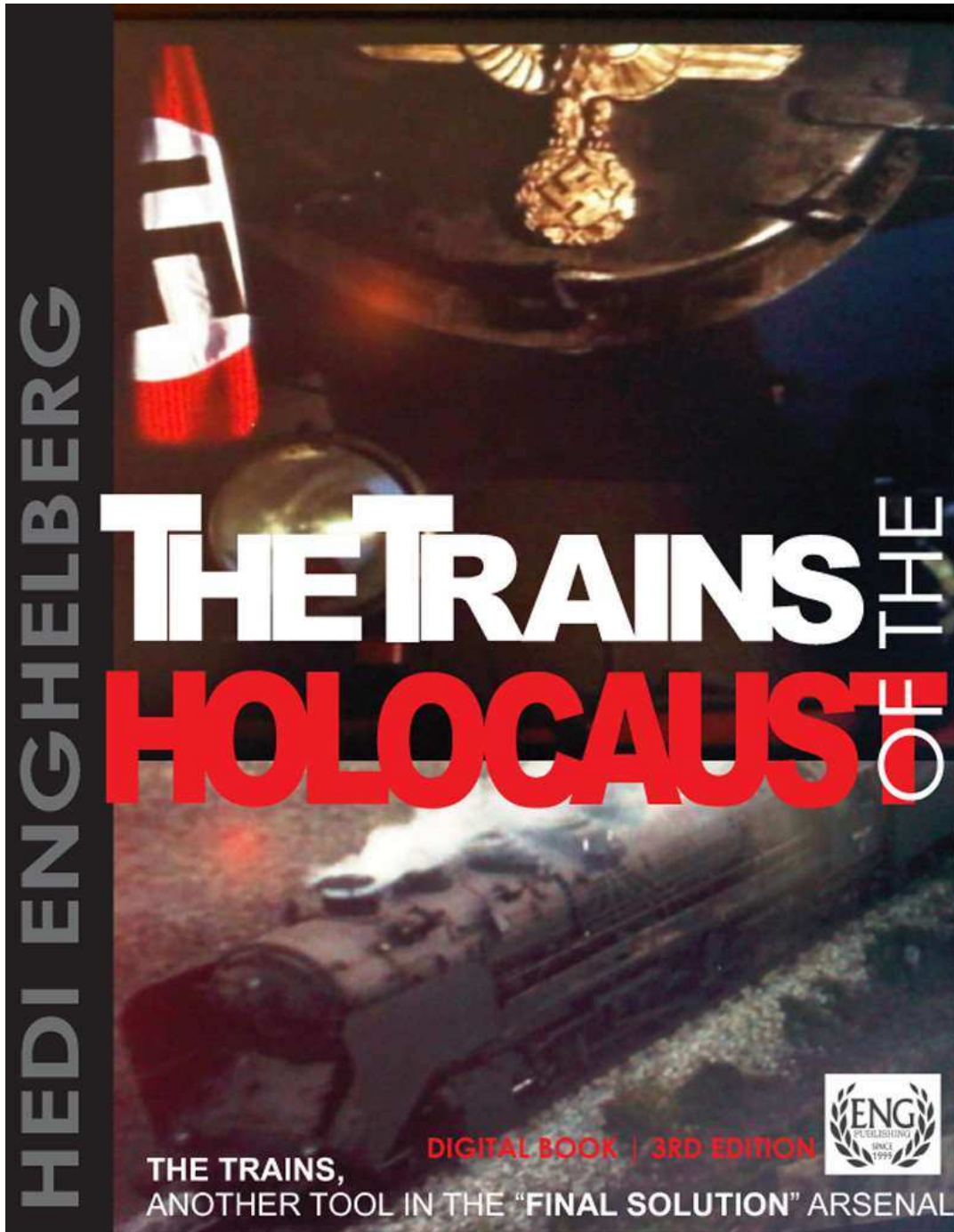


*“...As it goes with Israel, so will it go with all of us.  
Should Israel perish, the Holocaust will be upon us...”*

Eric Hoffer, May 1968.



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## EDITORIAL NOTE

### “Europe Died At Auschwitz”

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THE TRAINS OF THE HOLOCAUST, DESCRIBES THE ACTIVE COOPERATION OF EUROPE’S RAILWAYS IN THE “FINAL SOLUTION”.

“THE TRAINS OF THE HOLOCAUST”: A look at how railway transport companies acted in agreement and helped the operation of the Second and Final Phase of the Holocaust.

THIS STUDY, is about how a modern railway system and the largest enterprise at the time, the Deutsche Reichsbahn [DRB], with its associated railways companies in each European country, contributed to the colossal scale of evacuation and displacement, for the purpose of interment and slavery, especially after the Wannsee Conference in January 1942.

Germany and Nazi Germany brutality against the Jews, Poles and Russians is unprecedented in human history and has (when wanted to explained) a fundamental irrational base. The word “genocide” is small when to explain the Nazi Germany & Collaborators from 1933 until 1945. The Nazi criminal regime (1933-1945), it’s military, civilian organizations, middle-level bureaucracy and associated dictatorial regimes all over Europe, succeeded in murdering millions of people and destroying a flourishing 900-years-old Jewish Culture in Europe. Mass-murders intersected with the German civilian administration, military operations, concentration and extermination camps and ruthless behavior. In the process, they murdered of millions of humans across the continent: 6 millions Jews and 20 million other innocent civilians. The civilians along the military, Nazi and non-Nazis, collaborators and non-collaborators, are all responsible, directly, and co-responsible, indirectly.

An efficient railways system across the continent with more than 100,000 km of rail, (only 42,000 km of which were in Germany proper) operated by the largest private railroad at the time, the Deutsche Reichsbahn, with more than 250,000 workers and a formidable 12,500 operational locomotives (kriegslokomotiven), totally sustained and assisted Germany’s formidable war machine and as aided the Nazi organizations in charge of the “Final Solution”.

After giving so much to the human society for more than 3,000 years, more than any other groups of people, the Jews were now pariah, rejected members of the society, under the German racial laws. You can kill somebody with words: the Germans did so with the racial laws, embraces so warmly by so any other European countries.

We narrate the railways transport story from a technical, political and information point-of-view. Concentration, trains transport and killing, were stories of evil forces (all over Europe) against unarmed civilian, with no chance for defense. The story is more credible, tragic and moving, because is real and a vast majority of the transported people died on arrival (due to transport conditions) or later, in the gas chambers, in horrible conditions.

How normal humans, can commit such acts of cruelty, this is beyond my power or explanation. Some processes in our minds, brains, on primary or secondary cognition level are interacting.

But for sure, the absence of accountability and the absence of punishment for the committed acts were paramount. This lack of accountability projected the imagine that when you kill a Jew, a Gypsy, a communist, a syndicated member, a sick or elderly or a Commissar, no punishment will follow.

The European railway companies totally and willingly assisted the Nazis in the transportation segment by carrying out this infamous crime: The Holocaust. Without the collaboration of European railways, the Holocaust could not have happened on the scale on which it did.

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## THE NEW ANTI-SEMITISM ON THE STREETS OF EUROPE

*“The rise on anti-Semitism anywhere is a treat to people everywhere. Thus, in fighting anti-Semitism we fight for the future of all humanity”.* Kofi Annan, United Nations Secretary –General, 2004.

I will be brief, not writing a treatise on the subject. I am drawing just a simple time-line in Anti-Semitism.

The Western type of anti-Semitism started during the mighty Roman Empire conquest of Palestine. The formula was simple. The army officers, senators, administrators, military leaders were borrowing money from the Jews. This money was financing a lavish life style, mistresses, houses, military campaigns and other petty projects. When the money was gone, then the debts had to be paid... then, the borrower had two choices: to pay back the money or to not pay and make the debt go away. They could kill the borrower or make someone else kill the borrower. In case of politicians, they could raise taxes and with taxes they could pay the debts, when these were done by more important institutions. Then the political leaders, in order to divert the public opinion of the people's bad social and economic conditions, will find a scapegoat as in the Jews. From this point-of-view, the Jews were an easy target, because two main things: 1.) They were a few in the middle of many gentile population, easy to locate and 2.) They had no right to bear arms, no military training and thus rendering them almost indefensible by their own means.

The Roman Empire was not anti-Semitic; they just had this problem with borrowing money. The Romans had a great esteem for the Jews, and they were a minority held in high regards and granted privileges, like no others and the right to profess their own monotheistic religion, in the entire empire.

The real anti-Semitism started from the IV century, after emperor Constantine. The process (anti-Semitism, as a religious intolerance) have evolved into the Middle Ages, with a series of physical Anti-Semitism acts, culminating with the Spain under Catholic kings Ferdinand and Isabella in 1492 (and Portugal, the expulsion of Jews and Muslim signed by king Manuel, on December 5, 1496, to take effect on 12/5/1497 – 2,000 Jews were massacred in Lisbon in 1506): the expulsion of the Jews, more than 600,000 people, all of them with a profession, prosperous, many intellectuals and owners of a trade. Thousands of Jews died during the barbaric/brutal/inhumane times of the Spanish Inquisition. Some, very few, converted to the Catholic faith, becoming Marranos. Many, the vast majority, chose to

leave communities; villages and town in Spain and Portugal were vacated and they emigrated to France, Belgium, and Holland, Italy.

In my view, the expulsion of Jews marked the end of the Spanish kingdom (Portugal Empire) as a global empire and marked the raise of France, Belgium, England, Holland and Italy in Europe. Some Jew emigrated to Morocco, Ottoman Empire, Greece, Brazil, and as far as Curacao. All these places greatly benefitted from this influx of skilled workers, technicians, traders, doctors, intellectuals.

Today, in Spain they are less than 20,000 Jews and in Portugal even less. In 2014-2015 Portugal enacted laws to offer back the Portuguese citizenship to all descendents of the expelled Jews, the same as the Spanish law. They want to attract the Jewish expertise and investment, but I think few will answers this (century late) call.

Then the cycle of borrowing started in Western Europe, France, Belgium and Holland. The same cycle as in the Roman Empire coupled with religious intolerance pushed the Jews to the East, Poland, Germany, Hungary, the Balkans, Greece, Bulgaria and Romania; far East as Ukraine, Belarus and Russia. In these territories, the Jews encountered less Enlightenment on the local population and deep ignorance coupled with fervor religious attitudes; the large uneducated groups of the poor population, were held in agrarian (almost) slavery by the locals barons. The Jews were free. The barons were borrowing from the Jews to raise armies and conduct war. War is a tricky business, brutal and a costly one. (War) Usually ends in misery and failure, as many of the wars in Eastern Europe ended.

These wars, religious intolerance, being different, from Frankfurt (riots against Jews in 1614 and 1819) in Germany to Ukraine and Belarus, caused generation-after-generation of anti-Semitic sentiments, always presents and (re)enforced.

The cycle repeated in so many places: the barons could not pay, and the anger for the loss in the wars and miserable living conditions of the people were attributed to the Jews. And again, the brutality and the adversity grew, especially in the 18 and 19<sup>th</sup> century. When in the West the anti-Semitism was taking a more academic and deep intellectual nuance, in the brutal and less educated East, the anti-Semitism was physical, especially during the Tsars, in feudal Russia. The pogroms, a Russian term (to destroy, to demolish, to create havoc), were riots created by the local administration of the locals against the Jew minority Jews. The riots and the killing moved from the German towns and villages in the 1600s to Poland, Romania, and Hungary and especially in the vast plains of Ukraine and Russia, where the uprisings were brutal, bloody and with criminal conclusions.

Famous were the large programs in Russia, as in Pale Settlement, Ukraine and Belarus. 1821-Odessa, 1829-Ukraine, 1881-Warsaw, 1903 Kishinev, 1905-Kiev, 1906 Bialystok, 1918-Lwow, and again 1919-Kiev, are only a few big examples. Alexandr Solshenitsyn and Nahum Germel provided in study of the Ukrainian pogroms these numbers: in more than 1,250 anti-Jewish incidents, almost 900 degenerated into actual killing pogroms with the bulk (40%) done by Ukrainian People Republic forces, 25% by Ukrainian Green Army, 17% by the White Armies and other armed groups of vandals and gangs. Some 8-9% of the killings were done by isolated units of the Red Army, but the Russian leadership was swift in punishing the Red Army elements and army units, even regiments, involved in Jewish pogroms. In total, we can assume than at least 250,000-300,000 Jews were murdered in Eastern Europe, especially in Russia, Ukraine and Belarus.

Before Germany under Nazi regime (1933-1945), the European center of the Jewish annihilation was Ukraine and Belarus. The pogroms, as brutal and murderous they were, let's say, for the lack of other words, were uncoordinated and unstructured events. Then when you add to these actions the German structure, industrial might, order, documentations, technology, numbers, electronic control (IBM computing machines), statistics, science, logistics, railways transports, in one word, industrialization, we witness the entire Jewish Holocaust from 1933 to 1945. The 11 million Jews continentally trapped Europe had nowhere to flee and they were feeding the killing industrial operations of the exterminations camps of Poland, Germany and Trans-Nistria.

Then after the war (WWII) the anti-Semitism was painted over, for a time, by the guilt of all Europe, smart and ignorant, tall and short, East and West, North and South, over the Holocaust crimes, from the Germans, to the French, Polish, Hungarians, Romanians, Ukrainians, Croats and so many collaborators.

The Allies, the British and the Americans, did not air bombard any concentration camps, under the disguise, excuse and the reasons on “being concentrated” on the war effort against the Germans. But they did bomb civilian centers (in controversial strategic carpet-bombing campaigns) like Hamburg, Berlin and especially for two days in February 1945, with incendiary bombs, over Dresden, killing more than 25,000 people, with no real military objective at aim. 500,000-600,000 German civilians and foreigners died during WWII in these aerial bombardments. I don't want to do any moral equivalence between the war conducted by the Allies and the brutal war conducted by Germany under the Nazi regime, but I want only to underline that the Allies did bomb civilians' centers, but did not bomb any concentrations/extermination camps and/or their adjacent railroads yard.

### **“Europe died at Auschwitz”**

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**Maybe we have to review history** and (re)compute, sum and conclude that the “*General Jewish Holocaust*” or “*Greater Jewish Holocaust*” started with the expulsion of Jews from Spain in 1492 and ended somehow in 1945. Not 6 million Jews were murdered; they were murdered in the span of 1933-1945. But in total they are more than 8-9-10 million Jews killed across the European continent, in different events, from the first crusaders at the beginning of the second millennia to the last terrorist attacks in Burgos, Paris, Bruxelles, Copenhagen.

The Jews were continuously pushed from Portugal and Spain to the vast plains of Russia, until almost none of them still live in Europe. Only Napoleon Bonaparte in the 1790s had the vision of creating a homeland for the European Jews in their ancestral lands in Palestine.

The intellectual forms of today's anti-Semitism, in Europe and Islamic world are diverse: delegitimizing Israel, academic hate speech, prejudice against Jewish institutions, boycott of Israeli products, de-investment in Israeli companies, denial of the Holocaust (especially in Iran and cronies collaborators), violent language against Jews. Jewish schools, institutions, synagogue, cemeteries are attacked. On many university campuses, students, proper citizens of Jewish ancestry are feeling threatened.

Europe and its population had a general moral lapse and failure during 1933-1945. The actual Western Europeans anti-Semitism is now more ideological, intellectual in essence, in Austria, France, Belgium, Ireland, Hungary, UK and other countries. The massive presence of Muslim population is adding a new layer, a new component, a factor, to this process: 20 million Muslim in Europe, are 20 million more people not liking very much the Jews, despite the fact there [just] are only minuscule Jewish communities in the old continent. The Muslim discontent, failure to integrate, high rate of unemployment and anti-Semitism is present in the local communities, in the social media, in the local economy and they voice their voices.

“Mein Kampf” is translated to Arabic and is on sale in almost all the street book shops in the Arab, Muslim world and Muslim communities in Europe. Many Muslim communities live in a self-styled auto-segregated enclave, maybe as a result of the fallen policy of multi-cultural society. London, Lyon, Toulouse, Marseille, Bologna, Amsterdam, Rotterdam, Utrecht, Goteborg, Malmo (25% Muslim), Bruxelles (20% Muslim) are good example for these Muslim enclaves.

THE ROOT COUSE of the Anti-Semitism is a very, very complex formula, with religious elements, mixed with economics, cultural inequalities, social conjecture, philosophical in nature, related to human relations, geography, location, traditions, etc. Anti-Semitism differs from region to region,

from community to community. Anti-Semitism continually evolved into many branches over period of more than two thousand years.

We do have to mention the new wave of corrosive, focused, unwelcomed influence of Anti-Semitism in Europe and the many vandal and criminal attacks in France, Denmark, UK, Poland, Belgium, Hungary and other place. This Anti-Semitic, Anti-Jewish and anti-Israel sentiments, structured and multi-layers, are felt in many structures of governments, academia, intellectual life and social media is a very complex process occurring in a very sui-generis environment: in almost a total absence [vacuum] of an important presence of Jewish population in Europe, on one side and the presence of more than 20 million Muslims living now in Europe, on the other side. Not all of them are anti-Semitic, but the few that are, are making their presence and feelings and opinions felt. They are the spear-head of the new Anti-Semitism in Europe. The Radical Islam is the force, the engine behind the latest wave of physical aggression against the Jewish community's symbols.

The demographics of Europe are continuously shifting in favor of a group of populations representing families of Muslim descents, which have three, four or five children in the household. The Europeans are primarily concerned on local social projects and invest nothing in military defense. With the exception of France active help in Africa, they (European states) are militarily passive and/or under armed. They are intellectually passive, not only in the fights against the anti-Semitism, but against the rise in the militancy and aggressiveness of Radical Islam, home-grown terrorism, or other threats from the East. France alone, domestically, is tracing no less than 400 local-grown Islamic sleeping cells, which can be activated in a matter of hours.

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This year, 2015, we celebrated 70 years for the liberation of KL Auschwitz-Birkenau by advanced reconnaissance units of the Red Army. 70 years after this brutal episode in the human history, we witness brutal and deep Anti-Semitism not only in Western Europe, but in Eastern Europe, Middle East and in many Muslim countries. The Holocaust Studies are removed, discreetly, from many educational curriculums from as many high schools and universities, not to harm the Muslim sentiments.

This year only 700+ survivors of this terrible peace on Earth were present at the ceremony. Every year, less and less survivors of the KL Auschwitz are alive. We have to cherish the memory of all victims, the ones gassed, killed and exterminated and the ones who served as slave labor, during this [Dark Europe] period of time, 1933-1945.

**HEDI ENGHELBERG**

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# CODA

## THE TRAINS OF THE HOLOCAUST

Coda is a musical term, used, in general to name, designate a passage, a segment that brings to an end, concludes, a large body of work. In our case this body of works is "The Trains Of The Holocaust".

### **"WE HAVE TO TELL THE STORY TO MAKE SENSE OF OUR SOCIETY AND CIVILIZATION" | HEDI ENGHELBERG**

"The Trains of the Holocaust" offers an opportunity to find new, rare and compelling information about the logistics of the Holocaust.

We present here a brief history of the WWII and the two phased of Jewish Holocaust and how decisions were made and by whom.

The book is dedicated to the Holocaust victims, to the Holocaust as a process and this historical phenomenon; many pages are devoted to the logistics of the European railways which facilitated the movement of so many millions of persons across the continent, to the forced labor, concentration and extermination camps in Poland, Germany and Central Europe.

On our case and especially in our book, we dedicate resources to the fragmented, and untold story of the German and Associated railways transports companies.

There are many topics to be presented, but this is a general book about the railway transports. To get into very small details of the colossal German-war-effort and Holocaust-related-operations, will take an enormous amount of time, research, manpower and resources.

Many will critique how I supported the issues, but this is my point-of -view. We all know the tragic events of this aggressive war in Europe: 50 million dead, millions of injured and displaced, The Cold War and 6 million Jews murdered.

It is very easy to make a critique, but we have to tell the story, in order to make sense of your civilization. The Holocaust should never happen again!

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**FROM A LETTER BY  
ELLIE WIESEL [Z”L]  
NOBEL PEACE PRIZE RECIPIENT**

You ask how you might help the cause of Jewish memory. The only thing I can suggest is to continue what you have been doing: writing and speaking in order to educate those who are not yet aware. I know you will continue to make a difference in the world—

With every good wish,

  
Elie Wiesel

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Dear Mr. Enghelberg,

Attached you will find a thank you letter from Chairman Ros-Lehtinen for *Trains of the Holocaust*. Thank you for sharing your work with Chairman Ros-Lehtinen.

Best wishes,

**Gabriella Ra'anan**

Junior Professional Staff Member

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# General Eisenhower Warnings

It is a matter of history that when the Supreme Commander of the Allied Forces, General Dwight Eisenhower, found the victims of the death camps he ordered all possible photographs to be taken, and for the German people from surrounding villages to be ushered through the camps and even made to bury the dead.

He did this because he said in words to this effect: *'Get it all on record now - get the films - get the witnesses - because somewhere down the road of history some bastard will get up and say that this never happened'*.

This week, the UK debated whether to remove The Holocaust from its school curriculum because it 'offends' the Muslim population which claims it never occurred. It is not removed as yet. However, this is a frightening portent of the fear that is gripping the world and how easily each country is giving into it.

It is now more than 60 years after the Second World War in Europe ended. This e-mail is being sent as a memorial chain, in memory of the, six million Jews, 20 million Russians, 10 million Christians, and 1,900 Catholic priests who were 'murdered, raped, burned, starved, beaten, experimented on and humiliated' while many in the world looked the other way!

Now, more than ever, with Iran, among others, claiming the Holocaust to be 'a myth,' it is imperative to make sure the world never forgets.

***Freedom isn't free....someone had to pay for it!***

This e-mail is intended to reach 400 million people! Be a link in the memorial chain and help distribute this around the world.

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# JEWISH HOLOCAUST MONUMENT IN BERLIN-GERMANY



Between the famous Brandenburg Gate (that miraculously survived the heavy bombardments of the WWII) and the Potsdamer Platz, a visitor can find this discrete, but impressive monument dedicated to the victims of the Jewish Holocaust in Europe.

This Monument was built between 2003 and 2005, based on an approved work project by Architect Peter Eisenman and was based on the concept of 2,711 black cement blocks/slabs, above ground. The complex has a complementary underground Museum. | PICTURE BY Hedi Enghelberg, Berlin, 2011

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# Wrong Timing

The timing went out to be very wrong.  
Many were thinking this will be just another storm,  
Others were living by the book,  
Hoping and waiting to be saved,  
But the author was nowhere,  
Not hearing,  
Nor witnessing,  
Not speaking out,  
Not intervening.  
Not feeling the drama of his people.

