III. THE NAZI'S PLANS TO EXTERMINATE THE JEWISH PEOPLES

A. General Characterization of the Plan

In the purpose of this Instruction, to demonstrate the
undevelopment of a common plan or enterprise of the German
State, and the German military, industrial, and financial leaders
in concert with the declaration by war. The destruction of the
Jewish people as a whole, although not in itself, was at the time
linked to and closely tied up with this aim of world conquest.

The Jews were originally singled out as the primary target
of Nazi action because of their unique availability as a manpower
source for the State of Germany—out of the world. They were
uniquely qualified for this unprecedented role by the long tradition
of anti-Semitism in Germany (and in Europe). They were conscious
enough to make a good target, but yet weak enough to prohibit
the possibility of a real struggle.

From historical precedent the leaders of the Nazi State
evidently derived the assurance that killing Jews is not murder. This
fundamental conviction unquestionably underlay and motivated the
unique policy of the total annihilation of the Jewish peoples as contrasted with
only partial destruction of other peoples.

The fundamental purpose served by the anti-Jewish conspiracy, first
in Germany and then in Nazi-occupied Europe, was to provide a binding
force uniting together the various elements of society into the so-called
"people's community." As the one point upon which mutually hostile racial
groups could agree, it became the rallying cry of Nazism—Deutschland
erdeut, from German, "Germany unites, Germany fights."
In 1939, the anti-Semite propaganda was more openly directed towards Jews. The media portrayed Jews as a threat to national security and economic stability. This propaganda was aimed at creating a climate of fear and hatred towards Jews. It was used to justify the persecution and eventual extermination of Jews.

In another sense, the difference in the treatment of Jews and non-Jews was both a form of brevity and an induced terror. It served to remind the non-Jewish populations of occupied Europe that there was one group which had even less rights than they. This was used to prevent the situation from turning into an anti-Semitic one, which could be considerably worse, and that, consequently, acceptance with the Jewish people would be to their advantage.

The physical extermination of Jews was also used by the Nazis to intimidate the German people, as well as their collaborationist followers, in collective guilt. In the slaughter of millions of Jews, the Nazis supervised the German army, the civil service, the occupational authorities and municipalities, and all their bureaucrats and accessories. Conspicuously, as most of them were, of their collaboration as accomplices, these groups could be more easily persuaded that the final fate was their fate. Their denial of being called to account would be replaced upon as a

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Anti-Semitism also proved to be one of Germany's major weapons for political and economic infiltration abroad. Hitler, Rosenberg, Gobels, and other leaders of the Third Reich, quite openly declared their intention to disintegrate the democratic world by invoking anti-Semitism. This theory was well formulated by SS Group Leader, Dr. Ernst Seid, former legal adviser to the Gestapo and later Hitler's private secretary in Germany. In an address to SS-Headquarters in Munich, Dr. Seid declared on 27 July 1942:

"The Jewish question is the question with which we blow up the whole body where the last remnant of liberalism have dug in. Unless we abandon their Jews they have to give up their previous sedentary form of life, based on falsified ideas of freedom. Only thereafter can they take their place in the fight for a new world."

There is no doubt that the German idea of realizing Lebensraum received the destruction of peoples living in three states coveted by the Germans, the Nazi conspiracy to total mastery over the world entailed a total war. Its consequence was the new ruthless concept of biological warfare, according to which the aim and purpose of the state was not only to win the war but also to bring about permanent biological changes. This was openly professed by Dr. Berti when he stated:

"History proves that the sterilization or extermination of a foreign nationality is not contrary to biological law, if carried out totally." (Grundwissen einer deutscher)

1. The Feldherrnhalle, Munich, 28 September 1942.

The perfect example of this new kind of biological warfare was the annihilation of the Jewish peoples.

What is characteristic of the conspiracy against the Jewish people is the pattern created in Germany, tested in Austria, and systematically applied to all countries occupied by Germany. This pattern consisted of a chain of successive and accelerating measures of oppression, all aimed at a final result: deprivation, elimination from political, cultural, and economic life, exploitation, enslavement, starvation, deportation, physical torture, and finally, annihilation.

The extent to which Germany succeeded in carrying out this conspiracy to destroy a people is shown by the above statistical data.

The figures in Exhibit A show that, by even the most conservative estimate, of the 9,500,000 Jews who lived in Europe (excluding the USSR) at the time they were within the reach of Nazi power, 5,700,000 have disappeared—not killed on the battlefield but deliberately put to death.

Exhibit B shows that the total estimated Jewish property in the countries dominated and/or controlled by Germany amounted to from 6,250 to 6,300 million dollars. Most of this property is now lost—as a consequence not of war damage, but of outright robbery.

