instance, order of Viennese Gauleiter Buerckel of January 5th, 1940. See Starvation, p. 61). Jews were denied almost all of the protective foods, i.e., Jews were forbidden to buy or even to accept as a gift -- meat, fish, eggs, milk, vegetables, fruits, etc.

Finally, Jews were allotted drastically curtailed food rations which amounted to less than 20% of the German ration.

The Jewish food ration which contained at the most only 27% of the required amount of carbohydrates, 20% of the required proteins, and only 8.32% of fats (see attached table) could and should, according to the most conservative estimates, bring about a starvation death in about a few months.

In addition, by rigid segregation, by closing up in ghettos, labor and concentration camps under the penalty of death for leaving them by the prohibition under heavy penalties of buying or even accepting

feed as a gift outside the ghetto (e.g., see order of July 28, 1942
of R. Paulin Stadthauptman of Cracow -- Starvation, p. 67). Jews
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The Germans in determination to wipe out the remnants of the Jews in Europe, did however go further, they lay many obstacles and prevented the hungry and sick Jews from getting any help, even abroad.

Rescue plans on behalf of European Jews in many a case have failed merely because of Nazi vicious opposition. No Jewish children were admitted by the Nazi into the transports of tens of thousands of children from Germany itself and from the occupied territories accepted by Switzerland and Sweden, for temporary shelter and recuperation. Four thousand Jewish children from Bulgaria who were granted immigration certificates,

date? to Palestine, have been refused exit visas because of the opposition of the German authorities. The same happened to 5,000 Jewish children in France, *date?* who were granted entry visas to the United States and other American countries.

Jews in Poland of the ages below five and above forty-five, were forbidden by a Nazi decree to get medicines, the only patients allowed to be kept alive being only those who could be exploited in the labor camps and

factories.

Food parcels sent by Jewish individuals and organizations to Jews in Poland and elsewhere have been frequently confiscated or not delivered to Jews, since no goods should be delivered ^(to Jews) ("Jude-unzulässig").

^(food packages) Of 12,995 sent to Jews in the Ghettoes by Jewish organizations through Madon in the first months of 1943, 4,000 were confiscated by the Nazis, 7,500 were sent back because of the deportation or death of the addressee or because of the refusal of the German Post Office to deliver the packages.

Receipts of only 325 packages arrived, but only 70 were signed by the addressee personally.

In the middle of 1943 the German authorities let know the Swedish Post Office that all parcels addressed to Jews in the General Government would be confiscated without compensating the sender (Wrote Allt. July 17th, 1943 - circular of the Swedish General Post Office No. 52 of July 7th, 1943 - News Digest July 19th, 1943).

Recently upon liberation of the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp large consignments of Red Cross parcels sent by Jews, have been found. The parcels were never distributed to the starving Jews, apparently of sheer ^{malice} ~~wildness~~ since they were not used by the Germans either. (The

Index of Criminals ^{mentioned} mentioned in this chapter

Hermann Goering

Robert Ley

Walter Darré

Hermann Bock

} Ministers of food and agriculture
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Dr. Hans Frank, governor general of Poland

Dr. Dohler, Secretary of the Governor General

Dr. Fisher, Governor of Warsaw

Duerckel - governor of Vienna

H. Pavla - Stadthauptman of Cracow