Nobody landed a hand,  
Or maybe very few offered shelter...

It wasn't OK,  
By the last bullet fired,  
And when the storm passed  
It was too late,  
6,000,000K\*

**Hedi Enghelberg**

\*K FROM KILLED

# Leave Taking

8 a.m. at the little station,  
 Sunlight peeling blue and cream paint  
 A man weaving a bird cage, a woman patching clothes  
 A train on the line, snaking green in the light  
 Straightening and glinting,  
 Whoo-ee! Whoo-ee! Whooee!  
 Break-link! Break-link! Break-link! Break-link!!!

Lurching carriages over and back!  
 Whoo-ee! Whoo-ee! Whooee!  
 Break-link! Break-link! Break-link! Break-link!  
 Crushing morning sounds, hissing at sunlight  
 Galloping down the straight,  
 Whoo-ee! Whoo-ee! Whooee!  
 Break-link! Break-link! Break-link!  
 Break!---Break!---Break!---Break!  
 Steaming on its hunkers up to the platform.

Baskets and patchwork blowing about,  
 The man and woman run to the trees.  
 Then above the hissing comes a tap- tap – tapping,  
 A rap-rap-rap on metal, louder, sharper.  
 They look back, then up, then towards the train.  
 The woman starts forward, comes back.

Leaving the man she follows the sound,  
 Looks back, then zig-zagging through trees  
 Follows the tapping, the rapping,  
 Passing windows of silent faces and  
 Reaching the middle carriage,  
 She sees hands and knuckles beating a door.  
 Above, bodies are pressed to the window bars.  
 Then she sees the young woman and sees  
 The milk spreading across her blouse.

She sees the tiny bundle held out through the bars.  
 She made a hammock of her skirts to catch the bundle.

In the last carriage  
 Branches are dangling through window bars.  
 A child is yelling with delight  
 Tearing off leaves, squashing them in his palms  
 Reaching for more, waving fistfuls  
 Tracing veins with fingers, edges with thumbs,  
 Looking to his father with the question.  
 “Leaves!” explains the father “leaves!”

The carriage is hushed as the child says “leaves”,  
Leaves soaking into the floor.

8.21 a.m.

The train moves off.

The man in the trees waiting for his wife,  
Can still hear the screams of the child  
Who can no longer reach the branches.

**Patricia O’ Callaghan**  
**25th July 2016**

Dear Hedi,

Congratulations on your work which I read online. Its very comprehensive and far-reaching in terms of present and future warnings. I have never before seen an estimate of the numbers of people in different positions who would have known about Nazi operations and it is frightening. In addition you answered the question of why the Jewish people did not try to escape the trains in greater numbers.

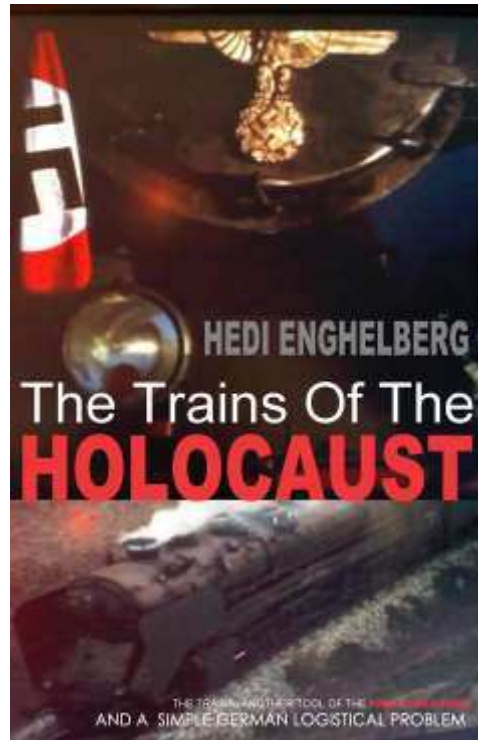
There were no safe havens for them on the continent and no way of getting off it and in addition as you say they were with their elderly and with their very young children and all were half-dead with cold and hunger and shock.

Thank you for a wonderful and sobering work and good luck with your next enterprise.

Patricia O’ Callaghan

# The Trains Of The **HOLOCAUST**

## CHAPTER 1



*"In order to defend ourselves in the future against other totalitarian regimes, we have to understand how they worked in the past, like a vaccine."* LUKASZ KAMINSKI, the president of the Institute of National Remembrance in Poland. FEB. 2012

**A Study of the Railways Transports Across Europe During The Second and Final Phase of the Holocaust.**

**AUTHOR NOTE** | *"The Trains of the Holocaust" want to enlighten the reader into the tragic and brutal times of Europe between 1933-1945, when so many died in a brutal genocide authored by so few, in an ocean of indifference and ignorance".*

## INTRODUCTION

This study represents the first part of a larger book I want to write about WWII and the Holocaust Transport Trains. I intend to develop each of the main points briefly mentioned herein. The essay started at the end of 1997 when I wrote an article entitled *"The trains of the Holocaust, a simple German logistic problem"*. Subsequently, I published this article on Wikipedia and over a period of a few years, the original article morphed and grew into an extensive read.

The Holocaust would not have been possible without the application of a fast, mechanized railway transportation system, secret and logistics, anonymity of the mass transport of 8,000,000 people



and the covert murder of over 6,000,000 on a global and colossal scale across the continent, from Paris to the outskirts of Moscow, and from the deserts of North Africa to snowy Norway. This is the consensus of many WWII historical experts, present company included.

Without this extensive railway system, assets and close collaboration of the DR (Deutsche Reichsbahn), WWII would also not have been possible from an actual historical point-of-view.

The German efficiency was renowned. You apply efficiency in a process this can become an industry. If you apply efficiency at KILLING PEOPLE, THEN YOU HAVE A GERMAN EFFICIENT KILLING INDUSTRY: it is exactly what we have witnessed, with horror, during the Holocaust.

Applying German efficiency in transports and processing the prisoners, marked the highlights of the Jewish Holocaust. The mobile German killing squads, the Einsatzgruppen were efficient at killing 1,500,000 - 1,750,000 million Jews and other hundred of thousand of Gypsies, Soviet military personnel and innocent civilians from summer 1941 until fall 1941 and winter 1942. Then the efficiency picked and a new method was devised at the Wannsee Conference in January 1942: to rail transport millions of Jews from all over Europe to central concentration and extermination camps in Poland and Germany, gas them and burn their bodies in crematoria's. During WWII and the Holocaust, German efficiency, order and efficient middle management became a dangerous and criminal industry.

Even before the WWI, at the beginning of the XX century and during the last phase of WWI 1916-1918, I want to give you a small sample of the **fundamental and essential** importance of the railway system. After the Treaty of Bucharest was signed on May 07, 1918, between the Central Powers and Rumania, the German engineers reactivated the rich oil fields of Ploiesti (in 1916 the oil wells were self-destroyed by the retiring Rumanian Army). More than 1.25 million metric tons of oil was transported to the Reich by train along with another 2.45 million tons of grain and other war materials. All of these war spoils were sufficient to prolong the war for another seven months.

The Western railways system and fast trains of the 1930-1940's, were considered "modernity" to the continental economy and the logistical side of the WWII, facilitating the movement of millions of soldiers, war supplies, ammunition, fuel, war materials, thousands of tanks, rockets and submarines parts and slave workers. The trains were the blood vessels of the German war effort; they were simply vital to Germany and its way of conducting aggressive, fast and Blitz operations: fast moving trains were in operations as from 1933 until Germany's complete defeat in May 1945. The trains, moving thousands of people at a time, in total secrecy, with minimal expenses, with efficient time tables, were fundamental in the implementation of the "Final Solution", as planned at Wannsee in January 1942.

The traditional aspect of the Roman Empire, Napoleonic Wars, WWI and WWII, from entrenched or moving infantry, heavy field artillery, air dog-fights, carpet bombing and thousands of armored cars has changed today to ballistic missiles, intelligent drones, laser guided rockets, GPS artillery and to cyber wars. The world is changing by leaps and bounds and the political, social, and economical landscape is not the same as it was in 1930's and 1940's.

As a result of the introduction of smart and internet phones, every person is not only a reader of news, but a generator of news and content: a powerful actor, in all the aspects of our lives, from local & global politics and economics, to social and cultural issues.

*In today's world, for a "KL Auschwitz" is nearly impossible or difficult to conceal its genocide, for its uber-lager dimensions as it was standing, day and night, for four years, in central Poland, open to the super-sensible optics of passing satellites. Or maybe one single prisoner can smuggle inside a cellular phone with a camera. Or a guard is taking pictures and posting commentaries on his Facebook account. A very important lesson will be taken from the soft revolutions in Tunisia and Egypt and the hard revolutions in Libya, Bahrain, Syria and Yemen, all sparked by democracy, internet access and social electronic media.*

People are empowered and active actors on the political and social scenes today, due largely to the cellular phones and internet access: what is happening today in Tunisia, Egypt, Libya, Syria, Ivory Coast, Iran, Yemen, Jordan, Lebanon, Bahrain, is a free and spontaneous revolution of the oppressed people. In the period 1933-1945, the only mass media were the newspapers and radio, strictly under government control. Genocides like Rwanda and Yugoslavia in 1990's or Sudan in 2000's will be very difficult to hide under the "history rug" and international political indifference.

Social medias today are powerful organizations, with data in their data centers (10,000+ server or more in a cluster) many times over what governments have in their data bases allowing these social media networks to continually reshape and impact society and promote political changes. Society and its members are no longer the passive standers-by of the 1933-1939 era. Today, all members of society or at least a vast majority are super-active, reactive and proactive world-promoters and actors.

As we make history today, resulting from the introduction of cloud computing, super smart phones, Wi-Fi internet, broadcasting on social media and blogs, we must not forget the past, because its lessons are paramount for military and decision making politicians and imprinted in the history pages.

Go back to any event in recorded human history and you will find a common point-of-view. Technology evolved, but the human spirit, in essence, remained the same.

In this book I want to talk about the trains, as an instrument of the "Final Solution", the second phase of the Jewish Holocaust. Other books about the Death Marches and the German Documents of the Holocaust maybe will soon follow.

...”*the technocratic culture of a huge organization (Deutsche Reichsbahn Gessellschaft) facilitated Nazi mobilization for war and the execution of the “Final Solution”...* | Theo Balderston, University of Manchester [**The most valuable asset of the Reich, Alfred c. Mierzejewski**]

But is very difficult not to go outside the scope of the subject and not describe the terror, the suffering, the murdered and the traumatic moments of these 6,000,000 people killed and so many still traumatized by the concentration camp experience. All the facts are interconnected and its difficult just to isolate and destroy the railway system employed in the transportation from the actual extermination of Jews and others population.

After de WWII Judaism survived, as it did for six thousand years. After the Holocaust in Europe, the Jews did not lose their faith in life. The Jews cherish and believe in the "culture of life".

Leaving the hundred of camps they were confined to for many years, the ghettos and hiding places, after a brutal regime and humiliation, after 1945, maybe they lost somehow the trust in civilization and society. They started to emigrate from Europe to other places.

Many Western countries voted in 1947 for the establishment of the State of Israel, not very much out of remorse over the Holocaust, but because they make a simple calculation: that now the Jews will go to Israel, instead of going to Paris, London, Moscow, New York or Rome.

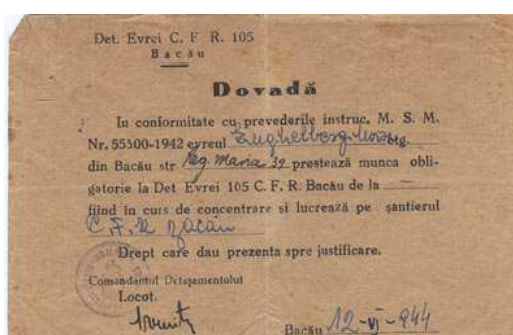
You can ask today, all these persons, and their decedents, if they want to go back to Europe, and they will answer 99.99% that they have no intention to go back. Europe is hostile ground, is poisoned, and is not a place to live and raise a Jewish family.....For Jews, Europe is like a nuclear waste land, but maybe sometime in the future, the relation with the continent will be rebuilt, a road to recovery and healing will start.

Some of European nations, many of them, cannot be released of the participation, guilt and responsibility in that very dark period of the human history; we don't have another name for it: **The Jewish Holocaust**. They did wrong and the history cannot be rewritten: the truth will be there, for many generations to come. We can only learn from it and not let this happen again.

Me and my brother Rinel, we are sons of Holocaust survivors. My father *Moises Enghelberg* was evacuated from her natal place of Darmanesti to Tirgu Ocna and later to Bacau. From the summer of 1941 until Aug. 23rd, 1944, he (Moises) was a prisoner in a forced/slave labor Detachment CFR 105\*\*\*, working on railway system or Eastern Front and anti-armor defensive trenches. My Mother *Draga Argintaru*, with the entire family and the entire Jewish population of the town of Moinesti were evacuated to the Greater Ghetto of Bacau, until August-September 1944.



\*\*\***Romania 1942, Detachment CFR 105:** there was a difference in the Russian rail gauge of **1,520mm** (11 5/6 ft) and the European/German and International rail gauge, standard of **1,435mm**, (81/2 ft). Germany took the way of adapting the Russian gauge to the European gauge, in order to get the military trains across, because a very poor locomotives stock in USSR and the time consumed in transporting the freight from the German trains to the Russian trains.



Hundreds of such crews of forced slave labor, Jews and war prisoner are alike; 100-150 people each were assigned this difficult task of adapting the old and ill-equipped Russian railways system to the modern German/European standard. Detachment CFR 105 (Romanian Rail Roads, Caile Ferate Romane) was all-Jews from Moldavia, one of many crews, one that my Father Moises Enghelberg was slaving & working in, under the German and Romanian military authority, as from 1941 until 1944. | Pictures Archive Hedi Enghelberg

EVERYTIME I ADD SOME MORE WORDS TO THIS BOOKS ON THE Holocaust or to other of my books on the same subject, this process is taking a toll on me. It's not easy to write about evil people. It's astonishing to me how simple was all the process and nobody, almost nobody complained or oppose it. Maybe just a few hundred of individuals (they are featured at yad vashem Holocaust memorial Museum) and only few governments (Bulgaria and Danmark) have the merits to oppose the Jewish European Holocaust, starting in 1933 until 1945.

I would be satisfied and feel that my mission in life was complete if only one phrase from this book will be remembered or cited. Even if one mind or heart will be moved by reading my writings, and an attitude toward peace is altered, it would suffice.

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For this digital edition,

**Hedi Enghelberg**

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English is not my mother-tongue of the author, but the decision to write this book in English was determined by the universal accessibility of this language. We regret any mistake or syntax error, but more important to the reader is the book's message.

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# The Trains Of The **HOLOCAUST** CHAPTER 2

**THE TRAINS OF THE HOLOCAUST:**  
ANOTHER TOOL OF THE "FINAL SOLUTION" AND A SIMPLE GERMAN LOGISTICAL PROBLEM.

"Trains were the decisive means of transportation for carrying people to the concentration camps and the ghettos. At that time, it was only in the stations that other people witnessed the fate of the deported at all." | Hans-Ruediger Minow

**FORWARD NOTE** | One member of my contact group on opinions about my writings, sent me back this e-mail when, asked about his opinion on book cover:

*"Very impressive! Is it about trains, or their cargo? The title should be a bit more explanatory, no?"*

I think his question deserves a complete answer.

**About The Trains of The Holocaust** was a tool in the Nazi regime/SS arsenal (and they have quite a few, being very inventive with their killing methods, using all the available means to humans to kill other humans...) for the implementation, organization and mechanization of the "Final Solution" of the Jewish problem in Europe (January 1942, Wannsee Conference).

Without the trains, they could not accomplish, in such a short time, the secret mobilization of 8 million prisoners and persons. The trains allowed the murderous SS organization, their collaborators and complices:

1. *Fast movement, due to a developed European railways system,*
2. *Lower shipping cost,*
3. *Total anonymity, secrecy and deceit, from one point of origin to the final destination,*
4. *Mobilization of large groups of people,*
5. *Continuity, day and night, all weather operations,*
6. *Containment of cargo load, from origin to destination,*
7. *Utilization of the spare cargo space on the trains coming back from the Eastern front.*

These notes were only a few lines long, but we added more material over the time.

# ABOUT THE JEWS

The second part of my friend's question: Well, this deserves another 8 million page volume, at least one single-spaced page for each passenger.

The Jews, in total, are no more than 13-14 million and represents some 0.00175% of the global population (7 billions): they received more than 129 Nobel Prizes. Make a comparison: the Islamic population is about 1,120 millions, represents 16% of global population, and received only 7 Nobel Prizes | At the end of the book, in Resources, there is a list of the Jewish Nobel Prizes laureates. The Jews people positively influenced all aspect of life on this planet, for more than 3,000 years: from literature, physics, mathematics, economy, chemistry, medicine, biology, philosophy and peace.

What can I tell you about The Trains of the Holocaust's cargo: human beings, from 15 or more European countries, speaking so many languages, 99.99% had no prior arrests, members of a 5,700 year flourishing culture, young and old, from workers to artisans, from manual workers to skilled surgeons, traders, from writers to musicians, from bankers to financiers, from accountants to managers, from doctors to professors, from scholars to Rabbis, from secular to observant, 70% of whom had access to middle or higher education.

They were all Jews. They were no cowards, but they had no weapons to fight back, no military training and they have no choice, being surrounded, in many cases, by hostile gentile population. During the Holocaust, from 1939 until 1945, a whole class of people, in Europe, creators of wealth, intelligence and culture, had nowhere to run and escape and were assassinated across the continent. The politics of the moment, like the infamous British Colonial Office May 1939 "White Paper" document and the Wannsee Conferences, sealed the fate of millions. Not long ago, the British Parliament was considering eliminating from the school curriculum the study of the Jewish Holocaust. The Holocaust happened from 1939 until 1945, but it may happen again!

### **Other amazingly attributes of this group, the Jews:**

1. 181 persons, 100% of Jewish or at least ¾ of Jewish origins/ancestry received the Nobel Prize:
2. 22% or all Nobel laureates, from 1901 until 2010, were Jews
3. 25% of the Kyoto Prize recipients are Jews
4. 34% of the Wolf Foundation Prize recipients are Jews
5. 38% of the US National Medal of Science recipients are Jews

But this was not the principal reason to be exiled, robbed, killed, systematically hunted and exterminated. Along with 6,000,000+ European Jews, others, millions were killed or worked until death. They were members of other ethnic, religious and political groups.

So Sandro, my friend, this was the cargo of the trains of the Holocaust!

Later, not many minutes after I sent him the above response, he replied, from his mobile Smartphone device: "That is what was implying! I just did not wish to get graphic. From your eloquent explanation; *the trains were used as another instrument in the mass killings of good honest people.*

Thank you for the information my friend!" | Sandro

Where to run?

Where to go?

How to escape?\*\*\*

\*\*\* [More than 1.5 million Jews were members, soldiers and officers of the armed forces of URSS, UK, USA, France and other countries fighting the Nazis & associates all over the World. 25-30% of them lost their life fighting Hitler's armies.

In 2010, the Israeli government approved the funds for the construction of the **Museum of the Jewish Soldier of the World War II**, in an area close to the Armored Corps Museum, in Latrun.]

**To easily locate the reader in the time line of the Holocaust events of 1933-1943, I include this information from Florida Center for Instructional Technology, College of Education, and University of South Florida.**

The Timeline section focuses on the history of the Holocaust, chronicling the years from 1918 to the present.

Hitler's rise to power was the initiation of a period that wrought great fear and destruction.

Millions were forced to live in ghettos, only to be deported later to the concentration camps.

The tragic details remained obscure until the liberation of the death camps and the further revelations during the Nuremberg War Trials.

The subsections below offer a simplified outline for thinking about how the Holocaust unfolded. However, it should be kept in mind that many of the categories overlap.

**Rise of the Nazi Party (1918-1933).** During the fourteen years following the end of World War I, the Nazi party grew from a small political group to the most powerful party in Germany.

**Nazification (1933-1939).** Once Hitler became Chancellor and later Reichsführer, the Nazi party quickly changed Germany's political, social, and economic structure.

**The Ghettos (1939-1941).** Confining Jews to ghettos was another critical step in Hitler's Final Solution.

**The Camps (1941-1942).** The concentration camps were Hitler's final step in the annihilation of the Jews.

**Resistance (1942-1944).** People resisted by any means possible, from stealing a slice of bread to sabotaging Nazi installations.

**Rescue and Liberation (1944-1945).** Some survived through the heroics of neighbors; others were liberated by the Allies.

**Aftermath (1945-2000).** After the war, Nazi perpetrators faced punishment for their war crimes and survivors began rebuilding their lives. | Produced by the Florida Center for Instructional Technology, College of Education, University of South Florida © 2005.



**THE YELLOW BADGE, THE INSIGNIA OF ALL JEWISH PRISONERS DURING THE HOLOCAUST.** From the age 6 all Jews were required to wear this insignia in public. Failure not to wear it was severely punished. Based on a decree signed by Heydrich on Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>, 1941, in Bohemia, the Yellow Badge started to be extended to all Jews in all German-conquered European territories.

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# The Trains Of The HOLOCAUST

## CHAPTER 3

Kol od balevav penima Nefesh Yehudi homiya, Ulfa'atei mizrach kadima Ayin l'Tziyon tzofiya.	Od lo avda tikvatenu, Hatikva bat sh'not alpayim, Lihyot am chofshi be'artzenu Eretz Tziyon virushalayim
As long as deep within the heart A Jewish soul stirs, And forward, to the ends of the East An eye looks out, towards Zion.	Our hope is not yet lost, The hope of two thousand years, To be a free people in our land The land of Zion and Jerusalem

From the Israeli National Anthem, the Hatikvah (The Hope), written by Nathaly Hertz Imber.



**“Never, in the recorded human history, so few, decided the death of so many, in such a short time”** | Hedi Enghelberg

In 1942, the Third Reich, the German empire under the Nazis (1933-1945), was at its maximum territorial extension. Trains supplied all the goods, war equipment, and man power, from France to Russia and from Italy to Norway. All Europe was covered with a developed railway system. Only Russia remained underdeveloped: as in the times of Napoleon and his catastrophic campaign of 1810-1812, the roads were different and the railway system was wider than the European standard.

The trains, corporate structure and the colossal infrastructure of the Reichsbahn kept the Nazis and their collaborators armies (the Axis powers), a vast and complicated war machine, going smooth and deadly, all across Europe. Europe initially was covered with a network of moderns and rapid railroads in the 1930's. They were the first ones to introduce electrical trains, in 1920-1930's, and rapid passenger trains in 1935's, a novelty for the rest of the world.

