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THE CRIMINAL CONSPIRACY AGAINST THE JEWS

The multitude of crimes committed against the Jews of Nazi-dominated 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, whether executed by the government, its agencies, party formations, the Army, private and semi-public associations, or even "spontaneous" mobs, were links in the same chain.

As to the indictment of those guilty of crimes against the Jews, it should be remembered that physical extermination through killings 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 discrimination 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 master plan against the Jewish people. It is essential to stress that it is equally criminal to conspire against a racial, ethnic, religious or political group, and by depriving it of an opportunity to earn a living, indirectly to exterminate it, as it is to indulge in outright murder. It should be herefore emphasized that the agencies, associations and persons, while engaged in carrying out earlier phases of the plan are equally culpable with those who executed its final phase, that of mass annihilation.

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