Another consequence of the destruction of the Jews of Europe cannot be expressed in figures, but the impact of it is even more important to the
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The meaning of these provisions was explained by Gottfried Feder, author and official commentator of the Party program as follows:

"Anti-Semitism demands the expulsion of the Jews from our State and our economic life."


This policy of excluding Jews from food supplies, thus leading to their annihilation by starvation, materialized upon the basis, after the outbreak of the war, introduced official food rationing and gradually reduced the nations granted a Jew to one-fifth of that allowed a German. Moreover, when in August 1942 the German Minister of Food, Herbert Bouss, submitted to Hitler a plan for easing the difficult German food situation, he is said to have suggested the annihilation of the Jews living in Germany and in the occupied countries, after they had been deported to certain regions in Eastern Europe. In accepting and carrying out this plan, the Nazi Government acted in strict accord with the letter and spirit of the provisions referred to above.

As for the principle contained in Section 7 of the Party program, that the Jews as servants should be excluded from all possibility of making a living, it was rigorously implemented in the solemn declaration with the German joining the Party had to make, in addition to his oath of blind and unconditional obedience to the Fuhrer:

1. According to documents reported to be held by the State Department.
2. The wording of this oath of allegiance was: “I pledge allegiance to my Führer Hitler. I pledge respect and obedience at all times to him and to the leaders whom he may appoint over me.” On the other hand, of the 14 commandments which were inscribed upon every party member, the following three merit particular attention:

1. The Fuhrer is always right.
2. The program is to be clearly understood.
3. I will not hurt the Movement and thereby Germany, i.e., my nation.

(The Fuhrer, (S. 197–198), 1936, 353, 354.)
"I hereby declare on my word of honor that from now on and in the future I shall never do business of any kind with Jews or with anyone connected directly or indirectly with Jews. I shall never enter a Jewish shop and will turn away any Jew who enters my place of residence or estate.

"I shall not consult a Jewish physician or a Jewish lawyer. I shall also take care that nobody in my family or my relatives make acquaintance with Jews.

"I am aware that I have the opportunity to consult the list containing the names of Jewish businesses in my residential district. I am also aware that if I fail to keep this promise, or if I try to evade it, I shall be expelled immediately from the party, the SA, the Local Council, the National Socialist organizations and that I may be branded both orally and by writing as a man who has broken his word of honor and as a scoundrel."

(Gongoleo, The Mind and Face of Nazi Germany, London, 1942, pp. 73-74.

While this policy of uprooting and spiritual and economic destruction was bound of itself to lead to physical destruction, it is certain in any event that from the beginning the intent of physical annihilation existed in the minds of the Nazi top leaders. Obviously, Nazi tactics consisted in holding up the realization of such major aims until the time was ripe.

Hitler himself admitted this policy in his speech of 29 November 1936, delivered at the dedication of the Reichenbach-Halle in Berlin. As then stated:

"National Socialism explained to the people only the general principles. As a rule it was silent about tactics."

However, the idea of elimination by violence is manifested from the very beginning of the Nazi anti-Semitic action by the unceaseable acts of the Nazi cohorts. "Deutschland erwache -- Juden verrichte!" (Germany awake -- Jewish must perish!) is the official battle cry of the brownshirts. That Jewish blood must be shed was proclaimed by the official song of the St at:

"When our knives draw Jewish blood,
Our hearts are twice as light."

Again, the idea of extermination of Jewry as a basilisk poisoning the German people is Hitler's leading motif in Mein Kampf. (Hitler, Mein Kampf, English version, by H. Maudslay, Boston, 1943, p. 305). Speaking of the German defeat of 1918, Hitler says:

"If at the beginning of the war and during the war twelve or fifteen thousand of these Führer corrupters of the people had been held under poison gas . . . the sacrifice of millions at the front would not have been in vain." (loc.cit., p. 679)

As early as 1932, Dr. Goebbels declared:

"It is true that the Jew is also a human being, but the flame is also an animal, but not a pleasant one. Since the flame is not a pleasant animal, we are not obliged to keep it, protect it, and let it prosper so that it may torture us. Our duty to ourselves and to our conscience requires us to make him harmless. Likewise with the Jew." (Goebbels, Nazi-Spit, Press, and Interpreted for the National Socialist, 1932, p. 13)

The same Goebbels admitted unequivocally in 1933 that the intent of annihilation by violence existed from the very inception of the Nazi movement. He declared:

"Jewry must perish! has been our battle cry for the last 14 years. Let it at last perish." (Sunday Reprics, London, 30 July 1933)

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On 17 July 1932, the 21st" December von Jagow wrote in the N.S.
Diplomats:

"We shall thrust this sense of murderers into the ghettoes
and into the jails, and one day we will hang them up on
the gallows."