The trains and the telegraph were the two main tools that enabled the industrial and slave-free Northern states and President Lincoln win the bloody civil war from slave-owners Southern secessionist States.

The trains were so important as a military target, that the U.S. 8<sup>th</sup> Strategic Air Force command, for the first time during WWII, in daylight operations and precision bombing, chose the great train depot in northern France, at Rouen, on August 17<sup>th</sup>, 1942. For the duration of the war, the American will precision bomb the Germans interests in Europe by day and the British, in carpet bombing, by night.

***Ironically, on the same day, August 17th, 1942, the transport no. 20, with French Jews, was leaving France for Germany.***



At no time during the entire war, a concentration, labor, extermination camp, lager or railroad segment belonging to a German or Associates was to be bombarded from the air. This important fact was due to the stubbornly British High Command insistence of no asset aircraft allocation and it's totally opposition to daily precision bombing.

**1939-1945: all Europe was mobile:** armies, passengers, civilians, merchandise. The "Final Solution of the Jewish question en Europe" was to relay 90% on trains and railway transports, as a matter of mass transportation across the continent, all time, day and night, fast, cheap, in all weather, and more than anything, in total secrecy.

**Before the trains started rolling from East to West, from South to Center, from North to Center, from West to Center and transport the Jews to the concentration camps and gas chambers in Poland and Central Europe, before the 1.5 million Jews were assassinated in appalling and cruel conditions by Einsatzgruppen in Russia, before the Kristallnacht, we have to mention the anti-Semitic process, because extermination and genocide was done by a programmed process, a very complex one. The process started with:**

1. Europe becoming anti-Semitic at the end of the XIX Century and the beginning of the XX century. Becoming virulent in Austria and Germany in 1930's.
2. Adolf Hitler, his Nazi Party & Associates coming to political power in Germany, January 1933.
3. The implementation of the racial laws in Germany, starting in spring-summer, 1933
4. The expulsion of Jews from all political, social and economical life of Germany and satellites countries.
5. Cutting all economical means of subsisting for Jews, confiscation of valuable goods, economical means and forced social, economical and a total academically marginalization.
6. The segregation of Jews from the gentile population in Europe.
7. The concentration from small villages and small cities to big cities, in ghettos.
8. The foundation and instrumentation of the forced labor camps.
9. From expulsion, to force labor to killing and local extermination, by the Einsatzgruppen and affiliates, starting 1941, Russia.
10. The "Final Solution" as per January 1942 directive of Wannsee Conference, the mechanization of the process, "full throttle ahead"...
11. The development and instrumentation of the genocide programs, via large trains transports, gas chambers and crematories, 1942.
12. Mass murder process in the extermination camps and the mobilization of Jews by trains, 1942, 1943, 1944: Poland, Rumania, Greece, France, Holland, Italy, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Hungary.
13. Termination of the process, winding down and the cover up, December 1944 - May 1945.

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# The Trains Of The HOLOCAUST CHAPTER 4

“THE PATH TO AUSCHWITZ WAS PAVED WITH INDIFFERENCE”

**Early history of Jewish terror & killings:** the Spanish Inquisition |

These events from a distant past (Spanish Inquisition), the not so distant as the Jewish HOLOCAUST of 1933-1945, or the actual new global wave of anti-Semitism, speak to us today about the human nature and how we can moderate the future. These dark and troubled events affect us, all, today and tomorrow. We have to fight today for a better tomorrow, against devastation and despair. Decency is in very short supply, across the human history, and cannot be purchased at the local supermarket.

It may be that the Nazis, the German SS and the Gestapo took a page of the bloody history the Spanish Inquisition in their missions, methods, political and economic scope to eliminate the Jews and eradicate their culture. The Germans were preaching the same libretto as the Spaniards, a few centuries ago, but the Nazis had a vision of a continental scale operation, because they were empowered by new methods and new technology. In one way we can consider they (the Nazis) tried to finish the job stated by the infamous Spanish Inquisition: the eradication of Jewish culture and physical elimination and genocide for its community members.

The idea behind the introduction of the Spanish Inquisition was to maintain the strict religious Catholic orthodoxy of the kingdom and the Spanish empire, going after the Jew and the Muslims, minorities they inherited after they defeated the Muslims under Muhammad XII and the unification of Spain and its consolidation 1480-1492. The tribunal was established in 1480 and lasted, infamously, until 1834.

On March 31<sup>st</sup>, 1492, Thomas de Torquemada, a Dominican friar and then executing the office of the first inquisitor general, convinced Ferdinand, the husband of Isabella to sign the Alhambra Decree, setting the base of the expulsion of all Jews from the kingdom: they had a period of 3 months to carry out this task, and were to take with them only what can carry but no money, jewelry, gold or horses\*\*\*.

\*\*\* [This was the same way of the Nazis evacuation methods were and later adopted by the Communist: all Jews emigrating from a communist country could carry only a suitcase of 20kg, many were tripped of citizenship, issued only a one way passport (or lesse-passe) had to abandon all owned real estate and all other goods, cannot carry gold, silver or any money. They were permitted the exit with matrimony rings and copies of academic titles].

[In my option, the expulsion of the Jews, and later on the expulsion of the Muslim (1502), caused the Spain to fall into a depression and lack economical, commercial and cultural development. The traumatic expulsion left Spain virtually with no small, medium and large commerce, no artisans, intellectuals, medics, teachers, writers, etc. Until entering the Europeans Economical Union, Spain remained one of the less developed western economies of the continent, relying mainly on tourism. After decades as a member of the EU, and considerable investment, Spain, still nominally a kingdom is now the fourth largest economy of Europe, after Germany, France, and England and world's 12<sup>th</sup> economy by nominal GDP. It had a 20% unemployment rate among the young population, friction among the different provinces and its finances, as once the finances of Isabella and Ferdinand in 1480-1490's, are now in dire straits.]

The tribunal of the Holy Office on the Inquisition was a direct and strong arm of the monarchy and the members of the tribunal were nominated by the kings and queens of Spain and taken from the control of the Pope in Rome (Pope had control of the medieval inquisition). The leaders of SS and the Gestapo were directly nominated by Adolph Hitler and of his entire confidence.

The tribunal had one Grand Inquisitor, corresponding to the Nazi Germany to SS Reichmarchal Heinrich Himmler. Under the Grand Inquisitor, which was presiding over a gang of six members, twenty one tribunals in Spain and all over the provinces of the Spanish Empire were implementing the observing and the strict law of

Catholic religion and persecuting the Jews, primarily? For the Germans, from their ideological doctrine point-of-view was the purity of the race, the Arian race that they wanted to achieve, by exterminating the Jew and other minorities.

The Germans, very good at bureaucracy, with vastly more resources and imagination than the Spanish Monarchy, were surpassing in organization, order, secrecy and covert operations the Spanish authorities of the 15-16-17-18 and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries.; they (the Nazis) had as well a very efficient network of finding Jews all over Europe, collaborators and a fine and efficient transportation system for millions of people: to comfy them, in masses, to the concentration camps for killing and slave work.

Signs of the impending genocide were evident since 1933, as the ascension to the power in Germany by the Nazi and its leader, Adolf Hitler: he has makes it clear that wanted the Jews out, one way or another. *The same signs percolated since 1933 until 1939, taking urgency in the months before the opening of the war in Europe. He (Hitler) articulated a policy of eradication and elimination, and he had made good on his intention, with actions. After September 1939, the fate of the Jews in Europe could not be avoided.*

Some Jews took is serious and emigrated to countries around the world who received them with open hands: they were scientists, artists, bankers, doctors, craftsmen, intellectuals, philosophers, university professors, actors, singers, composers, and the very top of the European intellectual class. Some do not took serious these signs, or did not have the means to emigrate, and some were simple ignorant to the fact that a mechanized and organized cataclysm of a continental scale will come upon them, with deadly effects. After September 1<sup>st</sup>, 1939 it was already too late. The dynamics of the annihilation and extermination reached its peak in 1941-1944, and started to wind down in the fall of 1944, when signs of the Allied victory were evident and the Nazi leaders (all, except Hitler) wanted a “clean” way out this gigantic slaughter house that was Europe at that time. The tragedy and the Holocaust ended May 9<sup>th</sup>, 1945.

As for the Spanish ruler, so much in need on money (peseteros...), the Nazi were as well after the looting of the Jewish fortune, industry, patents, money, art and real estate.

The Nazi regime was taking the same measures as Spanish Inquisition, with respect to its Jewish population and other minorities:

1. The expulsion of the Jews from important political, media, social, economical, educational and commercial leadership.
2. The religious laws were in essence the same as the racial Nazis laws, this establishing a judicial base for the expulsion, confiscation and executions.
3. The repression of the converted Jews to Catholicism and was same repression of the mixes marriages, under the Racial laws of Nuremberg.
4. The cultural repression. The inquisition was repressing innovative ideas, and had a very extensive list of indexed books, prohibited for distribution and reading. Their censorship was paramount and many local writer, Spanish authors as well were prohibited (books and printing and paintings). Nazi, the same as the Spanish Inquisition before them, followed suit and were very fast and busy in locating the books (due to many librarians collaborators) eliminating and burning all books authored by Jews, taking them our or libraries, universities, institutions and simply burning them.
5. The Nazi population control of Jews and other minorities were an identical copy of the Spanish did 450 year earlier: expulsion and forced emigration, with only a minimum of good, with no money, valuables and only what you carry.....(but by moderns means).
6. Great numbers of Jews were persecuted. Some historians estimate, like Juan de Mariana, Father Mariana (1536-1624) that the total Jewish population was around 700,000-800,000 people. Others say they were some 200,000. The historian Henry Kamen mentions a population of 80,000 in Spain alone, some 50% of them choose to convert and the other half, 40,000+ chose to leave the Spanish lands. The inquisition trials and its terror, brutality and torture killed no less than 5,000-6,000 people during 1480-1690's; less than 5,000 were killed by being burn at the stake.
7. All kind of offenses were considered under the Spanish Inquisition., it is estimated that from 1490's until 1700s, more than 49,100 trials were registered by the Suprema. Of these, a little bit of more than 5,000 were only dedicated to Jews. Other Inquisition trials were for Moresco, witchcraft, blasphemy, bigamy, superstitions, sodomy, association to Freemasonry, Lutherans, alumbrados, solicitation, heretical propositions, etc. By the very same script, the Nazi political and institution apparatus used extensively their extensive judicial system and the fast-track-trials on the popular courts were famous of how many death decisions were carried out during 1933-1945. As during the Inquisition period, during the Third Reich, not only the Jews were brutally repressed, but other minorities, differentiated by sex orientation, political affiliation, color and religion.

**Torture methods:** from the Spanish Inquisition and from Soviet secret Police and NKVD.

**Concentration camps:** from the English model, the Boers Wars.

**Killing methods:** all the methods known by humanity + gas chambers, a German innovation.

Important things to remember about this traumatic process: living in fear, feeling cold and present pain, constant and consuming hunger, total shame....

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# The Trains Of The HOLOCAUST CHAPTER 5

**ADOLF HITLER** | In 1920's, Hitler become leader of a small, ultra right party, with the promise of eradicating booming inflation and offering jobs and work for every german citizen. He was leading a revolution within a revolution and a process of renovation after German capitulation and unconditional surrender in the WWI.

In 1930's he established a dictatorship, destroying many german democratic institutions and replacing them with the instruments of the Nazi doctrine.

In 1939, almost at the end of the decade, he was abusing the system and started a war with Poland, embarking in a total global war with his allies, Fascist Italy and Empire of Japan.

His actions will put in ruins his country and a large part of the continent. In the process, 50,000,000 people will die and other millions will be injured, leaving behind countless tragedies.

In 1943, the Allies, preoccupied with the course of the war, ordered a psychological profile on Hitler. The author, Walter Lange, after six month of intense research, wrote a report, which was to be right on almost all points:

- *That Hitler was thinking of himself as divine, of given (and had to fulfill) a messianic duty (messianic complex).*
- *That he was very insecure inside and only thru exercising brutality and anti-Semitism were the ways to project a strong personality.*
- *That Hitler will appear less in public, as oppositions to his policies were more evident and reversals in the military fronts were staggering.*
- *That he will destroy all Germany, its population and the structure before facing defeat.*
- *That he will not surrender.*
- *That he was a psychopath with a suicidal personality.*
- *That he will rather commit suicide than being captured alive.*

If this study would have been made before the war, before the Pact of Munich, before the Invasion of Poland, maybe the disaster of the war would have been possible to be avoided.

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**Mein Kampf** | All this criminal conspiracy against peace and people have to be traced back to the hand-book, operational manual and capital manifesto of his political carrier, his ideology, written by Hitler in prison, the negatively famous "Mein Kampf" (My Struggle, 694 pages). Volume 1 was published in 1925 and volume 2 in 1926. Even the editor of the book didn't survive the Hitler's criminal purges: Bernhard Stempfle being killed during the "Night of the long knives".

Most of the things in the book and the political and ideological platform were tragically implemented in the continental Europe. The books refers to his family history, his life, world war, propaganda power, revolution, political activity, nation, race, about the national socialist doctrine, party structure, state, citizen problems, popular structures, attitudes against the communism, strategically trends, way to work undercover, political and economical, organization of propaganda, fight against trade unions, German alliances, orientation to the East, emergencies and defense structures and his conclusions about all the above subject.

The book reads about, for the first time about “the Jewish peril” and is very anti-Semitic in concept, being influenced (Hitler) by ideas and currents during his stay in the Europe’s anti-Semitic capital of the time, Vienna (Austria).

One observer at the time, reading the book, will have to drawn conclusion that the books, the political theories exposed there and the author are a public danger for the political and economical structures of the time, continental and global, should this person be given any political or military power.

The 1920’s Nazi Party 25 point’s principles have some dedicated to Jews: a ban on Jewish emigration to Germany, no citizenship for German Jews, no ownership by Jews of mass media, like radio, press, magazines, and the deportation of Jews to the East...

**The only difference between Hitler’s anti-Semitic writings and other virulent authors of the time (Marr, Lueger, Houston Chamberlain, von Schnerer), is that the latter were only writings and personal attitudes, when Hitler’s feelings (influenced by the above cited authors) were translated into a German-engineered cruel genocide, mass-murders, with millions of victims.**

One of the fundamental Hitler’s principles was “destroy the enemy”. Since writing his book, Hitler had ideas and a general plan to kill and exterminate Jews (especially in Europe) and, ultimately; he did so, under a masterful propaganda program and many covert operations. I cite a passage of the book: *“if 12,000–15,000 Jews were gassed, then the sacrifice of millions of soldiers would not have been in vain,”* proves **criminal intent ideas**, a criminal and extremely dangerous mind.

From a confused inspired idea on the book (Mein Kampf), back to 1940’s, the plan started to materialize and concluded with the murder of more than 6 million Jews and millions of other people and so called “enemies”.

**THE ORDER TO EXTERMINATE & KILL,  
EXTERMINATE AND ERADICATE THE JEWISH CULTURE IN EUROPE CAME  
FROM HITLER, AND WAS TRANSMITTED DOWN VERBALLY TO:**

1. **Hermann Göring**, Hitler’s successor and deputy, Reichsmarschall, the highest military ranking (most senior) in all NG (Nazi Germany)
2. **Joseph Goebbels\***, propaganda support and operations: newspapers, posters, books, movies and radio.
3. **Heinrich Heydrich** (General, SS), with the approval of Himmler (order transmitted IN WRITING, ONE LETTER ONLY)
4. **Adolph Eichmann** (Lt Col, SS), in charge of the coordination of resources (orders transmitted IN WRITING)
5. **Heinrich Himmler, Reichsführer-SS**, European continent Jews rounding’s, concentrations, evacuations, trains transports, coordination and logistics, camps network operations, executions and dispersion or material remains, requisitions and recovery of all of the prisoners valuables, from inceptions, at port of origin (houses, industry, businesses, bank accounts, valuables, art, etc.) and at point of destination (extermination camps). All orders transmitted by PHONE, TELEX and /or IN WRITING.
6. **Einsatzgruppen**, on the Part I of the Holocaust, the Easters military Front, Russia, Romania, Poland, Ukraine, Belarus, Bucovina, Moldavia, etc. All orders transmitted by TELEX, RADIO, IN WRITING.
7. **Auxiliary Troops**, local police forces of the conquered and occupied European countries with backbone and admin structure supplied by SS (orders transmitted IN WRITING).

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## **THE HOLOCAUST AS NAZI PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE**

*“Psychological warfare (PSYWAR), or the basic aspects of modern psychological operations (PSYOP), have been known by many other names or terms, including Psychological Ops, Political Warfare, “Hearts and Minds,” and Propaganda.*

*Various techniques are used, by any set of groups, and aimed to influence a target audience's value systems, belief systems, emotions, motives, reasoning, or behavior. It is used to induce confessions or reinforce attitudes and behaviors favorable to the originator's objectives, and is sometimes combined with black operations or false flag tactics. Target audiences can be governments, organizations, groups, and individuals”.*

**The U.S. Department of Defense defines psychological warfare as:** *“The planned use of propaganda and other psychological actions having the primary purpose of influencing the opinions, emotions, attitudes, and behavior of hostile foreign groups in such a way as to support the achievement of national objectives”.*

The **National Socialist German Workers’ Party** (NSDAP) was founded in 1919, as a conclusion of the volkisch movement, and was based on a profound anti-Semitism, trying to repel the emancipation laws granted to the Jewish population living in the cities and villages of Germany. The NSDAP, with Adolf Hitler as its leader, came to power in January 30<sup>th</sup> 1933.

As the military arm of the NSDAP, the SS organization and associated military and civilian forces (in-country local authorities) were conducting, since 1933, a focused propaganda campaign with an anti-Semitic rhetoric toward the Jewish population.

But many intransigent party hard-liners, excluded from power, from administrative posts, jobless, were looking with envy at Jews, a group unprotected by the German authorities. The anti-Semitic militants were pushing for the application of the Nuremberg laws to the Jewish population, knowing that the authorities will not protect these groups.

The “Alte Kämpfer” and SA (old party warriors/fighters) considered that taking a hard-line against Jews as an easy political trampoline for reaching power with the party and make their voices heard. With this agitation they modified the daily political agenda and a snow-ball effect started in a society that was a very fertile ground for anti-Semitism.

**The Nazi Fast Mechanisms of the Holocaust Legal Base:** In his famous speech to the Reichstag, in September 15<sup>th</sup> 1935, Hitler presented a laws package, hastily drafted in less than two days by three lawyers, Wilhelm Stuckart, Losener and Medicus. Wilhelm Stuckart was present at the infamous Wannsee Conference, January 1942

**The laws package had two parts, one Protecting the German Blood and Honor and another one concerning Reich Citizen law, simple declaring a citizen of the German Empire (Reich) people with 100% Aryan blood and the non-Aryans being now only state subjects.**

**Herman Göring, as the Reichstag president proposed the laws to be adopted and they were immediately approved by the whole forum. He will, later on, draft the letter to Heydrich, who presided over the Wannsee Conference and in a matter of hours sealed the protocol for the “Final Solution”.**

The Nazi regime was responsible for the implementation of racial policy, based on the doctrine of the superiority of the “Aryan Race”. They were looking for scientific evidence and legitimacy, and the law was implemented with racial hygiene, compulsory sterilization and euthanasia, to meet their ends of a “pure society” where only the “master race” will be present and flourish. The Nuremberg racial laws of 1935 were the tool for this policy.

The implementation of the law was confused, with many arguments pro and contra and a clear demarcation. The Nuremberg Laws of 1935 formed the legal bases for the total (legal) discrimination against the Jews in Germany and later in conquered European territories: 100% Jews or people with 50%, 25% or less of a Jewish ancestry were now the enemy.

The Holocaust was part of this racist policy brought to the front of the political agenda: the “enemy extermination” once for all, as a “final solution” to the Jewish problem in Germany and Europe.

Naturally, the German military, the SS, the local associated forces, military, para-military, police and administrative, were trying to manipulate the Jews and deceive them, that they will be relocated.

The SS was using all the arsenal of undercover operations, along with fraud, deceit, terror and propaganda.

On the other hand, the Germans didn't want the Jews to react too strongly to these maneuvers and revolt in masses. In the process, they made use of a myriad of reasons, and have a military force to deal with any problem.

Orders were given and in some places the evacuation was done in an orderly manner, after they issued the warnings.

Knowing the marching orders, that they will be resettled was a significant piece of information, and was combined with the hope of a better life than after evacuation. For some it makes them feel safer than before the evacuation, and considered, maybe a temporary problem.

The Germans recognized early at the end of the 30's decade the positive result in crowd control and the implementation of such tactics. Some were inspired by the Colonial British at the end of XIX-th century and very beginning of the XX-th, and others tactics, more savagely and murderous, by the Soviets under Lenin in the 1920's and Stalin in the 1930's.

It was psychological game, which was employed after the WWII by many other armies and governments: the way the masses and the prisoners interpret this is that people have a hard time dealing with and interpreting vague, abstract threats, unknown facts and destination, which cannot be clearly recognized and interpreted in a clear manner.

By contrast, when there is a concrete feeling of what is going to happen, people are more docile and follow orders.

These maneuvers were in practice on arrival at the concentration and killing camps and was very much applied for channeling the people to the "baths" that were in fact gas chambers: soft orders, music, guidance.

For the Germans this was a precise process and operation: was meaning that the Jewish prisoners were somehow informed that they will be transported to a new destination, relocated. They were warned to comply with the evacuation orders, received precise information about the process, immediate concentration destination, how will develop, payments, paper work requirements and so on.

Some SS associates, like the Poles, Slovaks, Rumanians, Greeks and French were not precise and even more brutal in the initial stage of concentration to urban area, where from they will be transported by train to a final destination. Their orders were confused and brutal, creating even more stress, anguish to the already painful process of exile and thinking of never return.

The fact that other were brutal and savages, is not giving any comfort that the German process of evacuation was a peaceful, painless and joyful process. No, no, no, far from it: this was a terrible stressful process, brutal, dreadful. But the Germans, as they were better organized were applying methodology, had a different manner to addressing these first-stage issues of open concentration (from small villages to urban centers, close to a railway station) than the other Eastern European associates. The latter one simply didn't care in anything: keeping any order in the process, or strict records of it.

Many railway transports, originated in Rumania or the Greece, were simply very bad organized, causing great additional pain, physical and mental, and generating great percentage of death on arrival, at the camps, concentration or extermination centers.

