NOTE

Copies #1 through #8 of this report are master copies which have attached to them the following appendices: Exhibit A, "Statistics on Jewish Casualties During Asia Domination," prepared in cooperation with the Institute of Jewish Affairs, New York, and Exhibit B, "Deportation and Repatriation, Jewish Affairs," published in the Bulletin From War to Peace (No. 2), issued by the Institute of Jewish Affairs.

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THE CRIMINAL CONSPIRACY AGAINST THE JEWS

The multitude of crimes committed against the Jews of Nazi-occupied Europe cannot be regarded as merely isolated instances of individual brutality. Rather they constitute one continuous and indivisible crime — a criminal conspiracy against the Jewish people. All the various anti-Jewish measures taken by the Germans, from petty discrimination to final mass murder, were enacted by the government, its agencies, party formations, the army, police and semi-public associations, or even "spontaneous" mobs, were linked in the same chain.

As to the indictment of those guilty of crimes against the Jews, it should be remembered that physical extermination through millions of individual and groups of mass murders was merely the last step in the plan to exterminate the Jewish people. The earlier preparatory phases, such as the persecution of the Jewish religion, the disfranchisement of the Jews, the destruction of their economic life, their isolation (in ghettos, mass starvation, deportations, forced labor and the organized mass violence against them were all part and parcel of the same massive plan against the Jewish people. It is essential to stress that it is equally criminal to persecute against a racial, ethnic, religious or political group, and by depriving it of an opportunity to earn a living, indirectly to exterminate, as it is to solve in outright murder.

It should be hereupon emphasized that the agencies, associations and persons, who engaged in carrying out earlier phases of the plan are equally culpable with those who enacted its final phase, that of mass extermination.