(Jewish News, Jewish Central
Information Office, London,
1943, No. 15)

No less significant are the statements of various Nazi official
organs.

In July 1933, the Deutsche Zeitschrift wrote:

"Das jüdische Volk ist ein Teufelsvolk. Es ist ein Volk
von Verbrechern und Mörderern. Daraus muss das jüdische Volk
ausgerottet werden unter der Sonne."

(The Jewish people is a people of devils. It is a people
of criminals and murderers. Hence the Jewish people is to
be wiped out from under the sun.)

(Die Nation, Bern, 23 May 1945,
"Was wir nicht glauben wolten.")

In the same month, Volkswirtschaft's official organ of the German Reich
Sport Direction, wrote:

"Macht man denn nicht wilde Tiere, die Menschen fressen, sofort
toten, auch wenn sie menschenähnlich wären? Und sind denn diese
Juden eben anders als Menschenfresser?"

(Should not wild beasts that devour human beings be killed
immediately even though they have a human appearance? And
those Jews, are they not but cannibals?)

(Loc. cit.)

In 1936, in one of the parks of Tannendorf (a Berlin suburb), a
statue was erected, representing a nude German athlete killing a snake with
a harpoon. The legend on the monument read:

"There can be no health for the people until the Jews have
been exterminated."

(World Telegram, 21 October 1936)
After the capitulation of Poland which marked the climax of Germany's military preparations to launch an aggressive war to procure by force that which it could not conquer bloodlessly, the mask was completely lifted. The threat to get rid not only of German Jewry but also of the Jews in all European countries to be eliminated or controlled was then openly confessed:

"National Socialism" wrote the Westdeutscher Beobachter of 19 November 1938, has never left any doubt that it considers as absolutely untenable the presence of any substantial portion of Jewry on any territory reserved for German settlement; it has given proof that it is determined to proceed in earnest with the removal of the Jews.

No less outspoken is the statement of the Westdeutscher Beobachter of Cologne, 23 November 1938:

"Germany wants to get rid of the Jews — at once, without any sloppiness or sentimentality and without any haggling either. We do not deny, in fact we don't mind saying so quite openly, that we are doing our best to make life impossible for them."

And from the Tagblatt in Konigswinter, weekly journal of the SS, writing in its editorial of 26 November 1938:

"The result would be the actual and final end of Jewry in Germany, its absolute extermination."

The most drastic admission to this effect was made by Hitler himself on 30 January 1939. Having obviously already taken the decision to plunge the world into an unparalleled carnage, he was already looking for the scapegoat to be charged with the guilt for the coming catastrophe. In his conversation with the Czech Minister of Foreign Affairs, Frantisek Chvalkovsky, Hitler said:

3. If the economic destruction of the Jews.
"This war must be destroyed. The Jews are our sworn enemies and by the end of this year there will not be a Jew left in Germany. . . . We will give similar advice to Romania, Hungary, etc. Germany will seek to form a bloc of anti-Semitic states, as she would not be able to treat as friends states in which the Jews, either through their economic activity or through their high positions, could exercise any kind of influence."


After September 1939, the Nazi Government no longer made any secret of its firm determination to annihilate European Jewry. The threats expressed by Hitler in his conversation of 30 January 1939 were publicly repeated in his speeches of September 1939 and January 1941, following the occupation of Poland and of all Western Europe, as well as in his speeches of January 1942, March 1942, and January 1943, after he had recognized the failure of his bluster against Russia, and in his proclamations to the Party of February 1943. (New York Times, 1 October 1939, 2 January 1941, 31 January 1942, 15 March 1942, 2 January 1943, 24 February 1943) Only his speech of 31 January 1942 need be quoted:

"Aryan peoples will not disappear from Europe, and this war will see the destruction of Judaism."

No less outspoken were other Nazi leaders. Said Dr. Walter Gross, lecturing at the Institute for the Study of the Jewish Question, in Frankfurt-on-Main, 27 March 1941:

"We look upon Jewry as a thoroughly evil phenomenon that has known the ways of earthly life exceedingly well, but is also liable to earthly death. As far as the historical appearance of the Jew in Europe is concerned, we believe that the hour of his death has irretrievably arrived."
Said Alfred Rosenberg at the opening of the same Institute, a day later:

"Germany will answer the Jewish question only after the very last Jew has left the Greater German living space . . . .
Europe will have its Jewish question solved only after the very last Jew has left the continent."

(Both statements published in Weltspiegel, Journal of the Institute No. 1-2, April - September, 1941, pp. 82, 71.)

Similar statements were made by Robert Ley in Karlische (Iron Curtain) Heimats Nachrichten, 20 May 1942 and Julius Streicher (Der Stuermer, No. 39, 1 November 1942).