The train transports, from European urban centers, was the first leg of the final black-op that was the "Final Solution"; the first segment of the genocide, fast, secret and silent transportation, which was kept secret from the public in general, under the general excuse of "general resettlement of the Jewish population in the East". The later segment was the genocidal structure, the gas chambers and cremation.

But no trains were going East (except military trains). They were routed to go to Center Europe, namely the concentration and extermination camps system of Poland.

**THE READER** has to take into consideration that Holocaust happened in a continent washed from West to East, from North to South by waves of anti-Semitism, dating from many centuries in the past (from the first crusade in 11<sup>th</sup> century to 15<sup>th</sup> century Spain and so on to Russia): the intellectual anti-Semitism at the center, and the physical, economical and social anti-Semitism at the periphery. Anti-Semitism was very much present and alive for 900 years all over Europe as a fundamental part of the political and economical structures and doctrines.



All the process, the genocide and the murders, economical, social and physical elimination of the Jews, was based on **impunity**: The Nazi machine, civil administrators, politicians, legislators, justice administrators and the members of the German Armed Forces & collaborators (in each conquered countries al allies) were thinking they were immune from:

1. Punishment for the war and civilian crimes,
2. From CIVIL, MILITARY, ADMINISTRATIVE, DISCIPLINARY PROSECUTION,
3. That they will escape their criminal acts,
4. That they will not be held guilty of war crimes, crimes against humanity, genocide, or
5. That they were above the law.

These gross and total violations of normal laws **were combined** with the ignorance from “western countries” about the process of marginalization of Jews, process that started in Germany in 1933.

If voices from abroad. from the countries fighting against Nazi Germany were raised and make themselves heard, in time, from 1933 on (as the public appeal to Adm. Horti in Hungary in 1944), the perpetrators will stop and think before killing; the Holocaust could be, in some measure, averted, at least on the scale discovered after the WWII.

The establishment of an international tribunal to judge political leaders and military personell accused of war crimes was an idea first tried to be introduced in the world arena after WWII at the Paris Peace Conference in 1919 by the Commission of Responsibilities.

The issue of war crimes was later addressed again at conference held in Geneva under the auspices of the League of Nations in 1937, but no practical results followed; because, in part, Germany was already on the rise and the political will of the other western states was weak and simply were not focused. As well nobody could imagine, that after only less than 20 years, another global war will start, again, in Europe, and, again, with Germany.

After the WWII, the re-organized United Nations participating states, in General Assembly first recognized the need for a permanent international court to deal with atrocities of the kind committed during World War II in 1948, following the Nuremberg Trials and International Military Tribunal for the Far East [Tokyo Tribunals.

At the request of the General Assembly, the International Law Commission drafted two statutes by the early 1950s but these were shelved as the Cold War made the establishment of an international criminal court politically unrealistic. | ref. Gary T. Dempsey, 16 July 1998.) <http://www.cato.org/pubs/pas/pa-311es.html> "Reasonable Doubt: The Case against the Proposed International Criminal Court". The Cato Institute, 2006.

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In his first book published in 1975, entitled "**Defining International Aggression-The Search for World Peace**", he argued for the establishment of such an international court. | <http://www.benferencz.org/bio.html> Benjamin B Ferencz

**Some of European nations**, and they are many, cannot be released of the participation, guilt and responsibility in that very dark period of the human history; we don't have another name for it: The Jewish Holocaust. They did wrong and the history cannot be rewritten: the truth will be there, for many generations to come. We can only learn from it and not let this happen again.

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# The Trains Of The **HOLOCAUST** CHAPTER 6

If not for the weapons, the arbitrary killings, the barbed wire and the dogs that defines the labor and/or the killing camps, but Poland proper was your prison. The locals will kill or turn you in. Poland, like Siberia for others, was your camp and prison. There was a bounty on the head of every fugitive Jew; the local polish will receive like a few kilograms of sugar of a few lots of bread for every Jew that escaped from a camp.

An observer can look around the map of Central Europe. There was no refuge there! The Jews had no friends there and the observer will understand that there is no future here. A few millions square kilometers of danger and hostility surrounded less that 10 million Jews. There was no mercy for Jew as from 1939 until 1945. The natures, the locals, the collaborators, the Nazis, all were in a hunt for Jews. **There was nowhere to hide in Europe!**



**POLAND: THE RAMP AND THE PEOPLE ON BOTH SIDES, ALL ACTORS IN THE VERY SYMBOL OF HOW LIFE CAN BECAME GROTESQUE.** Train ramp, guards, NCO SS officers, and thousands of people ready for “selection” at **KL Auschwitz**, circa 1943: death waiting only minutes away. No return! Can you imagine the complex psychological fight & tension, terror and how scared they were? It breaks my heart only to think about it!

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**THE “FINAL SOLUTION”** | The 1920’s Nazi Party 25 point’s principles have some dedicated to Jews: a ban on Jewish emigration to Germany, no citizenship for German Jews, no ownership by Jews of mass media, like radio, press, magazines, and the deportation of Jews to the East...

**The only difference between Hitler’s anti-Semitic writings and other virulent authors of the time (Marr, Lueger, Houston Chamberlain, von Schnerer), is that the latter were only writings and personal attitudes, when Hitler’s feelings (influenced by the above cited authors) were translated into a German-engineered cruel genocide, with millions of victims.**

One of the fundamental Hitler’s principles was “destroy the enemy”. Since writing his book, *Mein Kampf*, Hitler had ideas and a general plan to kill and exterminate Jews (especially in Europe) and, ultimately; he did so, under a masterful propaganda program and many covert operations. I cite a passage of the book: *“if 12,000–15,000 Jews were gassed, then the sacrifice of millions of soldiers would not have been in vain,”* proves **criminal intent ideas**, a criminal and extremely dangerous mind.

## Endlösung der Judenfrage

**THE RAILWAYS SYSTEM** | The train transports, from European urban centers, was the first leg of the final black-op that was the “Final Solution”; the first segment of the genocide, fast, secret and silent transportation, which was kept secret from the public in general, under the general excuse of “general resettlement of the Jewish population in the East”. The later segment was represented by the extermination process, the gas chambers and cremation.

This was another tool in the implementation of the “Final Solution” (Endlösung der Judenfrage) as agreed and sealed at the Wannsee Conference in January 20<sup>th</sup> 1942, The trains transports were a simple german logistical problem, in the grand scheme of thinks of the war, and were based on the Reichsbahn Standard (German Railways Authority) structure, standards, logistics, hardware at the time of the war, 1939-1945.

A Standard convoy of the Deutsche Reichsbahn, consisted of an ensemble of 50 railcars (box cars) and a steam engine locomotive (Latin, *loco*: from a place + *motives*: causing motion). The steam locomotive (for freight and transport operations, with a traction force of 5-10,000 tons) could pull more rails cars and the trains could be longer, but because of the war effort, were kept to about 50-55 units.

Rail transportation offered some advantages to the Germans: mass transports, energy efficiency, reliability, and maximum utilization of space, flexibility, low cost, availability, secrecy and easy access from the point of embarkation to the point of destination, as well as safety. At times, trains could have 2 steam-locomotives or, by 1944 and 1945 even a diesel-powered locomotive and in some places even electric locomotives.

### **This is a simple formula of how all THIS it happened:**

50 Boxcars X 50 Prisoners X 1.5 Trains/Day X 1,066 Days = **4,000,000** "Evacuated JEWS"  
**“EVACUATED” = KILLED & MURDERED**

**50 people in a boxcar X 50 boxcars + 2,500 people in each convoy.** This was the minimum standard load written in the DR, Deutsche Reichsbahn operational manual for human transportation. A maximum of 55 cars were allowed per steam engine.

8,000,000-10,000,000 **“passengers” were in total transported, resettled and exiled, via trains and railways system.** An additional 20 million slave laborers from all over Europe, were transported for work in Germany.

The railways transports, in these miserable conditions, created a **PHYSICAL DAMAGE** and took an **EMOTIONAL TOLL** in all “passengers” carried around Europe.

**The accommodations were simply none: there were standard 10 meters long (30-31 foot-long) cattle\*\*\*\* cars. An average, uneventful shipment can last from hours to 3-5 days. Median journey length was from 150 to 600km long.**

**All the time they were kept inside the cars.**

- **With No water\*\*\*,**
- **With No food,**
- **With No basic sanitation,**
- **With No proper ventilation.**

**Accounts were made that in some transports, the cars floors were littered with lime stone, which burned the prisoners' feet.**

Why Deutsche Reichsbahn, such an organized and controlled corporation, operating by corporate manuals, regulations and rules, widely collaborating with Nazi administration, was not honest for complaining to the organizers of the transports about the sub-standard conditions of its human cargo to the concentration and extermination camps?

**\*\*\* In the Oscar-warded movie pictures “Schindler’s List” by Steven Spielberg, there is a scene, when the benefactor and industrialist Oskar Schindler, meets the officers and NCO-s of the KL Plaznov, on the ramps of the local train station.**

The train is stationed for many hours in a scorching heat. From the closed cars, many laments and voices are heard for help and for water.

Then Oscar starts, with the fire hose to soak the cars with water. The SS officers and NCO-s start to laugh at him. The hose is too short is he sends a worker, by truck, to his factory, to bring a longer hose, and of course, food and vine for the Commandant, SS-Captain Amos Goetz and the rest of the officer and NCO-s. The hose arrive, is installed, and the entire train is soaked with water and thirst of hundreds of people is alleviated, by

miracle, of this king savior, Oskar Schindler. But, between cups of wine, sausages, bread and cheese, and of course, the local Jewish music camp band, Amos Goetz, the sadistic commander of the lager, already drunk, replicated to Oskar: *why are you trying to give them hope?*. Oskar does not answer, and continue to rain the train with water.

The hose from the factory remains in place and he (Oskar) bribes the train station manager's aide, to do the same, to rain water on every train with Jewish prisoners passing by this rail station.

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Ros-Lehtinen Opening Statement at Hearing Examining Continued Injustices of Holocaust, Rights of Holocaust Survivors

(WASHINGTON) – U.S. Rep. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (R-FL), Chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, made the following opening statement at this morning's Committee hearing titled "Righting the Enduring Wrongs of the Holocaust: Insurance Accountability and Rail Justice." To watch the live webcast, please click [here](#). Statement by Ros-Lehtinen:

"Good morning, and thank you for joining us for this morning's hearing, 'Righting the Enduring Wrongs of the Holocaust: Insurance Accountability and Rail Justice.'

"I want to recognize Mr. Herbert Karliner, who was scheduled to testify at our hearing this morning, but was injured while attending last week's Kristallnacht ceremony. Mr. Karliner's testimony will be submitted for the record and we wish him a speedy recovery.

"It pains me to say that survivors of one of the greatest atrocities of the twentieth century continue to feel the pain of the Nazis' brutality and oppression. These lingering injustices stem from those who sought to profit from the abuse of innocent victims and that took advantage of circumstance to enrich themselves while others suffered.

"This morning, we will be discussing two situations linked by a common theme: the rights of Holocaust survivors, as American citizens, to bring legal action in federal court. The first is the issue of unpaid Holocaust-era insurance policies.

"In pre-war Europe, hundreds of thousands of individuals who would eventually be victims of the Nazis' crimes sought to protect their families' futures by purchasing insurance policies. However, when the Nazis raided their homes and deported them to ghettos and concentration camps, documentation of their insurance policies was lost. Those who survived the war approached the insurance companies, expecting the companies' records to validate their claims and allow them access to the funds they were owed. Instead, they were turned away for lacking proper documentation, and barred from accessing the companies' records. The insurance companies refused to honor policies without documentation that they alone possessed, and refused to disclose to claimants.

"In other cases, survivors made claims on insurance policy belonging to relatives murdered by the Nazis, only to be told that their claim could not be honored without a death certificate. Can you imagine anything more outrageous than asking for a death certificate for someone murdered in Auschwitz?

"In 1998, the International Commission on Holocaust Era Insurance Claims (ICHEIC) was established to resolve these issues. However, ICHEIC suffered numerous flaws, including problems with accountability and oversight, stemming from the fact that the process was greatly controlled by the insurance companies. Eighty four percent – 70,000 of the 90,000 claims made – were rejected. Thirty-four thousand were offered a token 'humanitarian award' – cold comfort in the face of the broader dismissal by ICHEIC. Worst of all, survivors were told that this was the only forum in which they could make claims. So, ICHEIC sought to limit the rights and access of Holocaust victims, even though several states had passed laws enabling survivors to pursue legal action against these insurance companies, since they had been summarily dismissed by ICHEIC.

“These survivors deserve the opportunity to have their day in court and present evidence against these companies who have failed to honor their business obligations. Holocaust survivors came here looking for the freedom, tolerance, and opportunity that they were denied in their homelands. We cannot deny these individuals the justice they more than deserve after they have suffered through so much and waited for so long. We cannot allow these companies to continue to profit from the horrors of the Holocaust.

“The other issue we will be addressing this morning is justice for those who were transported to concentration camps by the French rail company SNCF. SNCF operated trains for profit that transported over 75,000 victims to, primarily Jews, but also American POWs, to Nazi concentration camps. These trains were run as commercial transactions: SNCF was paid per passenger per kilometer by the Nazis to move them to their deaths. The conditions in the trains were horrible: passengers were forced to stand with virtually no food or water or without sanitary facilities. And SNCF knew exactly how bad these conditions were because their employees cleaned the cars after they reached their destinations, removing the corpses of innocent victims who died during the journey.

“SNCF has not denied its wartime activities. Its officials claim that they were forced to do the things they did. And yet, SNCF has not contributed to post-war reparations to victims of the brutality of the Nazis. And when Holocaust survivors in the United States brought a class action suit against SNCF, the rail company hid again, this time, behind the foreign sovereign immunity, claiming that SCNF is an instrument of the French government and should not be held liable.

“Notably, SNCF has used the opposite defense in French court, claiming to be performing private functions rather than government work. They can’t have it both ways.”

“I now turn to the Ranking Minority Member, Mr. Berman, for his opening statement.”

NOTE: H.R. 890, the Holocaust Insurance Accountability Act of 2011, was authored by Ros-Lehtinen with her Florida colleague U.S. Rep. Ted Deutch (D-FL). This bipartisan measure would allow survivors to avail themselves of state laws passed to allow them to have their day in court and to require European insurance companies conducting business in those states to disclose Nazi-era insurance policy information. The measure also establishes a federal right of action to recover proceeds due under the covered policies.

H.R. 1193, the Holocaust Rail Justice Act, was authored by U.S. Rep. Carolyn B. Maloney (D-NY) and will prevent foreign sovereign immunity from being raised as a defense by the French rail company SNCF in a class action law suit brought against them by Holocaust survivors. The suit alleges that SNCF operated trains for profit that transported more than 75,000 innocent victims to concentration camps during the Holocaust.



**Map of Germany's Railway System 1940-2000**

In 2006, over a network of 42,000km, in Germany proper (total rail network around 70,000km) and with only 7,750 locomotives (total powered vehicles 23,500), the actual DB AG (Deutsche Bahn AG, since 1994), transported in excess of **119,000,000 passengers a year**, in long distance rides, approximate 288 km each segment. So, making a simple arithmetic, DRB, during the war 1939-1945, and associated with other rails companies in Europe, easily could transport, with no stress in its logistics, **20 million people**, aside of war ammunition, fuel, general cargo, freight and military equipment.

In today's volume, only one of its four divisions (Arriva, DB Bahn, DB Netze), DB Schenker, with 80,000 employees in 2,000 locations, is the number one freight, combined transport and land transportation company in Europe.

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# The Trains Of The **HOLOCAUST** IN CONCLUSION [1]

The entire transport operation of the Holocaust was *very simple, basic, low cost, secret and efficient*. The average transit time for a Holocaust train, from embarkation to destination, engine/locomotive, mechanical crew changes, including commissioning for fuel and issue of transport documents, embarkation of humans cargo, stops on main rails corridors for offering priority to military trains, took anywhere from 3-4 to no longer than 5 days, for a medium distance of 250-300km.



**DRB Class 52 KRIEGSLOKOMOTIVEN 2x10x0, production no. 4867, with tender, Berlin, Germany**

**DRB KRIEGSLOKOMOTIVEN** | Starting in 1933 until 1945, DRB designed many locomotives, each of them in a class designation: DRG Class-44, Class 50, Class-86, Class-52 and Class 42. They had electrical locomotives under Class E44 and E942 (since 1940 on until 1957). During the war, 1939-1945, DRB was directly operating more than 12,000 locomotives.

**DRB Class-52** was a very robust and simple to maintain steam german-designed and produced locomotive, built in great number especially for the war effort. The class designation was after class 40, 50 (prewar locomotive, built 1938-1942) and the new model Class 52.

Was of a very simple in design and maintenance and deemed very suitable for the war conditions of Europe and Russia. During the war, to simplify construction work and maintenance, every item not essential to running the locomotive was streamlined down and eliminated.

The “lokomotiven” were assembled with components from various factories in Germany, Austria and Czechoslovakia. Besides Germany, other finish-lines were in Loos, Austria, with 1,053 units produced. In Herschel, 1,050 units were produced. In Schwartzkopff Berlin, 547 units were produced. Karuss-Maffei factory in Munich, assembled 613 units while another factory in Berlin proper, Borsing, assembled 542 units,

Total number of “kriegslokomotiven” was more than 7,000 units, by far, the largest number of any operational steam locomotive ever built. Class-42 was a larger locomotive built on the design of the Class-52, but on smaller numbers.



**Steam Locomotive DR 50-3648-8, in Dresden, Germany, 2003**

**DRB Class-50** was the locomotive the Nazi party started its preparation for war in Europe, from 1939 on and was the workhorse until the introduction of Class 52. It was a 2x10x0 locomotive, had 2 steam engines with a diameter/bore of 600mm (24") each and a power of 1,192kW (1,598HP), with a top speed of 50MPH (80KMH) a large number of this type was built, some 3,154 units, from 1939 until 1959. They officially retired in 1989, but many are still in rail running conditions for special events.

This engine was very common in Europe 1930-1945, for goods, passenger and military transports; its design was franchised for production to almost all the important heavy industries across the continent. They were known under the designation "UK", from the German **Übergangskriegslokomotiven**, meaning **provisional war locomotives**.



**DRB class 42 locomotive, Dampflokomotiv Eisenbahnmuseum Nördlingen**

**DRB Class-42**, whose construction began in 1943, was as well designed as **KRIEGSLOKOMOTIVEN** and the number built is estimated at 859 units. The end of the war cut short the construction of this impressive locomotive, with 2 steam engines with a diameter/bore of 630mm(26") each and a power of 1,618kW (2,168HP). At the end of the war, some 80 locomotives were captured by the USSR and were reassigned to the domestic service. In Europe, these locomotives were in active service until the 1960's.

**DRB Class-52** was designated a war locomotive, **KRIEGSLOKOMOTIVEN** and more than 6,727 were assigned to military convoys, personnel transportation and Holocaust trains. The locomotive was introduced in 1942 at the right moment: the year of the peak of the second phase of the Jewish HOLOCAUST, after the Wannsee Conference, January 1942.

Construction of the locomotive ended in 1952 in Germany and was maintained in use until 1960-1970 with various countries: Rumania, Turkey, Czechoslovakia, Poland, Bulgaria and mainly the USSR.

The **KRIEGSLOKOMOTIVEN** Class-52 was designated as the main German war-effort in rail transportation and was a streamlined, special-design-modification of the Class-50 steam locomotives (lokomotiven); the program was managed by Mechanical Engineer Wagner, at that time being the Chief Engineer in charge of the Central Design Office at the Locomotive Standards Bureau of the main DRB, in Berlin. The Class 52 had 2 steam engines with a diameter/bore of 600mm (24") each and a power of 1,192kW (1,598HP).





**DRB Class 52 KRIEGSLOKOMOTIVEN 2x10x0, production no. 4867, with tender, Berlin, Germany**

For a 2x10x0 type locomotive and at 84 tons unit (92 tons with tender) the engine had a formidable 4,000 tons haul/traction weight. With full water, coal and extras, the full service weight was 103 tons. Top speed, even with 4,000 tons load was 80kmh (50 mph). The engine was serviced by a minimum crew of 2 technicians, a driver and a loader/oiler.

Some 300 units Class-52 locomotives produced in Germany and Czechoslovakia (by Skoda) were destined for exports:

1. 100 units, to Romania, for the local railways company, CFR
2. 50 units used by the local Polish companies
3. 74 units to Norway (all confiscated after the war by the British, as was reparations)
4. 32 units exported to Bulgaria
5. 44 units exported to Turkey

After the war, hundreds of locomotives were confiscated and relocated to URSS.

Class-52, can claim not only the record being the most produced locomotive in the world and during wart conditions, but as well as being an essential part in the transportation segment of the trains of the HOLOCAUST: with so many powerful and fast locomotives available, attrition of the war transports was not necessary.

With plenty of available hardware and transportation equipment (locomotives, boxcars, crews), there was no difficult logistical problems for the army transportation officers (and ready-to-collaborate local civilians bureaucrats in France, Belgium, Holland, Romania, Poland, Austria, Greece, etc.) assigned to the railways depots. They collaborated closely with the teams of SS & Gestapo to organize trains to the concentration and extermination camps of Poland, Germany, and Czechoslovakia.

How many Class-52 KRIEGSLOKOMOTIVEN hauled Holocaust trains??? Maybe 40-60% of all the 1,500 -1,600 Holocaust trains were hauled at one time by a Class 52 steam locomotive.

To achieve such numbers, the German locomotive manufacturers were merged into the "**Gemeinschaft Grossdeutscher Lokomotivhersteller**" (GGL), which was a subdivision of the "Hauptausschuss Schienenfahrzeuge" (HAS) founded in 1942. Key HAS figures were

- The Reichsminister for Munition War Effort and Armament, **Arq. Albert Speer** and
- The Reich Transport Minister and DRB supreme boss, **Dr. Ing. Julius Dörpmüller**.



**DB No. class 050 locomotive, no. 915-8 on a Hof-Marktredwitz passenger train, Easter 1972 | CC-BY-SA-3.0; Released under the GNU Free Documentation License**

Even with great losses during the war to aerial bombardments and sabotages, from more than 12,500-13,000 war locomotives DRB had more than 2,200 running locomotives at the end of the war, May 9th, 1945. Many other hundred of these locomotives, a collection of Class 42, 50 and class 52 were scattered all over Europe, from Russia to France and from Norway to Greece and Turkey. They remained in use, until the end of the steam era, in 1960-1970's.

As an irony of the life, as many of these locomotives were hauling thousand of boxcars to the concentration camps in Central Europe from 1942 until 1945, after the war, starting in June 1945, the process was reversed: a few hundred of thousand Jews that survived the tragedies, the forced labor and the multiple horrors of the concentration camps and the medical experiments of Dr. Mengele, were returning back, to their original countries.

