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PART II

THE SUCCESSIVE STAGES OF THE CRIMES COMMITTED AGAINST THE JEWISH PEOPLE

(Analysis of Various Types of Crimes)

Introductory Note

The conclusions arrived at in Part I of this paper reveal 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 had been well planned and prepared by the Nazi party and the German Reich with all the usual German thoroughness and exactness.

The victims were to be not only the Jews of Germany, or even European Jewry, but the entire Jewish people.

Some preliminary observations are necessary in order to clarify the general character and the meaning of the terms used in the following nine chapters which are meant to sum up the fundamental steps of the German conspiracy against the Jewish people.

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(1) For reasons of expediency and caution, the Nazis did not proceed in a simple and direct manner, but carried out their ultimate program in a series of successive steps. Some of these measures were deliberately devised and carried out exclusively with regard to the Jewish people as, for instance, disenfranchisement, stigmatization, complete economic destruction, ghettoization, and mass murder. In other respects, methods used by Germany in her general biological warfare, such as starvation, forced labor, and deportation, were applied toward the Jewish population in a more extreme form than to the non-Jewish population. While the transfer of millions of slave laborers was one of the mainstays of Germany's manpower policy, this process generally referred only to the use of able bodied men and women. The deportation of millions of Jews, however, was carried out with a view toward ultimate extermination. Forced labor also was applied to other "lower" races; however, no other people was singled out for such complete slavery as was

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the lot of the Jews.

(2) Whether the methods used were of a specifically anti-Jewish nature or only applied in stronger doses, there is one thing which was common to all methods taken against Jews, as distinguished from those applied towards non-Jews, and that is, that in the case of the latter Nationalizations were employed such as punishment for individual guilt or resistance or need for man-power, while in the case of the former the only justification used was the Nazi racial theory.

(3) Attention is called to the terminology employed by the Nazis who used the same words not only for different concepts, but sometimes for conflicting ones. For instance, a reservation in the geographical sense as understood in this country is a measure designed to protect indigenous groups against certain social and sanitary dangers. The same word as applied to Jews by the Nazi philosopher, Alfred Rosenberg, means in the final analysis a mass grave. Similarly, the Nazi use of "segregation" (ghettos)

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was meant not as a geographical or social separation of ethnic elements, but as a method of expediting the process of annihilation.

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 deeds.

(4) One more observation of a general character. As a rule in this report the terms Nazis and Germans are used interchangeably. It is outside of the scope of this indictment to take issue with the political problem of the responsibility of the German people as a whole or merely that of the Nazi party and its membership. The planning, the philosophical foundations, the propaganda in the so-called "fighting period" of the Party, may, in a sense of historical truthfulness, be laid at the door of the Party alone. The concrete legal and extra-legal measures taken in pursuance of this philosophy and in the implementation of

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the Party program, however, are certainly due to the triple responsibility of the Government, the Party and the Wehrmacht.

(5) The following pages represent an analysis of the successive crimes committed by Germany culminating in the mass murder of 5,700,000 Jews. For methodological reasons it appeared advisable to discuss the nine charges individually. It should, however, be borne in mind that in fact they are all closely interrelated and interlocked. Their mutual functions and relations are so intertwined as ^{to} means and purpose that a certain arbitrariness in the classification of the crimes is unavoidable.

(6) With regard to evidence, every attempt has been made to make as full use as possible of all materials available in the United States. However, due to the limitations of time and manpower it will prove necessary, from time to time, to supplement the evidence presented. The present indictment makes use of reliable eye-witness accounts of German crimes, of photographs

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where available, of captured Nazi documents, as well as of scholarly studies on various specific aspects of the crimes.

(7) It is not intended that the nine charges include an exhaustive or even a semi-complete list of the multiple crimes committed by the German state against individual Jews in all their places of residence and exile. No such comprehensive indictment can be drawn as at the present state of affairs. The enumerated nine charges are rather to be a presentation of the primary crimes committed against the Jewish people as a whole.

The various crimes are listed in the following order:

- CHARGE ONE: PERSECUTION OF PEACE POLICIES AND S. JEWEL LIFE (Persecution against Judaism)
- CHARGE TWO: DISKONFIRMATION AND STIGMATIZATION
- CHARGE THREE: ECONOMIC DESTRUCTION
- CHARGE FOUR: Ghettoization
- CHARGE FIVE: STARVATION
- CHARGE SIX: DEPORTATION
- CHARGE SEVEN: FORCED LABOR
- CHARGE EIGHT: MASS ASSASSINATION
- CHARGE NINE: ORGANIZED KILLING

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