Hermann Goering said:

"This war is a war of reason. It is to decide whether the German, the Aryan races, or the Jews shall rule the world. That is what we are fighting for."

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency, 6 October 1942)

Julius Streicher declared:

"The sun will not shine on the nations of the earth until the last Jew is dead."

(Solstice Festival, Hesselberg, 26 June 1938)

Goebbels confirms in cynical frankness this irrevocable determination to wipe out not only the Jews of Europe but even those in other continents.

In connection with the stepping up of Allied air raids on Germany, he wrote in his own organ, Der Stuermer:

"The Jews are playing a frivolous game and will pay for it with the extermination of their race in all Europe and perhaps even beyond Europe . . . ."

(New York Times, 13 June 1943)
About a year later, Hess wrote in Der Bote:

"If we show the slightest trace of weakness in settling the Jewish question, we shall cause the greatest danger in the whole of Europe. The Jews are the glue which held the enemy coalition together. Either we break the Jews or this nation will be broken by the Jews."

(The New York Sun, 1 May 1943)

Said Ley:

"Jewish and capitalistic and Bolshevik, listen. We want Judah to be exterminated too. That we know. We swear we are not going to abandon the struggle until the last Jew in Europe has been exterminated and is nationally dead. It is not going to isolate the Jewish enemy of mankind — the Jew has got to be exterminated."

(Der Augsburger, June 1943)

Perhaps the clearest admission of the preconceived plan to annihilate the Jews of Europe is to be found in a statement made by Ley after the conquest of a part of Russia. He said:

"Today, however, the German Wehrmacht stands on the soil which was the starting point of the Jewish threat for world domination. All the thousands of towns and villages where the Jews constituted over more than fifty per cent of the population, and whence furnished inexhaustible reinforcements for all the Jewish powers in the world, are in our hands. The enemy's base is occupied, and the knowledge of former mistakes and sins of omission is alive. Germany will draw the necessary conclusions from that knowledge."

(Augsburger, June 1943)

A few days after this article was published, the deportation to Poland of Jews from all occupied Europe, and their mass slaughter, began.

Even in 1944, when the Nazis had already seen the handwriting on the wall, Robert Ley proclaimed the action against the Jews as Germany's last secret weapon. Said Ley:
"The second German secret weapon is anti-Semitism. Because it is consistently pursued by Germany, it will become a universal problem which all nations will be forced to consider. That is why we appeal to all Germany to use both secret weapons: Jewish must die to save humanity."

(Der Angriff, 14 May 1944)

Alfred Rosenberg, the philosopher of Nazism and the proponent of the deportation of the Jews to spacial reservations, insisted, as he did in all his writings, on the biological necessity of complete physical elimination of the Jews. In a speech delivered in 1943, he proclaimed:

"It is time to state that the Jews have no more business to remain in Europe. It is the task of all Europeans to cleanse Europe of the plague of Jewish parasites... This demand is not cruel but dictated by a biological necessity."

(Real-timeblatt Luxemburg, 10 May 1943)

The same idea is developed by Rosenberg in his preface to the Manual published by the office of Personnel of the Wehrmacht in January 1944, designed for the political education and training of the German officer and soldier:

Rosenberg points out that among the enemies of the eternal Reich, the Jews occupy the first place and that Hitler's merit consists in that he "uncovered the Jews as arch-enemies of that Volkstum. Today we are the first Germanic people who get rid of Jews, but also the last Germanic nation against world Jewry."

(Wehrkampf, 1944, p. 25)

German admissions of specific guilt are difficult to find. Poor such statements are admitted here, but a more painstaking search should reveal many more.

* The first weapon was robots.
(1) Adolf Hitler, in a manifesto broadcast on 23 February 1943 over the Berlin radio, reiterated his threat to exterminate all the Jews in Europe:

"This struggle will not end as our enemies plan, with the annihilation of the Aryan part of humanity, but with the extinction of Jewry in Europe."

(New York Times, 25 February 1943)

(2) Joseph Goebbels, speaking of anti-Jewish measures in the Sportpalast on 19 February 1943, said:

"We shall exterminate (jusskon) -- then corrected himself --

to exclude (auszichalen) them."

(Parl. Telegram, New York, 19 February 1943)

(3) Janniger Forposten, 13 May 1944 in an editorial by Lobanck entitled "Judah before its Fall," said:

"There is no longer any Jewish problem in the Reich and even in other European areas. Jewry has suffered further heavy losses. For instance, the Jewish population centres which we found in Poland, Hungary, and Lublin have been neutralized just as much as it is at present the case in Hungary. By this action five million Jews have been eliminated in those countries alone.

"The consequences of the neutralization of East World Power will be even more terrific for Jewry than its defeat..."