Some took trains (those locomotives only month back were hauling trains to *Auschwitz-Birkenau*, *Treblinka*, *Sobibor*, *Dachau*, *Mauthausen-Gusen*, *Buchenwald*, *Dachau*, *Gross-Rosen*, *Theresienstadt*, *Ravensbrück*, *Plaszów* [see *Oskar Schindler*], *Sachsenhausen*, *Chelmo* and so many other labor and death camps in Europe) to Italy, France, Greece and emigrated to Israel; some immigrated and reunited with families scattered all over the world, especially to Canada, Australia, South America and USA.

Was a taught and violent time going in a train to the concentration camps, being evacuated; was taught again returning and emigrating to a new life, to a new place, with families destroyed by war: they lost the jobs, they lost the homes, they lost families....

Many of the prisoners tried to re-accommodate and become successful members of the society; they meet many challenges, they never quit and continued to live. They had a responsibility to continue, fill an important role; the culture of life was crucial!

**From:** Matt Coker  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 21, 2011 3:57 PM  
**To:** hedi@enghelberg.com  
**Subject:** DRB Class 52 Engine at Leipzig

Hello,

I was recently in Leipzig and saw some trains at the Hauptbahnhof there. I didn't realize the engine there (DRB Class 52) was built beginning in 1940 from what I've read now that I'm home in the US.

I don't remember the exhibit information there mentioning anything about this engine being used to transport people to Poland. I know there was a special Holocaust train exhibit in Potsdam back in 2008.

Is there a list of equipment used for that purpose?

This is really just for my peace of mind... I feel uncomfortable now having stood next to an engine that might have been used for that purpose.

**The engine number is 52 5448-7.**

Thanks und veilen dank,

R M Coker | Houston, TX



Picture courtesy R M Coker | Houston, TX, taken in Leipzig, Germany, production number 5448

Answer by AUTHOR

1. The DRB will have for sure stored in Berlin all the records of all the trains that this locomotive was pushing from East to West, for more than 4 years, 1940-1945: B/L, bill of lading, trains, destinations, cargo, distance, speed, armed guards crew (numbers of soldiers, army unit, officer in charge, etc...), locomotive crew, time and date of the transport, quantity of fuel on board, point of refueling, any other special observation, etc.
2. The HOLOCAUST logistics was about 1.5% of the daily train's convoys.
3. Without a clear record, and making a simple mathematical operation  $0.015 \times 365 \text{ days} \times 4 \text{ years}$ , gives you a 21% chance that this locomotive was at least once attached to a convoy related to a Holocaust train.
4. From Berlin, passenger trains were used, until the very last weeks of the war to ferry the few Jews rounded by Gestapo.
5. Do you have a picture of the locomotive?
6. You have my book from amazon.com? Thanks for the purchase.
7. **Can you, please port this note on amazon.com because I considered it is very important for me, the book and the readers. An e-mail like yours is what books are all about: the reader's intelligent and constructive feedback!**

# The Trains Of The HOLOCAUST

## OPEN QUESTION TO ACTUAL DB (DEUTSCHE BAHN)

Why Deutsche Reichsbahn, such an organized and controlled capitalist institution, operating by corporate manuals, regulations and rules, widely collaborating with Nazi administration, was negligent and not honest for complaining to the organizers of the transports about the sub-standard conditions (improper loading) of its human cargo to the concentration and extermination camps?



One of the problems facing DRB and Associated railway Companies was **Improper Loading** and **Securement of Loads**: the people it transported from 1939 until liberation 1945 to the concentration and death camps; it transported people in cattle cars. It transported so many people in the cattle cars that the people have to stand upright. People died standing upright. The rail transport conditions of the Jews, from all over Europe, were below transporting cattle.

**Negligence** is defined by a FAILURE TO TAKE PROPER CARE, TO EXERCISE CARE IN DOING SOMETHING. DRD was negligent of transporting the European Jews to theirs destination, for 6 Million plus, their final one.

**Negligence**: the failure to exercise that degree of care that, in the circumstances, the law requires for the protection of other persons or those interests of other persons that may be injuriously affected by the want of such care; as an adjective, negligence is defined by pertaining to involving in a civil action for compensation for damages filed by a person who claims to have suffered an injury or loss in an accident caused by another's negligence (negligence suit).

Where are the records of the accidents caused by **improper loading and negligence**: how many were injured, how many died during transportation?

Improper rails transportation of Jews and other persons in Europe, during the Holocaust, caused hundreds of thousands of death and injuries. The transportation conditions added insult to the injury of the European Jewish community, exterminated under the Nazi Germany & Collaborators. The consequences of improper loading and transportation were simple and many: injuries and death. We have to attend to the details of rails loading and transportation and why no DRB official ever complained to General Manager of the DRB or the transports organizers, the SS.

The number of injuries and deaths of the Jewish prisoners and other persons caused on DRB & Collaborators trains, by negligence, improper loading and transportation conditions are staggering. All these transport were paid transports, not free. Where are the statistics of these improper transportation conditions?

WHY NO PROTECTION WAS IMPLEMENTED BY DRB & COLLABORATORS AGAINST SO MANY ACCIDENTS, INJURIES AND DEATHS. There was a gross and unreasoning of negligence in assuming the risk of transporting so many people in these appalling conditions.

**We have to hold DRB & Collaborators accountable for negligence and get them to acknowledge their active role in the improper train loading and transportation of the Jewish people (and other groups) in Europe, during the years of the Holocaust 1933-1945.**

House Foreign Affairs Committee

U.S. House of Representatives

Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, Chairman

CONTACT: <http://foreignaffairs.house.gov>

For IMMEDIATE Release - November 15, 2011

Ros-Lehtinen Invites Holocaust Survivors to Testify on Lingering Injustices of the Holocaust

*Hearing focuses on legal rights of survivors, accountability for Railroad Company which transported victims to death camps*

The Committee will also discuss H.R. 1193, the Holocaust Rail Justice Act. The bill is authored by U.S. Rep. Carolyn B. Maloney (D-NY) and will prevent foreign sovereign immunity from being raised as a defense by the French rail company SNCF in a class action law suit brought against them by Holocaust survivors. SNCF operated trains for profit that transported more than 75,000 individuals to concentration camps during the Holocaust.

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# The Trains Of The **HOLOCAUST** CHAPTER 7

Normally, ammunitions and military trains were loaded up to 150-175% capacity. In order to supply all the logistics, fuel and hardware the German Wehrmacht needed in the Soviet Union alone, the army required some 100 to 120 daily standard trains (50-55 cars) running from Germany or other marshaling depots in the West and Central Europe to the Eastern front.

Some of the trains coming back from the front were carrying destroyed equipment that needed major repairs, wounded soldiers, looted staff and Jewish civilians.



**A PICTURE OF A SUPER-HIGH PRIORITY MILITARY TRAIN, IN RUSSIA, WITH THE NEW PANTHER TANK, READY FOR OPERATIONS ON THE EASTERN FRONT, MAYBE PRIOR TO THE KURSK BATTLES.** A German tank officer on the top of one of the disembarked tanks is taking command of it. On the background left corner, you can see stationed train, boxcars and a military guard car, stopped on a secondary line, giving priority to military transports.



**From the movie “Escape from Sobibor” (TV-1987), the arrival of a DRB train to Sobibor extermination/death camp in Poland. One observer can easily note the transport conditions of these “DRB one-way-ticket paid passengers”.**



**WOMEN INSIDE A BOXED CATTLE\*\*\* CAR | [PICTURE COURTESY YAD-VASHEM / JERUSALEM]**

\*\*\*\* 10m Long Cattle/Box Cars | Today there are maybe a dozen of real (authenticated) WWII cattle-rail-cars on display, in museums around the world: Washington D.C., Dallas, Chicago, Germany, Poland, Holland and Israel. One authentic rail car, on loan from the museum of Gdynia (Poland) will be on display Hollywood / Florida (October 2006) as part of the **South Florida Holocaust Museum Documentation and Education Center**.

The Jewish Prisoners sufferings and privations of the concentration process and transportation were very great, stretching to the human body and mind limits. Many were already desperate for the process of uprooting from their place of living and work, and their brains were processing tragic ideas that they will never return or will never see their family, friends and country again. It was a natural process of desperation, associated with the opposed.

They had good reasons to believe that this time the “pogrom” was not emulated on the Russian, Rumanian or Polish style; they felt this time was different, because this was a German organized and tolled pogrom. **Human endurance was stretched at maximum.**

**Not all the box cars and transport railways cars had metal structure garnished with wood, which permitted minimum ventilation. Some cars, borrowed by the Germans from the French Railways, were all steel enclosure and the human cargo transported suffered a slow and painful death: hundred of trains arriving from the greater Warsaw, with the ultimate destination of KL Treblinka I and Treblinka II were done with these all-metal enclosure railway cars and 60-70% of the transported people were dead-on-arrival. The rest were people that could survive this crude ordeal were under great stress, almost crazy, suffering of what now we consider a disease, the Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD).**

To supply the KL Auschwitz-Birkenau Komplex (4 major camps), the camps of the Operation Reinhard (3 camps) and the other myriad and networks of 100+ concentration camps in Eastern Europe, the SS needed only **1.5%** of all daily German war-machine logistics. This number, itself, 1.5%, did not represent that much, in the context of the continental war. Hundred of transports were done at the height of large summer offensives operations on the Eastern Front and the attack on Stalingrad, the summer and fall of 1942.

The 2 up to 5 trains per day, was not much as for the Germans war daily logistics, but was a lot for the Jews: 5,000-7,500 Jews shipped every day, to a final destination, the extermination camps in Poland. The final goal achieved was the eradication of Jewish culture from Europe.

All the “thinking” was doctored in Berlin. The concentration, transportation and killing operation was also a clever deceiving maneuver, because the Jews were made to believe that the transports were for “relocation in the Eastern territories” purposes and at times even for improved conditions over what they were leaving behind in occupied Poland, Rumania or Slovakia.

The SS worked in conjunction and conspiracy with local and loyal police forces, local German military garrisons, civilian state-run institutions as the rails system and special military police forces. Under orders from the SS (Schutzstaffel: protective echelon) these forces were rounding up the Jewish populations everywhere in Eastern Europe: Russia, Rumania, Hungary, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia, Greece, the Baltic States, on one side and occupied Western Europe: France, Holland, Belgium, Austria and Germany proper.



**RARE PICTURE OF LOCAL POLISH PEASANTS SELLING WATER AND BREAD, FOR CLOTHING AND BOOTS, TO A JEWISH PRISONERS TRAIN. SOMEWHERE IN EASTERN POLAND.**

On the other side of this operation, there was an advantage to the fairly well developed railway system in Europe, with steam engines, diesel and electrical, mass locomotion available at a minimum distance of 50 km from every urban point.

The entire operation of shipping Jews was surprisingly smooth. The operation was mainly an SS & their collaborators' operation and the Wehrmacht (German Armed and Defense Forces, 1935-1945) cooperated in limited scopes in rounding up the Jews, and carrying out the executions on the Eastern Front and in Poland, but the latter was not declared a *criminal organization* as was the SS.

Here we have to mention the case of Belgian Jews, who were released by the Wehrmacht. Thirty-five hundred and fifty-seven Belgian Jews, with Belgian, German and Austrian passports were "liberated" by the Wehrmacht commander/administrator of Belgium, General Eggert Reeder. He even ordered and executed the arrest of the local Belgian chief of secret police, the infamous Robert de Foy (later released at the intervention of his SS cronies in Berlin). Reeder, in conjunction with the Belgium civil authorities tried and somehow succeeded in maintaining in place Jews with Belgian citizenship, and only a few thousand were rounded up for "compulsory labor" on the "Atlantic Wall." Not being deported (and ultimately killed) was considered a special episode in the "Final Solution Operation" and named the "Belgian Concession."

It was only a reprieve for a few months: some were saved; some were killed in the extermination camps of KL Auschwitz.

You can read more about it in Maxim Steinberg's book entitled [The Judenpolitik in Belgium](#).

This logistic that may seem "colossal" from an outside and historical perspective, as it was directed from Berlin. Was manned by the SS & their Collaborators over a period of 36 month, was working perfectly. In conclusion, the entire transport operation was *very simple, basic, low cost and efficient*. The average shipping time from embarkation to destination, engine/locomotive change, mechanical crew changes, including generating fuel and transport documents, took anywhere from 3-4 to no longer than 5 days.





**OPEN CARS OF THE DEUTSCHE REICHSBAHN, DURING THE WINTER OF 1942, TRANSPORTS FROM RUSSIA TO EXTERMINATION CAMPS IN POLAND | PICTURES COURTESY YAD-VASHEM / JERUSALEM**



**EASTERN JEWISH PRISONERS BEING EMBARKET IN CARGO CARS, ON A TRANSPORT TO CENTER EUROPE, TO THE POLAND'S CAMPS SYSTEM.**

This logistic that may seem "*colossal*" from an outside point-of-view and historical perspective. But transporting million of Jews and other millions of other minorities to the concentration and extermination camps was a minimal fraction, a minor logistical problem and issue, viewed from an estimated 200-220 trains per day the conductions of war operations, material logistics and economical activities required; Deutsche Reichsbahn (DR) was conducting a day, from 1939 until 1945. The Holocaust trains organization was manned by the SS & their Collaborators over a period of 36 month, and was working perfectly.



**ONE OF THE REAL GERMAN/POLISH BOX CARS, WHICH SERVED FOR RAILWAY TRANSPORTATION OF THE JEWISH PRISONERS TO CONCENTRATION AND EXTERMINATION CAMPS IN EUROPE.**

**THIS BOXCAR WAS CONSERVED UNTIL TODAY AND WAS DESTINED FOR DISPLAY IN MUSEUM AROUND THE WORK.**

**THIS BOX CAR, ON LOAN FROM POLISH AUTHORITIES, WAS PART OF THE HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA/USA PUBLIC DISPLAY AND COLLECTION UNTIL 2011.**

**YOUTUBE RESOURCES: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VVIZvnqEk1Q>**

A real train car used by DRB [Deutsche ReichBahn] and the Polish Railways during WWII for transporting Jews to the Auschwitz-Birkenau Concentration and Extermination Camps Complex [Konzentracion Lager Komplex] 1940-1945 | On loan/display at Naples Holocaust Museum.

# The Trains Of The **HOLOCAUST** IN CONCLUSION [2]

The entire transport operation of the Holocaust was *very simple, basic, low cost, secret and efficient*. The average transit time for a Holocaust train, from embarkation to destination, engine/locomotive, mechanical crew changes, including commissioning for fuel and issue of transport documents, embarkation of humans cargo, stops on main rails corridors for offering priority to military trains, took anywhere from 3-4 to no longer than 5 days, for a medium distance of 250-300km.

**The train transports, from European urban centers, were the first leg of the final black-op that was the “Final Solution”; the second segment phase of the Holocaust was represented by the transportation, extermination, the gas chambers and cremation.**

When at the Wannsee Conference held in January 20<sup>th</sup>, 1942, under Hitler's verbal direct order to Göring, who then commanded and commissioned the task to Heydrich (June 1941), the mission was to organize and look for consent inside the "political establishment" to "*emigrate*" and forcibly "*evacuate*" all the Jews under the temporary domain of Nazi Germany in Europe (at that time, about 11,000,000 people in continental Europe + UK). This was part of a systematic, continuous and concentrated effort to get rid and totally eradicate the Jewish culture in Europe.



**WESTERN JEWISH PRISONERS, FROM FRANCE OR BELGIUM, BEING EMBARKED ON A TRAIN TO AUSCHWITZ, POLAND**



**EASTERN JEWISH PRISONERS FROM SOVIET UNION, WALKING TO A RAILWAYS TRANSPORT TO POLAND.**

You can tabulate that they required only 1.600 trains (a round figure of the actual number of chartered train convoys). 1.600 convoys to feed, in a continuous and orderly manner, the complex network of concentration

camps where the Germans had just invented a new efficient, quick, silent and economic method for mass slaughter: *the gas chambers*. (December 1941 in Auschwitz\*\*\*) (See the movie "Conspiracy" made by HBO)

Of the 6 million Jews exterminated during the Second World War (WWII): the first 1.25-1.50 millions were murdered immediately after the invasion of Soviet Union in the summer-fall of 1941, when Germany, conquering immense territories in the East, got their hand on millions of Russian Jews. The killings were done by mobile, behind-front-line-units, assembled of the second-rank military and political police, after special indoctrination, coming in (some time, days only) the conquered territory, in the wake of the first wave of the Wehrmacht crack first-line troops. [**Einsatzgruppen**, the mobile death squadrons, were not always affiliated with the regular Heer, army units, but were drawing on the same resources and logistics as the Wehrmacht]



**JEWISH PRISONERS ON A FORCED/SLAVE LABOR CAMPS UNDER GERMAN SS GUARDS, SOMEWHERE IN POLAND.**

The actions were mainly mass executions conducted in the newly-conquered Russian territories. The Germans were not alone and greatly took (great) advantage of the assistance by the local police, gendarmes and many sympathisers belonging to paramilitary groups. The tally of the slaughter was from hundreds to tenths of thousand of Jewish civilians, in only one day of continuous shooting. Thousands more died of hunger, illnesses, and extreme conditions in slavery within the confines of imprisonment in the forced-labor work camps. Some were drowned and some were even poisoned with motor exhaust gases of the specially-built military trucks designed for that purpose. Until 1941, the Germans attempted, performed and improved all the well-known methods known to humanity history.



**SISTERS SRIL & SALLING JACOBS, FROM A HUNGARIAN JEWS TRANSPORT, JUST ARRIVED AT AUSCHWITZ. THEY WERE SHOT SHORTLY AFTER THIS PICTURE WAS TAKEN. (WANNSEE MUSEUM)**

*In the light of time remembered in written memory, they were the cruelest conquerors in history, second only to the Mongols under Gingis-Khan, inventors of civil terror and extreme brutality.*

Some hundred of thousand were just gathered and made to march on foot to concentration camps in Rumania, Poland and Bucovina. Over 40% died of exhaustion and exposure, during the forced marches. The "lucky ones" on the next class of accommodations and method of evacuation, totaling some 3.5-4 million Jews were transported by rail to camps in Poland.

In German official discussions regarding Jewish matters, the one code word employed was "*evacuation*". One time, during a phone conversation with Himmler in late 1942, Martin Bormann, Hitler's private secretary and leader of the Nazi Party, who was informing him that 50,000 Jews were already

“exterminated” in a concentration camp in Poland, admonished Himmler in very strong terms: *“They were not exterminated, only evacuated, evacuated, evacuated!!!”* Bormann screamed and hung up!

From Libya to Scandinavia, from Ireland to Russia, for the Germans, the task of finding Jews, rounding them up and “moving” them in trains was *unaccountably easy*. It was super easy in the Balkans, Central Europe, Russia and in South-East of the Continent where they had total control. They benefited from the benevolent cooperation of the French authorities and collaborators, availing themselves of their developed rail system for ferrying some 76,000+ people to their final destinations: the gas chambers and concentration camps of central Europe.

But German dealings with Mussolini were difficult and slow going about this issue. He (Mussolini) refused to hand over his Italian-Jews to the German meat-grinding machine. Only after his death in 1943 (killed by Italian Marxist/Communist partisans), were the Germans able to muster up some 7,500+ Italian Jews and ship them to concentration camps in Germany and Poland.

The SS collided with the *absolutely negative attitude* of the Nordic and Scandinavian countries towards collaborating with the evacuations plans. This was the reason most of the concentration camps were mounted and installed in Poland, whose civilian population was openly manifesting virulently anti-Semitic attitudes during WWII as well as for its simplicity in logistics and geography.

In total, over 1,600 trains were organized and logged. They transported their humble human load to concentration camps throughout Europe and resulted in the consequent death of 2.5-3.5 million Jews. I repeat: this alone represented only (and maybe less than) **1.5%** of the total daily logistics of the German Wehrmacht war machine, which is an almost insignificant percentage and represents a very minimum of a warlike effort.

Between 1941 and 1944 (until December of 1944, the official date of closing organized-death-operations of the Auschwitz-Birkenau Complex), the transport / arrival timetable was of 1.5 trains per day: this was the German Office of Reich Security's basic logistic requirement for this “project”, namely the “Final Solution” of the Jewish problem/question and the extermination operation disguised as Jewish resettling in the East of Germany's political frontiers of 1939.

“... Regular meetings were held in Berlin to coordinate the dispatch of full trains and the return of empty trains. One of the railway documents which survives is dated **Berlin, 13 January 1943**.

Signed by **Dr. Jacobi** of the **General Management, Railway Directorate East**, in Berlin, it took the form of a 'telegraphic letter' addressed to the:

**General Directorate of East Railways in Cracow**; the Prague Group of Railways:

- **General Traffic Directorate, Warsaw,**
- **Traffic Directorate, Minsk,**
- Railway Directorates in fourteen cities, including **Breslau, Dresden, Konigsberg, Linz, Mainz and Vienna.**
- Copies were to be sent in addition to the:
- **General Management**, Directorate South, in Munich, and to the
- **General Management**, Directorate West, in Essen; a total distribution of twenty (20) copies.

The subject was: *'Special trains for resettlers during the period from 20 January to 28 February 1943.'*

"The table shows some of the details given for the first seven days of February 1943

1 February	<b>Rumanians, train No 3</b>	dep Gleiwitz arr Czernowitz
	<b>Jews, train No 109</b>	dep Theresienstadt arr Auschwitz
2 February	<b>Jews, train No 15</b>	dep Berlin arr Auschwitz 10.48
	<b>empty, train No 110</b>	dep Auschwitz arr Myslowitz
3 February	<b>Poles, train No 65</b>	dep Zamosc 11.00 arr Auschwitz
4 February	<b>empty, train No 4</b>	dep Czernowitz arr Ratibor
	<b>empty, train No 16</b>	dep Auschwitz arr Theresienstadt
	<b>empty, train No 66</b>	dep Auschwitz arr Myslowitz
5 February	<b>Polish Jews, train No 107</b>	dep Bialystok 9.00 arr Auschwitz 7.57
6 February	<b>Polish Jews, train No 109</b>	dep Bialystok 9.00 arr Auschwitz 7.57
7 February	<b>Polish Jews, train No 111</b>	dep Bialystok 9.00 arr Auschwitz 7.57
	<b>empty, train No 106</b>	dep Auschwitz arr Bialystok

"Also under Dr. Jacobi's schedule, a deportation of Polish Jews:

- **Train No 127**, was dispatched from Bialystok at 9 am, 9 February 1943, reaching the death camp at Treblinka at 12.10, and returning empty that same evening from Treblinka,
- **Train No 128**, leaving Treblinka at 9.18 pm and reaching Bialystok ninety minutes after midnight.

The instructions of 13 January 1943 had referred specifically to the return of the empty trains. The last paragraph of the instructions read:

*"Train formation is noted for each recirculation and attention is to be paid to these instructions. After each full trip, cars were to be well cleaned, if need be fumigated, and upon completion of the cleaning process, prepared for further use. Number and kinds of cars are to be determined upon dispatch of the last train and are to be reported to me by telephone with confirmation on service cards."* (Gilbert, 67-68)



**ANOTHER TRANSPORT WITH JEWISH PRISONERS, AFTER SELECTION UPON GENDER: MENS ON THE LEFT SIDE, WOMEN AND CHILDREN ON THE LEFT SIDE OF THE TRAIN RAMPS. GERMAN SS OFFICERS ARE PRESENT AND SUPPORT IS PROVIDED BY GERMAN AND/OR AUXILIARY SOLDIERS.**

**ON THE BACK, ALL THE LAGUEGES ARE BEING PUT IN A TRUCK FOR TRANSPORT TO THE CAMP WAREHOUSES, WHERE ANOTHER GROUP OF "TECHNICIANS" ALSO PRISONERS, WERE DOING A GOODS SELECTION. ALL THE GOODS AND VALUABLE WERE ENTERED INTO AN INVENTORY WERE SORTED AND LATER RETRANSPORTED BACK TO THE REICH, BY THE SAME TRAINS, GIVEN TO GERMAN CHARITIES.**

**THE CASH MONEY WAS SENT TO REICH BANK IN BERLIN. THE ART WAS STOLEN OR DISAPPEARED INTO THE HOME OF THE ELITE SS OFFICERS.**

**ALL THE RETRIEVED GOLD [AND SILVER], FROM ALL THE CAMPS, WAS SENT TO GERMAN FOUNDRIES AND MAKE IT INTO 12.4KG (400 TROY OUNCE) INGOTS, SOME OF THEM MARKED & STAMPED WITH NEUTRAL BANKS INSIGNIAS AND EXCHANGED FOR HARD CURRENCY AND BUSINESS CREDIT IN NEUTRAL FINANCIAL MARKETS OF SWITZERLAND, SPAIN, PORTUGAL, SWEDEN, FOR PAYMENTS OF WAR EFFORT AND PURCHASES OF STRATEGIC RAW MATERIAL, SPECIAL MACHINERY AND AMMUNITIONS.**

It is interesting, with respect to those deniers who claim that the camps were "*transit camps*", which trains departed empty after off loading thousands of passengers. They arrived full of passengers, and left empty.

Perhaps some "revisionist scholar" will provide us with records of trains leaving Treblinka, for instance, carrying passengers to "the East?"

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This simple calculation and the organized logistics of the German Railways System and logistics won, at the end of the day, the practical side of the problem:

On September 9th, 1941, the parliament of "independent" Slovakia (a Nazi puppet state) ratified the Jewish Codex, a series of laws and regulations that stripped Slovakia's 80,000 Jews of their civil rights and all means of economic survival and in effect placed them beyond the bounds of law and society.

The fascist Slovak leadership was so impatient to be rid of the Jews that it paid the Nazis DM 500 in exchange for each expelled Jew and a promise that the deportees would never return to Slovakia. The decision by Slovakia to initiate and pay for the expulsion was unprecedented among the satellite states of Nazi Germany. They paid 40 million RM to the SS for this operation.

In fact, the SS was paying the German Train Authority, the Reich-BAHN, the equivalent of a Third Class train ticket for every Jewish prisoner transported to the his final destination. Calculate: 0.5 pfennig X 8,000,000 prisoners X 600 Km (pro media of voyage length) and you get about **240 millions Reichmark**.

The Jewish prisoners were paying as well for this "transportation", full one-way ticket. Children under 10-12 years of age paid half price, one-way ticket. All this money went to the German Rails Authority who regarded the evacuation as a simple local freight transportation matter. The money was collected by the SS guards at the concentration points, before embarkation into transports. No tickets were issued; only lists of name, origin, date of birth and destination were made and filed.

Some prisoners have to consider themselves lucky if they arrived alive. On some cases not everything was smooth: the longest rails shipment of the war, from Corfu, took 18 days. When the train arrived in Central Poland, and the locomotive stopped, the doors were opened and everyone was dead.

On other instances, the prisoners have to wait in cramped waiting-rooms for days at a time, until a transport was available. Not all the railcars were covered. Some were with open top and the weather was of no importance for shipping operations: day, night, rain, snow, sun, or freezing conditions.

This logistic that may seem "colossal" from history perspective, but this operation was directed from Berlin and muscled by SS administration & local Collaborators. They had little logistical support from the Army, the Wehrmacht.

They had a lot of support of the local anti-Semitic and corrupt collaborators in countries like: Poland, Rumania, Hungary, France, Belgium, Greece, and Holland. They had no luck in Bulgaria, Italy and Denmark, where the administration did not collaborate with the implementation of the anti-Semitic laws.



**WINTER TIME 1941: TRAIN CARS\*\*\* WITH RUSSIANS JEWS FROM KIEV AREA | PICTURES COURTESY YAD-VASHEM / JERUSALEM**

\*\*\* 10 METERS Long Cattle/Box Cars | Today there are maybe a dozen of real (authenticated) WWII cattle-rail-cars on display, in museums around the world: Washington D.C., Dallas, Chicago, Germany, Poland, Holland and Israel. One authentic rail car, on loan from the museum of Gdynia (Poland) will be on display Hollywood / Florida (October 2006) as part of the **South Florida Holocaust Museum Documentation and Education Center**.



**A TYPICAL JEWISH OWNED TRAVEL SUITCASE, AS SO MANY, MILLIONS OF THEM, found in the concentration camps museums and displays. THIS ONE BELONGED TO A JEWISH PRISONER NAMED JOSEF ERNST, NUMBER 285, DEPORTED FROM THE TEREZINSTAAD TO AUSCHWITZ. (PRAGUE JEWISH MUSEUM)**

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# The Trains Of The **HOLOCAUST** CHAPTER 8

**WHO GIVE THE ORDER** | Hitler wanted to annihilate the Jews, and he killed them everywhere in the continent, buried them in mass grave, gassed them, shoot them by the million, decapitated them, starved them, burned them and cremated them. Hitler and his Nazi regime took from the Jews, for a moment only, their humanity.



**Hermann Göring**

**THE ORDER TO KILL, EXTERMINATE AND ERADICATE THE JEWISH CULTURE IN EUROPE CAME FROM HITLER, AND WAS TRANSMITTED DOWN VERBALLY TO**

1. **Hermann Göring**, Hitler's successor and deputy, Reichsmarschall, the highest military ranking (most senior) in all NG (Nazi Germany)
2. **Joseph Goebbels\***, propaganda support and operations: newspapers, posters, books, movies and radio.
3. **Heinrich Heydrich** (SS), with the approval of Himmler (order transmitted IN WRITING, ONE LETTER ONLY)
4. **Adolph Eichmann** (SS), in charge of the coordination of resources (orders transmitted IN WRITING)
5. **SS**, ground and camps operations, (orders transmitted by TELEX, IN WRITING)
6. **Einsatzgruppen** (orders transmitted by TELEX, RADIO, IN WRITING)
7. **Auxiliary Troops**, local police forces, with backbone and structure supplied by SS (orders transmitted IN WRITING)

\*The director of the movie "The Empty Mirror", Barry J. Hershey describes Joseph Goebbels as follows: "*he was the idea who made a horrible idea seen like good one. He was the spinmeister*"



**Heinrich Heydrich (SS)**

Hitler's verbal order for Jewish extermination went verbally to Göring, because the Führer didn't want to be held accountable. He signed many executive orders, but the Jewish genocide is not mentioned in any autographed papers by Hitler.

Göring instructed his henchman Heydrich into this task, being this personage the most savage, wild and brutal toll in the SS arsenal. Göring signed and here the legend is that he signed a letter redacted by himself or someone else and/or was inserted in his to-be-signed folder, every general or marshal have every morning on his desk, submitted by his chief-of-staff or office manager. The letter, this we know for sure, was signed and sent to Heydrich. The letter, just a simple piece of paper, was vaguely giving him the "authority" to settle the Jewish matter. How the matter was to be settled can be interpreted, but in the light that they were already committed to genocide and extermination, since the summer of 1941 (see the murder of 1.5 million Jews by Einsatzgruppen) Heydrich was interpreting his power-letter in the same guidelines.

For sure that everybody from Hitler, down to Eichmann and to every camp and Einsatzgruppen commandant knew about the genocide, because the disappearance of so many millions of people and the killings, the murders, the process of transportation and setting up the extermination camps and its administration was not an easy task to hide from public eye and scrutiny, even that was kept very confidential and was considered "Geheim".

Himmler, the SS boss and hierarchal Heydrich commanding officer was maintained in the loop. Himmler as well, out of fear and envy, was keeping a close attention on all the Heydrich moves.

Eichmann was the SS "functionary in charge" of organizing the Wannsee Conference, and after the Heydrich assassination, June 04<sup>th</sup> 1942, was left alone at this task. Being now the most hierarchical SS officer left in charge, profoundly anti-Semitic and loyal to his former boss Heydrich, he was happy to be the "point man" and continued, with even more zeal, the mission of routing the Jews in Europe, for internment, concentration, transportation and extermination.

The German middle management of Nazi regime did not question authority and the mission to wipe out the continent of Jews continued "business as usual", full steam ahead, from 1942 until the winter of 1944, and slowly winded down in the spring 1945.



**THRE ARCHITECTS OF THE HOLOCAUST, HIMMLER [FRONT] AND HEYDRICH [REAR], IN VIENNA, 1938**

Before Adolf Eichmann become the leading figure of the Holocaust trains and an expert transport organizer to the concentration and extermination camps, there was another sad figure that sealed and accelerated the killing and extermination process: SS-Obergruppenführer und General der Polizei **Reinhard Tristan Eugen Heydrich** (born Halle del Saale, March 7, 1904 – killed in Prague, June 4<sup>th</sup> 1942).

His last administrative title, as designated by Hitler, was Executive Protector of Bohemia and Moravia (Reichsprotectorat Böhmen und Mähren), a territory largely comprised of the actual Czechoslovakia proper.

He was the director of the Central Office of the Reich Security, as designated by Heinrich Himmler. \*\*\*

\*\*\* [After his death, the post of protector was occupied by Ernst Kaltenbrunner, a patron and protector of Adolf Eichmann]

He was the president of Interpol from August 24<sup>th</sup>, 1940 until his death.

His youth was marked by a profound disrespect and resentment toward his relative Jewish ancestry, and very early he enrolled in an anti-Semitic group (Deutschvölkischer Schutz-und Trutzbund) and later on the Freikorps. He worked under the command of Wilhelm Canaris (during Hitler, was the chief of the Military Intelligence, until the assassination attempt of July 1944), in the Kriegsmarine and become a specialist in communication, radio and covert operations.

In 1931 was accepted in the NSDAP and become close cronies of Himmler. In 1932 escaped an investigation into his ancestry, being considered half-Jew, a Mischling. This truth was very well guarded until his death.

Heydrich was no stranger to covert and black ops. He was the chosen man for many black-ops of the Nazi regime and for the SS. That he organized the operations of Einsatzgruppen and later presided over the Wannsee Conference, have to come with no surprise to the reader. Here are some of his black-ops:

**The 6-F-4 Office (Kruger Operation)**, which had the mission of destroying the UK monetary and financial sister, using false sterling banknotes.

**Skobin Incident**, that resulted in a bloody purge of more than 30,000 high ranking officers of the red Army by Stalin,

**Gleiwitz Incident (Reichsführer Operation)**, that marked the invasion of Poland and the World War II,

**Kersten Incident**, related to false accusations against Dr. Feliz Kersten, personal physician to Himmler

**Wannsee Conference**, the finding and implementation of a final solution for the Jewish question in Europe.

He was cruel with the Jews and the Czechs as well. In the time space of a few weeks he establishes and implements the martial law and order the execution of as many 550 Czech intellectuals. He organizes a brutal repressive system of prisons, concentrations camps and firing squads on the Einsatzgruppen model, earning him the sadly nickname of “the Butcher of Prague”. He sends thousand the Jews and Czech to KL Auschwitz. He extends and projects his killer practices and operational radius, from his HQ in Prague to other conquered territories, as far as Norway, Holland and France.

Heydrich was so tremendous brutal, that he pacified the former Czechoslovakian republic, thus increasing the industrial output, the third largest military economy in Europe. The Allies (Winston Churchill) in cooperation with the Czech government-in-exile in London (President Edvard Benes), mounted one a few Nazi-dignitaries-assassinations operations during the war, Anthropoid Operation.

The May 26<sup>th</sup> 1942 two Czech paratroopers jump from a RAF plane and after a few days they intercept the open Mercedes-Benz limo he was driving to his office, the Prague Castle. He is injured in the melee with the commandos, and he is losing a lot of blood. By irony, he is helped by a Czech woman to reach the nearest Bolovka hospital. Insisting to be treated only by a German physician, he received late treatment and dies eight days later due to a general infection.



**Reinhard Tristan Eugen Heydrich** (born Halle del Saale, March 7, 1904 – killed in Prague, June 4<sup>th</sup> 1942).  
Funerals June 8<sup>th</sup>, 1942

Needless to describe the state funerals he was object of. He was brutal even in his death, as an SS Einsatzgruppen executes all the population of 1331 people of the small town (later is erased from the face of the earth), that rest today in world's memory: Lidice.

His successor **Ernst Kaltenbrunner** (executed at Nuremberg, 1946) in reprisal (repressalies) for Heydrich's death, killed from June 1942 to January 1943 another 1,000 people across the country.

WE HAVE TO MENTION THE MIDDLE MEN, BETWEEN Heydrich and Eichmann. BETTER SAIT, IT WAS THE MIDDLE MEN BETWEEN THE DUO Himmler-Heydrich, the main two architects of the Jewish Holocaust and the "feeding machine", the one organizing the deportations, the bureaucrat LtCol. A. Eichmann. I have to mention a personal note. Eichmann was not in very high regard, in my opinion, because he didn't rise in [SS] rank. When other Wehrmacht or SS officers were rising at a rate of a rank every 6-8-12 months, Eichmann was not raised at all. He was considered a bureaucrat and a paper-pusher, not a fighter. But as banal he was, he killed millions with his actions.

### **From [www.wikipedia.com](http://www.wikipedia.com)**

**HEINRICH Müller**, well known as Gestapo Müller, not to be confounded to another SS general, with the same name. Müller occupied a position in the Nazi hierarchy between Himmler, the overall head of the Nazi police apparatus and the chief architect of the plan to exterminate the Jews of Europe, and Eichmann, the man entrusted with arranging the deportations of Jews to the eastern ghettos and death camps. Thus, although his chief responsibility was always police work within Germany, he was fully in charge and thus responsible to execute the extermination of the Jews of Europe.

During 1941 he dispatched Eichmann on tours of inspection of the occupied Soviet Union, and received detailed reports on the work of the *Einsatzgruppen*, who killed an estimated 1.4 million Jews in 12 months. In January 1942 he attended the Wannsee Conference at which Heydrich briefed senior officials from a number of government departments of the plan, and at which Eichmann took the minutes.

In May 1942 Heydrich was killed in Prague by Czech soldiers sent from London. Müller was sent to Prague to head the investigation into Operation "Anthropoid". He succeeded through a combination of bribery and torture in locating the assassins, who killed themselves to avoid capture. Despite this success, his influence within the regime declined somewhat with the loss of his original patron, Heydrich. During 1943 he had differences with Himmler over what to do with the growing evidence of a resistance network within the German state apparatus, particularly the *Abwehr* and the Foreign Office. In February 1943 he presented Himmler with firm evidence

that Wilhelm Canaris was involved with the resistance; however, Himmler told him to drop the case. Offended by this, Müller became an ally of Martin Bormann, the head of the Nazi Party Chancellery, who was Himmler's main rival.<sup>[17]</sup>

After the assassination attempt against Adolf Hitler on 20 July 1944, Müller was placed in charge of the arrest and interrogation of all those suspected of involvement in the resistance. Over 5,000 people were arrested and about 200 executed, including Canaris. In the last months of the war Müller remained at his post, apparently still confident of a German victory — he told one of his officers in December 1944 that the Ardennes offensive would result in the recapture of Paris. In April 1945 he was among the last group of Nazi loyalists assembled in the *Führerbunker* in central Berlin as the Red Army fought its way into the city. One of his last tasks was the sharp interrogation of Hermann Fegelein in the cellar of the Church of the Trinity. Fegelein was Himmler's liaison officer to Hitler and was shot after Hitler had Himmler expelled from his posts for negotiating with the western allies behind Hitler's back. Hitler then committed suicide on 30 April 1945. On 2 May 1945, the commander of the Berlin Defence Area, General Helmuth Weidling, surrendered to the Red Army.

After the war, a dictated order by Müller dated 20 April 1945 was discovered. It set out Müller's plan for Hitler's transportation to Barcelona, Spain. Hitler was to have been flown there by Georg Betz in a Ju 290 long-range aircraft.<sup>[23]</sup> However, due to the insistence of Hitler to remain in Berlin, these plans came to nothing.

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# The Trains Of The HOLOCAUST

## CHAPTER 9

**SS-Obersturmbannführer Adolf Eichmann** | The education and propaganda system in Germany and Austria was full of ideas of exalted nationalism mixed with mystical religion.

After January 1933 when Hitler came to power, the anti-Semitism, as a doctrine system was retooled and become full of impatience and intolerance toward the Jews: these were the bricks that laid the foundation of the road that conducted the hate policy against this successful group of people and the later genocide.



Eichmann “masterpiece” is the almost total extermination of the Hungarian Jews and its culture. He was abundantly and gladly assisted by the local Hungarian nationals and the Hungarian Nazi affiliated forces. SS-Obersturmbannführer Adolf Eichmann is seen here directing trains from Budapest main rail station, to Auschwitz. More than 450,000 Jewish died in this evacuation-extermination operation, whose architect and operator-in-chief was himself. [A rare picture, taken from very short army movie footage, maybe late summer-fall 1944].

The youth, the military the administration system, the cultural establishment, the news (printed and radio) created a formidable bulk of people that arose and acted as a hummer for the Hitler & Associates regime, constantly inciting for the hate and “elimination” of the Jew, their values, religion and culture.

This fanaticism to the National-Socialism and the culture of hate, gathered strength and created from 1933 the psychological and theoretical platform to kill with impunity (and not be accountable): created the Holocaust and the killing of 6+ millions Jews, the opposition was very weak and the oppressed had no chance of survival.

A product and of the ambiance of this persistent exposure to anti-Semitism and the most instrumental tragic figures of this process was **Karl Adolf Eichmann**, born March 19, 1906 in Solingen, Germany, but later relocated to Linz, Austria. During his infancy he developed many friendships with Jews, and was introduced to the culture, and languages, like Yiddish and basic elements of Hebrew. His father was a close friend of another dark figure of the Nazism, Ernst Kaltenbrunner, the leader of the NSDAP in Austria, those HQ were in the same city of Linz.

Eichmann started his affiliation (no.899.895) with NSDAP on 01 April 1932; Kaltenbrunner, looking for a bright future for Adolf, accompany him to the SS office and on his personal recommendation, Eichmann is accepted and enrolled in the SS with the number no.45.325.

Adolf is fascinated with the Nazi doctrine, find his call to duty, and become a fervent member and organizer. Due to his father’s relation and cronyism with the Austrian Nazi leader Kaltenbrunner (executed after the Nuremberg Process, October 16, 1946), Eichmann is moved, less than two and a half years after inception, to Berlin, the center of the Reich, elevated in rank and given a job at Jewish Section II/112, of the Reich Security Service, SD.

In 1939, he was in dialogue with the Jewish organizations in Europe, for the massive deportation of Jews from Germany to Palestine, but this idea was totally rejected by the British Empire, then the administrator of the Palestine territory. His idea of a “safe area” in Eastern Europe for the Jewish Population was again

rejected. After the war started in Europe, 1 September, 1939, Germany opted for the concentration on the Jewish population in the urban center of Poland, and its ghettos.

Only ten years after Linz and his enrolment in the NSDAP and the SS, Eichmann organizes the Wannsee Conference, in January 1942, which seals the second part of the genocide of the Jews in Europe.

What he did in Berlin, Poland, Hungary and the rest of the Europe, organizing the railways transports, is now the sinister history of the Holocaust and the darkest side of the human history.

After was apprehended by Mossad a commando in Buenos Aires, Argentina and brought to justice, Adolf Eichmann is executed in the Prison of Ramla, close to Tel Aviv, Israel, March 31, 1962. He stands until today, as the only person to be executed by the Israeli Judiciary system.

Obersturmbannführer SS (Lieutenant Colonel) **Adolf Eichmann's Berlin office** had no more than 10 people on active duty, including his driver. Some were military personnel, three junior SS officers; some were civilian, working normal German office work-hours. They were employed for over a period of 36 months, since the summer of 1941 until was shut down by the end of the war in Europe, in May 1945. They were working perfectly, like technocrats and normal civil servicemen, paper pushers (not soldiers) via letters, phone, telex, telegram, signalmen or mail courier.

But Eichmann had many associates, or delegates, in the SD or the Section IVB4 of the Gestapo, active all over Europe, that routed Jews for transports:

1. **Dieter Wisliceny**, the promoter of the "Star David" as a distinctive insignia for the Jewish population; was as well responsible for the deportation and killing in Greece, Hungary, Czechoslovakia.
2. **Alois Brunner**, in Vienna (Austria), Monravia, Greece (Thessalonica), Nisa (France) and Slovak republic.
3. **Theodore Danekker**, in France, Spain.
4. **Rolf Gunther**, in Greece and Turkey.
5. Hermann Alois Krumei, responsible for the Jews in Lotz, Poland.
6. **Franz Novak**, main train's coordinator and supervisor for the trains from the point of origin in Eastern Europe to the concentration camps.
7. **Gustav Richter**, responsible for Rumania and the organizer of many trains with Jews (300,000) and Roma, those destinations were mainly to KL Belzec and KL Auschwitz concentration and extermination camps. His labor of purging all the 550,000-575,000 Jews in Rumania & territories was disrupted by the King's Coup and the armed insurrection of August 23, 1944, that ended the Antonescu Nazi-orientated regime and de facto Rumanian army cooperation with Germany.
8. **Wilhelm Zopf**, Eichmann's delegate for the Low Countries of Belgium and Holland, stationed in Hague.
9. **Heinz Rothke**, designated as coordinator for France.
10. **Frantz Abromeit**, designated as operation coordinator for Croatia and Hungary, 1943-1944.
11. **Otto Hunsche**, coordinator for Hungary, 1944.
12. **Siegfried Seidl**, coordinator for Hungary, 1944-1945.

With the exception of Rumania (the Rumanians did their work of concentration and extermination, almost alone...) Eichmann & Deputies drained all Europe of Jews, from Germany proper, Austria, Italy, France, Czech Republic, Yugoslavia, Greece, Baltic Countries, Poland, Holland, Belgium, Russia, and the last one, Hungary.

**IN CONCLUSION**, the great asset that represented the efficient railways system in Germany and in general, combined with the SS work of administrating the transport process (From Berlin hub, the office of Obersturmbannführer Adolf Eichmann) + Local Country Associates work of locating, rounding, concentration, listing and mobilizing millions of people, were a very simple, basic, low cost, efficient, safe, anonymous and smooth operation; transport them (Jews) fast, cheap and in secrecy, only for the purpose of feeding a systematic genocide process!

The transportation, concentration, the gas chambers (and method of killing), the cremation were part of a systematic, continuous and concentrated effort to get rid and totally eradicate the Jewish culture in Europe.

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'I shot so many Jews my trigger finger is sore.' Scandinavian Waffen-SS officers and the Holocaust, by Martin Gutmann | [www.academia.edu](http://www.academia.edu)

**SS Einsatzgruppen** | The Einsatzkommandos were already employed as secret killing squads in political assassination during the annexation of Austria and the Sudetenregion, from 1938 until 1939. Under a direct order from the SS leader Himmler, Heydrich, with the assistance of RSHA (Reichssicherheitshauptamt), Reich Central Security Office, is reorganizing these groups of military police, this time with a bigger scope and much larger field of actions in Eastern Europe: Poland, Byelorussia, and Eastern URSS.

The killings operations in Eastern URSS by these SS military squads (SchutzStaffel, defense squads\*) were considered, by all standards (military and civilians) as being **very brutal, horrible, dreadful and in appalling conditions**.



**Einsatzgruppen firing squads in action, mass killings of Jews in Soviet Union, circa summer 1941. |**

Bundesarchiv. [www.holocaustsearchproject.com](http://www.holocaustsearchproject.com)

Four Einsatzgruppen were formed by this reason,

### **Gruppen A, B, C, D.**

The leader of each unit held the rank of captain or major in the SS and were equivalent in number, operations, equipment and administration to a small battalion.

Of the 6 million Jews exterminated during the Second World War (WWII): the first 1.5-2 millions were murdered immediately after the invasion of Soviet Union in the summer of 1941, when Germany computer millions of Russian Jews. The killings were done by units assembled of the second-rank SS military and political police, after special indoctrination, coming in (some time, days only) the conquered territory, in the wake of the first wave of the Wehrmacht crack troops.



**Einsatzgruppen in action, this time in Kiev area, killing Jews at Ivangorod circa summer 1942. |**

Bundesarchiv.



**HERE YOU HAVE ONLY A FEW DATES, PLACES AND THE MASSACRES OF JEWS, BY SS UNITS AND ESPECIALLY BY Einsatzgruppen SOLDIERS AND OFFICERS.**

1. 30/07/1942 - German SS kills 25,000 Jews in Minsk, Belorussia
2. 31/07/1942 - German SS gases 1,000 Jews in Minsk, Belorussia
3. 24/06/1941 - Entire Jewish male population of Gorzhdy Lithuania, exterminated
4. 25/06/1941 - Germans invade Dubno Poland, giving permission to Ukrainians to do whatever they want to 12,000 Jews living there
5. 26/06/1941 - Lithuanian fascist massacre 2,300 Jews in Kovno
6. 28/06/1941 - German and Rumanian soldiers kill 11,000 Jews in Kishinev
7. 07/07/1941 - German Einsatzkommando executed 5,000 Jews in Kovono Lithuania
- 08/07/1941 - All Jews living in Baltic States are obligated to wear a Jewish Star
8. 14/07/1941 - 6,000 Lithuanian Jews are exterminated at Vizsalsyan Camp by German Einsatzkommando
9. 18/07/1941 - SS drowns 40 Jews in Dvina River, Belorussia
- 21/07/1941 - 200 Jewish Torahs are burned in Ukraine
10. 24/07/1941 - Nazi Einsatzgruppen execute entire Jewish population of Grodz, Lithuania
11. 07/08/1941 - 551 Jews are shot in Kishinev ghetto in Rumania by Rumanian and german soldiers.
12. 29/08/1941 - German Einsatzkommando in Russia kills 1,469 Jewish children
13. 06/09/1941 - All Jews over age 6 in German territories ordered to wear a star
14. 08/09/1941 - Entire Jewish community of Meretsch, Lithuania is exterminated by firing squads of the Einsatz.
15. 26/09/1941 - Nazi's Einsatzgruppen slaughter about 34,000 Jews of Kiev
16. 15/09/1941 - Einsatzgruppen kill 800 Jewish women at Shkudvil Lithuania
17. 30/09/1941 - 3,721 Jews are buried alive at Babi Yarravine (near Kiev) Ukraine
18. 03/10/1941 - All elderly Jewish men of Kerenchug Ukraine, are killed by SS
19. 13/10/1941 - Nazi's kill 11,000 Jewish children/old people
20. 25/10/1941 - 16,000 Jews massacred in Odessa Ukraine
21. 05/10/1941 - 5,000 Jews of Dubno Russia massacred
22. 06/11/1941 - Einsatz group kills 15,000 Jews of Rovno Ukraine
23. 29/10/1942 - Nazi's murder 16,000 Jewish in Pinsk, Soviet Union
24. 29/10/1942 - 16,000 Jews killed in Pinsk Russia, by Einsatz squads.
25. 29/06/1942 - 19,000 Jews killed in Kiev.



**Einsatzgruppen and dogs clearing forest outside Kiev of runaway Jews, summer 1942. Bundesarchiv.**

[**Einsatzgruppen\***, the mobile death squadrons, were not always affiliated with the regular Heer, army units, but were drawing on the same resources and logistics as the Wehrmacht]

**Einsatzgruppen Mission:** *"the order from Berlin was that the Jews and the Soviet political commissars were to be liquidated. Liquidated it meant killed."*

After the war, the **Einsatzgruppen Trial**, was one of the twelve Subsequent Nuremberg Trials military trials held by the U.S. authorities at Nuremberg, Germany



**Einsatzgruppen seen in action, mass killings of soviet Jews in Russia circa summer-autumn 1941. |**

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For the reader information, during military operations of the WWII, in the same line of the **Reichenau Order**, other infamous orders were dictated by high officer of the Nazi Germany during the war, as Generalfeldmarschall (General Field Marshall) **BRAUCHITSCH, RUNDSTEDT and MANSTEIN:**

**“Commissar Order:** under which political commissars of the Russian Army were not to be recognized as prisoners of war and were to be liquidated.

**“Commando Order”:** under which parachutists who were taken prisoner not in connection with battle actions were to be transferred to the Gestapo by whom they were, in fact, killed.

**“General Orders”:** that translates in these military actions and consequences:

1. Murder and ill-treatment of allied prisoners of war, chiefly Russians.
2. Breaches of the Geneva Convention arising out of the use of prisoners of war, chiefly Russians, on prohibited and dangerous work.
3. Many crimes against civilians, including the illegal execution of hostages, excessive reprisals, extermination of Slavs, Jews and Communists and deportation into slave labour of civilians from all the occupied territories.

**British Military Courts.** The memorandum indicated evidence that RUNDSTEDT published a “Commando” Order dated 21 July, 1942 which, therefore, preceded Hitler's “Commando” Order of 18 October, 1942...” British National Archives: CAB/129/28

**\*\* ⚡ (runic) SS SchutzStaffel**, (defense squads), was a political, military, police and security force of the Nazi Germany, established as a “praetorian guard” for the leader (Führer) Adolf Hitler. Named Stabswache at the beginning, in 1923, changed its name later to Schutzstaffel and had its sinister SS abbreviation. SS was depending on the NSDAP Party Ministry.

The organization, that first leader was Julius Schreck (Reichsführer-SS), had black uniform, a red left armband and a human skull as insignia (Stabswache). For many years Julius was the Hitler's driver.

Heinrich Himmler was the organization leader from 1929 until 1945.

As of January 1945, the ranks numbered more than 1, 250,000, officers, NCO-s and soldiers. The organization was dissolved at the end of the war, May 8<sup>th</sup> 1945.

Its elite corp Waffen-SS, accepted conscripts and volunteers from many countries in Europe and organized them in SS-division. Its conscripts and volunteers were from: Germany, French, Norwegian, Finland, Belgium, British (Nordland Division), Armenian, Ukraine, Croatian, Czech, Hungarian, Latvia, Holland, Tartar, Russians, Muslim, etc. In general, the commanding officers were Germans.

The Commissioned Ranks of the Waffen SS and Their Army Equivalents (HEER)

**Untersturmführer - Second Lieutenant**

**Obersturmführer - Lieutenant**

**Hauptsturmführer - Captain**

**Sturmbannführer - Major**  
**Obersturmbannführer - Lieutenant Colonel**  
**Standartenführer - Colonel (Oberst)**  
**Oberführer - Brigadier General**  
**Brigadeführer - Major General**  
**Gruppenführer - Lieutenant General**  
**Oberguppenführer -General**  
**Oberstgruppenführer - Colonel General (Generaloberst)**

There were no field marshals in the SS, but Himmler held the special Supreme rank of Reichsführer, equivalent to Göring's rank of Reich Marschall as senior officer of the armed forces.

Many of the higher SS officers had double ranks, as members both of the SS and the police, e.g. Oberguppenführer and General of the Police.

There were four regular SS divisions which passed through the SS training School at Bad Tölz and these are referred by their titles: **Das Reich, Leibstandarte, Totenropf, and Viking.**

The "Police Division" was also granted the substantive title of Waffen SS, but had all passed through Bad Tölz.

After 1943 the rapid expansion of the SS (to twenty-nine divisions in 1945) was achieved by the incorporation of ethnic Germans and other racially "pure" nationalities.

Very few of their members passed through Bad Tölz, and in view of this and the constant overlapping of commands and staffs, in the last years of the war these units are referred to by their titles.

**Claus von Stauffenberg** | after the invasion of URSS, in the summer of 1941 and the tactical victory over the Soviets, the Germans had in their hands millions of Jews.

The killings, in very **brutal, horrible, dreadful and in appalling conditions** (the SS considered the gas chambers a more "humane" form of murder...) by the **Einsatzgruppen**, under the direct command of Himmler, slowly were making news (creating disgust?!) in the ranks of the Herr (army) officers corps: from the fall of 1941 until April 1942, almost all high echelons (officers) knew about the crimes of SS troops, the extermination of 1.25-1.50 million Jews and many thousands of Gypsies.

At field-marshal von Kluge\* HQ, the commanding officer of the Army Group Center (that reached the outskirts of Moscow, at only 42 km from the center of the city...) a young officer named count **Claus von Stauffenberg**, started to know about the killing of Jews by the SS troops.

This was the igniter point of his attitude: from a passive resistance to active resistance against Hitler and his banks of killers.

He started to manifest almost in the open his disagreements with Hitler's policies. The Germany armies in the Eastern front did not have Gestapo agents contingents embedded in the ranks. But fearing for his life, Claus superiors wanted him far away from the Eastern front, where he could be denounced. Another theater of war, without Gestapo informants was North Africa. So, general von Tresckow, another active leader of the resistance against Hitler and chief-of-staff of the Army Group Center, signed an order to detach von Stauffenberg to a mechanized division of Africa Korps.

Years later, **Claus von Stauffenberg** was the active leader of the July 20, 1944 Hitler's assassination attempt and military insurrection.

\*[Gunther von Kluge, born 1882, committed suicide August 19, 1944, after failure to contain the Normandy invasion and failure of the military coup against Hitler].

Organized by Heydrich and Himmler to follow the German regular troops in Poland, in 1939, The **Einsatz**, had the mission of to look for, round up and to concentrate to the Jews in ghettos. In the campaign of Russia from 1941, in an agreement with the German Army, they were ordered to follow the assault troops and carry out the **Phase 1** of the "**evacuation**" of Russian Jewish, kill all soviet officers, all soviet commissars and the partisans.

**Secret Field Marshal von Reichenau\*\*\***

**Order Concerning Conduct of Troops in the Eastern Territories, 10 October 1941** (von Rundstedt allegedly approved this order)

**Reichenau Order** | Politically, von Reichenau was an anti-Semitism who equated Jewry with Bolshevism and the perceived Asian threat to Europe. The infamous October 1941 "**Reichenau Order**" paved the way for mass murder by instructing the officers thus:

*"In this eastern theatre, the soldier is not only a man fighting in accordance with the rules of the art of war...For this reason the soldier must learn fully to appreciate the necessity for the severe but just retribution that must be meted out to the subhuman species of Jewry.*

***The Army (German Army, Wehrmacht) has to aim at another purpose, i. e., and the annihilation of revolts in hinterland which, as experience proves, have always been caused by Jews. All Jews were henceforth to be treated as "de facto" partisans, and commanders were directed that they be either summarily shot or handed over to the "Einsatzgruppen" execution squads of the SS-Totenkopfverbände as the situation dictated"***.

Ref <http://www.ess.uwe.ac.uk/genocide/USSR2.htm> | October 10, 1941 | Walter von Reichenau, Publisher Stuart D. Stein, The School of Humanities, Languages and Social Sciences, University of the West of England

**Reichenau supported the work of the Schutzstaffel SS "Einsatzgruppen"** in exterminating the Jews in the occupied Soviet territories. He was specifically responsible for the cold blooded killing of ninety Jewish orphans in Belaja Zeerkow and was an accessory to the mass murder of Babi Jar near Kiev, both in 1941.

\*\*\* During the Operation Barbarossa | June 1941 invasion of the Soviet Union, von Reichenau commanded the 6th Army, which captured Kiev and Kharkov. During the offensive, Reichenau inspected every single Russian tank he came across. He would enter each tank and, using a ruler, he would examine the thickness of the armor. Upon examining a T-34 tank, he told his officers, "***If the Russians ever produce this tank on an [[assembly line]], we will have lost the war"***

In January 1942 von Reichenau suffered a cerebral hemorrhage, and it was decided to fly him from Poltava to a hospital in Leipzig, Germany. He is often said to have been killed in a plane crash in Russia, though Görlitz writes that the plane merely made an emergency landing in a field, and that von Reichenau actually died of a heart attack.

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# The Trains Of The HOLOCAUST CHAPTER 11



MAP OF SOUTH-WEST BERLIN AND WANNSEE SUBURB



**How banal is this bus station sign to an uninformed passenger???**  
**BUS STATION SIGNS AT WANNSEE CONFERENCE HOUSE, 2011**

**WANNSEE CONFERENCE | “Germany somberly marked the 70th anniversary of the infamous Wannsee Conference on Friday, with the country’s president saying the meeting that laid out plans for the Holocaust still caused “anger and shame.”**

At the same villa on the shore of Berlin’s Wannsee lake where the original meeting took place, now a museum, President Christian Wulff told an audience that even though many years have passed, Germany should never be allowed to forget its responsibility for the genocide of some 6 million European Jews. “Therefore it is important and a national task to keep the memory alive,” he said.

On Jan. 20, 1942, high-level members of the Nazi party and other bureaucrats met at the villa to orchestrate large-scale plans for the extermination of Jews. At the time, hundreds of thousands of Jews had already been murdered, but many historians believe that the conference was the point at which Adolf Hitler’s plans for their industrialized killing were laid out explicitly for his top officials.

These men included Nazi party members and members of the SS, the party’s military force, which was to oversee the plans.

*"This place and the name 'Wannsee' has become a symbol for the bureaucratically organized decision between life worth living and life not worth living, for state-organized extermination, for the planned and official systematic killing of Europe's Jews," Wulff said."* | German Newspapers and electronic media citations, 2012

Originally the conference was schedule for December 8<sup>th</sup>, 1941, but dramatic developments of military major battles fronts, especially on the Russian campaign, differed the meeting. At that time, Heinrich Heydrich was head of the Security Police and SD.

In 1939, at the Hitler's verbal insistence and orders, Göring (Reich Marshal) appointed Heydrich, in writing, for the task of: *"the preparations for the final solution of the Jewish question"*. New invitations were sent to all "gentlemen's" from the original list of December 8<sup>th</sup> 1941, for a new meeting on January 20<sup>th</sup> 1942, Berlin, Am Grossen Wannsee 56-58.



**SOME OF THE MAIN AUTHORS AND OPERATORS OF THE JEWISH HOLOCAUST. FROM THE PICTURE ONLY ADOLF HITLER IS MISSING. Himmler is saluting Göring and Heydrich, at attention, second from left.**

**January 04, 1939:** Hermann Göring appoints Reinhard Heydrich as head of Jewish Emigration of the Reich and Europe.

**September 09, 1939:** Reinhardt Heydrich meets in Berlin with middle to high level german officials, to preliminary discuss a final solution of Jews in Europe.

We have to mention that the bulk of the railways operations started a few weeks after the conclusion of the Wannsee conference. Göring requested *"that a draft be submitted to him regarding the organizations, technical and material aspects of the final solution of the Jewish question. This draft will require prior joint consideration by all central agencies directly concerned with these problems, in order to coordinate their subsequent course of action"*.

This scheme and its mechanics were sealed on a 6-hours-meeting at Wannsee Conference, Berlin January 20<sup>th</sup>, 1942. The final goal of the conference was the total elimination and killing of about 11 million Jews in all Europe, including the ones living in countries not involved in war (neutral) like Turkey, Ireland, Sweden, Switzerland, Spain and the ones already in UK.

**OFFICIAL NOTE** | On 20 January 1942 Nazis officials and middle government officials, met in the resort of Wannsee, west of the capital, between Berlin and Potsdam, where they devised the final solution to the Jewish problem in Europe. In a short, 5 hours only, single meeting, they agreed upon the means and ways of mass is killing the Jews in Europe. This has traditionally been taken by historians as the beginning of "FINAL SOLUTION", the Nazis' extermination campaign and eradication of Jewish culture on the continent.

In later notes between the participants, the final solution was referred to as *"projected solutions"*. The participants were designated as *"specialists in organization, technical and material preparations"*.

SS-Obersturmbannführer Adolf Eichmann was designated as the point-men for the operation and was the *"functionary in charge"*.

**He will remain in charge of feeding the concentration camps and continue the diabolic work and vision of Hitler, Göring, Himmler and Heydrich, until the very last day of the war.**

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## HEDI ENGHELBERG

I consider the Jewish Holocaust (in Hebrew, Shoah) as the sum of all events related to the Jewish Population, in a determined geographical area: continental Europe, during a distinct period of time: between 1933, when the Nazis under Adolph Hitler came to power in Germany, until the termination of the war on May 8-9, 1945. The Holocaust included many tragic events such as the implementation of Nuremberg’s racial law, Kristallnacht, and the Einsatzgruppen murder of 1.5 million Jews in Russia.

I refer to the “Final Solution” as an event during the Holocaust, definition of which was agreed upon in Wannsee in January 1942: the systematic automatisated and mechanization of the concentration and killing process of Jews, and German influence upon the industrial extermination camps. Train and railway logistics were the most important tool for implementation of the “Final Solution”. Main system of gas chambers & crematoria operations ended in November-December 1944, but the evacuation of Jews, railway transportation, mass foot convoys and thousands of killings continued, until the very end of the war in Europe.

## HOLOCAUST PHASE I.

Represented by the cruel repression, genocide and killings on the spot and mass burial places in secret places: more than 1,250,000 -1,500,000 Jews were rounded from summer 1941 and winter 1942: concentrated and killed on the spot or in places very close to their original domicile in Soviet Union and Rumania, by the squads under the organization of german SS Einsatzgruppen and Rumanian regular infantry soldiers.

## HOLOCAUST PHASE II.

Represented by systematical killings in gas chambers and ulterior cremation of the bodies, industrial process conducted in many death camps. ONLY AFTER THE WANNSEE CONFERENCE IN JANUARY 20th 1942, THE EXTERMINATION/KILLING PROCESS WAS EXPEDITED, MECHANIZED, SECRET AND FAST: first the clandestine, secret, fast, black-op of transportation and immediately upon arrival to the death camps, the gas chambers and the cremation.

Land	Zahl
A. Altreich	131.000
Chechoslova	43.700
Geschichte	420.000
Gesamtsouveränität	2.204.000
Polen	400.000
Protectorat Böhmen und Mähren	74.200
Polen - jüdenfrei	
Lettland	3.500
Litauen	34.000
Belgien	43.000
Dänemark	5.600
Frankreich / Besetztes Gebiet	165.000
Griechenland / Unbesetztes Gebiet	700.000
Niederlande	69.600
Norwegen	1.300
B. Bulgarien	48.000
England	330.000
Finnland	2.300
Irland	4.000
Italien einschl. Sardinien	58.000
Albanien	200
Kroatien	40.000
Portugal	3.000
Rumänien einschl. Bessarabien	342.000
Schweden	8.000
Schweiz	18.000
Serbien	10.000
Slowakei	88.000
Spanien	6.000
Türkei (europ. Teil)	59.500
Ungarn	742.000
USA	5.000.000
Ukraine	2.994.684
Polen einschl. Warschau	446.484
Zusammen über	11.000.000

**Endlösung der Judenfrage | ORIGINAL DOCUMENT FROM THE WANNSEE CONFERENCE, JANUARY 1942, WITH THE NUMBER OF JEWISH POPULATION TO BE INCLUDED IN THE “FINAL SOLUTION” | WANNSEE MUSEUM, BERLIN**



**Author Note** I strongly recommend you to watch a very good movie produced by HBO, named “Conspiracy”, describing this fateful military-civilian administrators and politicians conference, which sealed the fate of 8,000,000 deported Jews and more than 6,000,000 being killed.

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*“Trains were the decisive means of transportation for carrying people to the concentration camps and the ghettos. At that time, it was only in the stations that other people witnessed the fate of the deported at all.”* | Hans-Ruediger Minow | Organizer, the *“Train of Commemoration”* (Zug der Erinnerung)

Some of European nations, many of them, cannot be released of the participation, guilt and responsibility in that very dark period of the human history; we don’t have another name for it: The Jewish Holocaust. They did wrong and the history cannot be rewritten: the truth will be there, for many generations to come. We can only learn from it and not let this happen again.



**THIS IS THE ORIGINAL SIGNED LETTER FROM THE REICHSMARCHAL GÖRING’S OFFICE TO SS-OBERRUPPENFÜHRER HEYDRICH, AUTHORIZING HIM THE FINDING OF A FINAL SOLUTION FOR THE JEWISH QUESTION IN EUROPE.**



# THE DOCUMENTS OF THE HOLOCAUST

What impressed me visiting Wannsee Conference Museum, the Jewish Museum in Berlin, Washington Holocaust Museum, or Yad VaShem exhibitions or libraries in Jerusalem, was the level of sophistication on all the German-issued and redacted documents and letters related to the Holocaust. Maybe this will be the subject of my next project, *“The German Documents of the Holocaust”*. These matters will have to be address somehow.

The letters between the military units, the civil administration’s offices, Nazi regime bureaucratic system, legislative and judicial branches, civil companies and even private citizens and individuals were all well redacted, in a correct language, direct to the subject.

The complex German government, civil, military, banking, transportation, industrial bureaucratic system: They were well organized.

They were very hierarchical.

They were compartmental and with strict area of activity.

They had a purpose, with some civil and military officials with strong anti-Semitic attitudes.

They achieved the assigned missions and tasks.

They recorded all the events and persons.

They offered expertise and training.

They were efficient, with a low cost budget.

*“The decisive reason for the advance of bureaucratic organization has always been its purely technical superiority over any other form of organization”*. | Max Weber

The letters and documents of the military, government, public administration, civil service, regime’s security agencies, organized, ordered, offered support, permitted and conducted war on a continental scale\*\*\* (three continental ground wars, Europe, Asia, Africa, air war and a global maritime offensive), implemented the racial policy to the last details of the law, located the last Jew and permitted the extermination of so many millions of civilians.

**\*\*\* [Three continental ground and air wars, Europe, Asia, Africa and a global maritime offensive, from 1939 until 1945]**

The documents were the mean of communication, beside phone and telex. A signed letter makes an order more powerful. Many were trapped in such a superior and well organized bureaucracy; those maximum expressions were the signed letters. A functionary, receiving a letter from a superior hierarchy, meant that he had to obey without asking why. And they all obeyed!

All identify very well the expeditor, from the location of the ministry on the Reich administration, until the last detail, with all the marks, and equally is detailing the destinatary and the copied to recipients. All have registry numbers, list of copies send to other interested parties, original signature, wet seals well imprinted. All documents were fatalities and separated as general distribution, confidential, secret most secret, limited distribution. For everything written and typed, for every hand notice, there was a file, a holder, all colored as per designated department requirements. All the information and documents were classified in file and cabinets. Everybody sending a letter was signing the letter. All the recipients were signing for receiving the letter(s).

They (the German bureaucracy) did a tremendous work at documenting everything, from the notices sent to the Jews to present themselves to the police stations, trains stations or city ghettos, to the list of the people on the trains and their assignments to labors, slave labor.

In a sense some of the Holocaust diminution and information we know today are from the German preserved documents and their details.

It could have happened only in Germany, IN THIS VERY ORGAZED AND INDUSTRIAL WAY (The Holocaust), BECAUSE THEIR BUREAUCRACY WAS FIRST CLASS AND THE MOST SOPHISTICATED AND WELL ORGANIZED IN ALL EUROPE. Not many other documents were preserved from the Rumanian authorities, Hungarians, Greek, Slovak, Polish or millions of victims from Soviet Union.

The Germans had the hardware, quality writing machines, good paper stock, indigo copy papers, and the entire writing implements we give for granted to find at the local Office Depot, Staples or Office Max stores. The hardware was combined with software: talented, educated and totally obeying middle and low management, aided by radio telecoms, phone, telex and efficient transportations.

It was a terrible idea to preserve all these documents, as they started to foresee they will lose the war in late 1943, early 1944, but German bureaucracy was running deeper than the Nazi doctrine and ideology.

The German assumption and the tone of the bureaucracy was that nothing, no information, has to be left outside the central knowledge or wasted. With the help of IBM filing system, the Nazis had the largest system for identification, classification and location, on a scale simply unknown to any developed country.

Hitler wanted all the Jews identified, not only in Germany proper, but on the conquered territories. Identity documents, location, properties on their name, codification of industrial and real estate wealth, transportation, internment, deportation, confinement to the ghettos, another transportation to the concentration, labor or extermination camps were all done by the perforated cards and the **Hollerith machine**.

The reader can access the entire IBM contribution to the Holocaust, documented in the "**IBM and the Holocaust**", 2001, by Edwin Black.

After conquering a territory, the German first trip was to the local archives, notaries, and labor records, commercial and mercantile registries. Everything was documented and filed by the Germans. The Allied, USA, British, France and URSS are still keeping secret many of the files, letters, photographs, documents and artifacts they confiscated from the Germans, and this is terrible frustrating. Many secrets are still buried in British, US, French, Swiss or Russians secret archives.

In 1995, fifty years after war termination, not many documents were released to the public domain. Even as the state of limitations expired, there are millions of pages to be made public. Many events, operations and documents are still classified as secret or very secret. A balanced approach has to be established and the public to have access to the documents, declassified, digitalized and made public domain. This is a moral problem.

Trains were used for transportation of Jews from places to places as from the beginning of the war, September 1<sup>st</sup> 1939. But the main bulk deportations, massive train's transportation logs, belong to the Phase 2 of the genocide process (Holocaust), and I consider them to start running, in an organized and scheduled manner after the Wannsee Conference, January 1942.

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# The Trains Of The **HOLOCAUST** CHAPTER 12

## **MacDonald White Paper. Colonial British Empire vs. Palestine and Jewish emigration.**

The white paper of 1939, relates to an infamous document issued and distributed to all the immigration, military and civilian administration bureaucrats in the Colonial Offices of the now defunct British Empire, before and after the war. The document was authored and issued by Malcolm MacDonald, British Colonial Secretary. The document was presented to the government of Neville Chamberlain, then the Prime Minister, published as CMD 6019 and approved in the House of Commons on May 23, 1939, by 268 votes against 179, sealing de facto the fate of the Jewish population in Europe, with no exit from the continent.

The essence of the document was to restrict the immigration of the Jewish people from Europe, trying to escape the Nazi regime discriminatory and its killing policies. Hundred of thousand and maybe many millions of victims of the Holocaust could have an escape trampoline from Europe to the then British Empire administered Palestine territory. But in their policy to appease the Arabs, the British Empire and its government, departed from the idea of the partition of Palestine in two independent countries, one for Arabs, one as a home land for Jews. Instead the idea of an entire Palestine, administered by Arabs, where the Jews can live was taking place in London.

It politicians, in tandem with the middle level bureaucrats, did so, preventing the immigration of Jews to Palestine, almost with the same zeal as the Nazi were hunting the Jews across the continent. The zeal was the same, but the final outcome was different. The British were only outing the Jews in camps in Cyprus or elsewhere in their (then) waste empire. No bad treatments or killings were ever recorded.

But denying the escape valve named Palestine to remain open, virtually sealed the fate of almost eleven millions Jews that at one time were under the Nazi dominated Europe of friendly collaborator states, as France, Norway, Romania, Hungary,. No deportations were registered from Bulgaria proper and very few, compared to France figures, from Italy under the regime of Il Duce Mussolini. Less than 7,500 deaths were from Italy proper, versus, more than 75,000 shipped by trains Jewish French citizens from France proper, shipped by rail to Auschwitz.

**NO EXIT.** Simply, with all the exit gates of Europe, the Jews had no way to turn around and escape. The only natural destination, the land of Abraham, Moses, Jacob, Lea, Sara, Rebeca, Deborah, King David and King Solomon, was sealed closed by the English Royal Navy and the Colonial office officers. Even the emigration from, then neutral Turkey, was totally closed. Any Jews caught emigrating illegal to Palestine was detained by the British.

The quota under the letters of the MacDonald White Paper was limited to 75,000 Jews, for a period of five years (1939-1944), as a 10,000 per year and an extra supplement of 25,000 as an emergency quote, for political refugees. By 1936 alone, in Germany proper more than 514,500 German Jews were stripped of their citizenship and left with no civil rights and where to go.

All these sacrifices were only to appease the Saudi King and get access to its oil, so much necessary to win the battle against the formidable German war machines. No human sacrifice was lower in the scale of saving the British Empire, which crumbled after the war.

The main points of the MacDonald White Paper were:

**Section I. The Constitution:** It stated that with over 450,000 Jews having now settled in the mandate, the Balfour Declaration about "a national home for the Jewish people" had been met and called for an

independent Palestine established within 10 years, governed jointly by Arabs and Jews: *"His Majesty's Government believe that the framers of the Mandate in which the Balfour Declaration was embodied could not have intended that Palestine should be converted into a Jewish State against the will of the Arab population of the country. [...] His Majesty's Government therefore now declares unequivocally that it is not part of their policy that Palestine should become a Jewish State. They would indeed regard it as contrary to their obligations to the Arabs under the Mandate, as well as to the assurances which have been given to the Arab people in the past, that the Arab population of Palestine should be made the subjects of a Jewish State against their will."*

*"The objective of His Majesty's Government is the establishment within 10 years of an independent Palestine State in such treaty relations with the United Kingdom as will provide satisfactorily for the commercial and strategic requirements of both countries in the future. [...] The independent State should be one in which Arabs and Jews share government in such a way as to ensure that the essential interests of each community are safeguarded."*

**Section II. Immigration:** Jewish immigration to Palestine under the British Mandate was to be limited to 75,000 over the next five years, after which it would depend on Arab consent: 'His Majesty's Government do not [...] find anything in the Mandate or in subsequent Statements of Policy to support the view that the establishment of a Jewish National Home in Palestine cannot be effected unless immigration is allowed to continue indefinitely.

If immigration has an adverse effect on the economic position in the country, it should clearly be restricted; and equally, if it has a seriously damaging effect on the political position in the country, that is a factor that should not be ignored. Although it is not difficult to contend that the large number of Jewish immigrants who have been admitted so far have been absorbed economically, the fear of the Arabs that this influx will continue indefinitely until the Jewish population is in a position to dominate them has produced consequences which are extremely grave for Jews and Arabs alike and for the peace and prosperity of Palestine.

The lamentable disturbances of the past three years are only the latest and most sustained manifestation of this intense Arab apprehension [...] it cannot be denied that fear of indefinite Jewish immigration is widespread amongst the Arab population and that this fear has made possible disturbances which have given a serious setback to economic progress, depleted the Palestine exchequer, rendered life and property insecure, and produced a bitterness between the Arab and Jewish populations which is deplorable between citizens of the same country.

If in these circumstances immigration is continued up to the economic absorptive capacity of the country, regardless of all other considerations, a fatal enmity between the two peoples will be perpetuated, and the situation in Palestine may become a permanent source of friction amongst all peoples in the Near and Middle East." Jewish immigration during the next five years will be at a rate which, if economic absorptive capacity permits, will bring the Jewish population up to approximately one third of the total population of the country. Taking into account the expected natural increase of the Arab and Jewish populations, and the number of illegal Jewish immigrants now in the country, this would allow of the admission, as from the beginning of April this year, of some 75,000 immigrants over the next four years.

These immigrants would, subject to the criterion of economic absorptive capacity, be admitted as follows: For each of the next five years a quota of 10,000 Jewish immigrants will be allowed on the understanding that a shortage one year may be added to the quotas for subsequent years, within the five year period, if economic absorptive capacity permits. In addition, as a contribution towards the solution of the Jewish refugee problem, 25,000 refugees will be admitted as soon as the High Commissioner is satisfied that adequate provision for their maintenance is ensured, special consideration being given to refugee children and dependents.

The existing machinery for ascertaining economic absorptive capacity will be retained, and the High Commissioner will have the ultimate responsibility for deciding the limits of economic capacity. Before each periodic decision is taken, Jewish and Arab representatives will be consulted. After the period of five years, no further Jewish immigration will be permitted unless the Arabs of Palestine are prepared to acquiesce in it."

**Section III. Land:** Previously no restriction had been imposed on the transfer of land from Arabs to Jews, while now the "White Paper" stated: "The Reports of several expert Commissions have indicated that, owing to the natural growth of the Arab population and the steady sale in recent years of Arab land to Jews, there is now in certain areas no room for further transfers of Arab land, whilst in some other areas such transfers of land must be restricted if Arab cultivators are to maintain their existing standard of life and a considerable landless Arab population is not soon to be created. In these circumstances, the High Commissioner will be given general powers to prohibit and regulate transfers of land.

In March 1940, the British High Commissioner for Palestine issued an edict dividing Palestine into three zones.

**In Zone A**, consisting of about 63% of the country including the stony hills, land transfers save to a Palestinian Arab were in general forbidden.

**In Zone B**, consisting of about 32% percent of the country, transfers from a Palestinian Arab save to another Palestinian Arab were severely restricted at the discretion of the High Commissioner.

**In Zone C**, in the remainder of Palestine, 5%, consisting of about five percent of the country-which, however, includes the most fertile areas- land sales remained unrestricted.

In my opinion, a more sympathetic emigration policy could have prevented the Holocaust, in the face of the Nazi intransigence of Jewish exit from the Continent.

**There were some voices against the implementation of this infamous document:**

- LLOYD George describer the drafted and approved document as” Perfidy”.
- James Rothschild, then a member of the parliament (liberal) stated during the debate that”for the majority of the Jews who go to Palestine it is a question of migration or of physical extinction”.
- The supervision authority of the League of Nations (Permanent Mandate Commission) refused to endorse the document.
- Some members of Parliament, voted against the document, on grounds that was in direct collusion with the Balfour Declaration.
- Isaac Leslie Hore-Belisha, a cabinet minister, Secretary of State for War (1937-1940), voted against.
- Winston Churchill, who later succeeded Chamberlain as prime Minister, voted against the document.

**International incidents** (of illegal immigration as per British Colonial Office doctrine):

**Patria**, was a French ocean liner, carrying 1,800 Jewish refugees from the Nazi occupied Europe to Palestine, was refused entry in the port of Haifa by the British officers. On November 25, 1940, the Haganah, the secret Jewish underground army, wanted to disable the ship, not to be able to reroute the refugees to the British possession of Mauritius. A powerful charge placed by Monya Mador, in order to dismantle the engine was miscalculated, resulting in the death of 260 people and 172 injured.

*“The British High Commissioner for Palestine, Sir Harold MacMichael, issued a deportation order on 20 November, ordering that the refugees be taken to the British Indian Ocean territory of Mauritius and the Caribbean territory of Trinidad”.* (Ref. Yehuda Bauer, "American Jewry and the Holocaust", pp. 143-144. Wayne State University Press, 1981. ISBN 0814316727)

**SS Struma** carrying 768-811 refugees from Romania left Constanta Port on December 15th, 1941. After a short trip, the ship was intercepted and towed into the Port of Istanbul. British Colonial Office and the Mandate of Palestine High Commissioner Harold MacMichael illegally and arbitrarily refused to grant entry of the passengers/refugees into Palestine, a land that belonged to the Jews for three thousand years. After more than 70 days, under a false “quarantine” imposed by the Turkish authorities, by reason of security, on the morning of Feb 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1942, the ship was towed by force by a military tug ship. With a disabled engine, no radio, no food or water, SS Struma was towed outside the port of Istanbul, into the Black Sea. Was left there abandoned, in the frigid water of the Black Sea. On Feb. 24<sup>th</sup> 1942, a soviet submarine on patrol, SC-213, without warning, torpedoed the ship with the loss of all the passengers and crew, except a 19 years old Jew (David Stoliar). Was the largest maritime civilian disaster in the Black Sea during the WWII. | For more information about this tragic incident, download **“The Last Witness”**, the sinking of SS Struma, by Hedi Enghelberg | Digital Books [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) | [www.bn.com](http://www.bn.com)

**Exodus**, (before was SS President Warfield, US Navy) was a ship of 1,814 tons, carrying 4,515 Jewish refugees from the port Sete in France, on July 11, 1947 and arrived in Palestine in July 18; en route was renamed *Exodus 1947*.

Most of the refugees were Holocaust survivors and they were denied entry in the British controlled Palestine. The British Navy stopped and commandeered the ship 40 miles out of Haifa Port, causing the death of 2 crews and one passenger.

The British commandeered the vessel to port of Haifa, and transferred the passengers in 3 other vessels. They navigated to France (Port-de-Bouc, near Marseille, August 2), but were refused entry because the passengers didn't disembark voluntarily.

The British then rerouted the vessels to the port of Humbug (British Occupation Zone) in the liberated Germany. They were sent back at DP camp in Am Stau, near Lubeck. The dislodging the emigrants from the ships, done by 100 military police and 200 British soldiers, left 33 injured refugees.

The original passengers/refugees/prisoners were moved again to another camp in November 1947 (Sengwarden, near Wilhelmshaven). Some of the immigrants fled to the American Zone (Germany) where from they re-emigrated to Palestine. By the time Israel State was declared in on May 14, 1948 more than half of the original *Exodus 1947* passengers were recaptured by the zealous British civilian and military authorities and interned in camps in Cyprus.

All prisoners were liberated in January 1949, when the British Empire recognized the State of Israel.

"The episode obviously [also] has to fit into the broader context of the Shoah. There are lots of stories we don't know," she said. "There's so much we need to learn and understand."

**Before the leaders/SS of Nazi Germany made the decision to the Final Solution (by Einsatzgruppen in the summer 1941 and extermination camps 1942-1945) there was another infamous document which sealed the fate of the Jews in Europa: the Mac Donald "White Paper" of May 1939; promulgated and enforced by the British Colonial Office in the Mandate of Palestine and Transjordan.**

Important to note that before the Nazi Germany was totally committed to exterminate all the Jews in Europe, their policy still allowed for the reduction of Jewish numbers in Europe by means of voluntary emigration. Jewish organizations, both mainstream and dissident, ran operations which attempted to bring Jews from Europe to Palestine, in violation of the strict immigration rules imposed (a quota of 75,000 people over a period of 5 years, starting in 1939) by the British Mandate of Palestine| British Colonial Office.

This self-Jewish-emigration required cooperation with the Nazi authorities, who saw the opportunity to make trouble for the British and as well as to get rid of Jews. The Committee for Sending Jews Overseas was an office that operated under the supervision of Adolf Eichmann, organizing emigration of Jews from the Nazi-controlled parts of Europe.

In September 1940, the Committee chartered three ships, the "Milos", the "Pacific" and the "Atlantic", to transport Jewish refugees from the Romanian port of Tulcea to Palestine. Their passengers consisted of about 3,600 refugees from the Jewish communities in Vienna, Gdansk Danzig and Prague.

The "Pacific" reached Palestinian waters on November 1, followed by the "Milos" a few days later. The ships were intercepted by the [[Royal Navy]] and taken to the port of Haifa. Warned in advance of the ships' arrival, the British [[Colonial Office]] was determined to refuse entry to the immigrants. With the security situation in the region improving following British successes in the [[Western Desert Campaign]], the Colonial Office decided it was less risky to provoke Jewish anger than to risk an [[Arab]] revolt, and that an example would be made to dissuade other potential immigrants from making the attempt.

The refugees were transferred to another ship, the "Patria", for the journey to Mauritius. Geneviève Pitot, "The Mauritian Shekel: The Story of Jewish Detainees in Mauritius, 1940-1945". Rowman & Littlefield, 2000. ISBN 0742508552.

In my opinion, the British victory was a pyrrhic victory, losing their empire. The Americans were a fundamental strategic ally, helping them with hardware, war supplies and talented manpower, as did their Commonwealth nations, as Australia, Canada, New Zealand, India and Palestine.

The damages the UK received from the Nazi G simply consumed all the country resources, financial reserves, its infrastructure and the man power. They won the war allied with USA, Russia, with impressive help from Canada, Australia, New Zealand, India, and many other Commonwealth countries, but they (UK) never recovered and the shining peak power of the pre-war era, and in the process, only five years from the end of WWII they lost all the major colonies. As an appendix to it, in 2014" Scotland is due to become independent and close almost 300 years of being united to Britain, in what we know now as Great Britain.

Was it worth the sacrifice of so many millions of Jews murdered during the holocaust, in such horrendous and painful conditions, in order to appease a few, just a few Arabs and Muslims?

In case of emergency, The British empire colonial army, then, with the USA military might had the power to occupy Saudi Arabia and its primitive desert scattered tribes, in order to keep the flow of oil to their war machines, as was the case with Iran and Iraq.

## GERMANY | BERLIN-TRACK 17

**(Gleis 17) | This DB railway track, belonging to Grunewald Train Station, WAS THE POINT OF ORIGIN FOR JEWS DEPORTATIONS FROM GREATER BERLIN AREA.**

After the Jews were arrested in different points of the city, they were rounded at the main Gestapo jail and later on transported by military truck to the station, with a SS security guard detachment. SS officers were purchasing the one way ticket for the destination assigned in the train manifest document issued by the Adolf Eichmann's Office of Jewish Affairs at the Reich Security Main Office.



**THEY WERE NOT DEPORTED FROM MAIN CITY STATIONS, BUT FROM A SMALL SATELLITE AND DISCRETE STATION, IN ORDER TO AVOID SUSPICIONS AND RUMORS.**

**Track 17**, or the “deportation ramp”, was a separate track, in the south part of the station, from other 16 tracks, all in use today. The north two tracks belong to the modern S-Bahn trains.

The deportation by train, from Greater Berlin (Bürger Berlins), lasted from October 1941 until the very last days on the war and they continued, sometimes with small groups of 12-23 persons, during the Battle of Berlin, March-May 1945.

From this station alone, more than 50,000 Jews, abiding citizens, tax contributors, legal residents of the city of Berlin, were deported to concentration and death camps in Soviet Union, Poland and Germany.

I LIST HERE ONLY A FEW DATES, FROM THE HUNDRED METAL PLATES AT THE STATION, and installed at the deportation ramp:

- On October 18<sup>th</sup>, 1941, 1,252 Jews from Berlin were concentrated and put on a train with the destination of Lodz, Poland
- On August 5<sup>th</sup>, 1942, 100 Jews from Berlin were transported from Track 17 to Theresienstadt.
- On October 19<sup>th</sup>, 1942, 963 Jews from Berlin were concentrated and transported to Riga.
- On August 10<sup>th</sup>, 1944, 38 Jews from Berlin were rounded and transported by rail to KL Auschwitz.
- On February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1945, 23 Jews from Berlin were deported by train to Ravensbrück and Sachsenhausen death camps.
- On March 27<sup>th</sup>, 1945, 18 Jews were deported from Berlin to Theresienstadt: this was the last recorded deportation of Jews from Berlin.



Today, **Grunewald Train Station Berlin** is a Memorial Site, where many oxidized blood color iron plates commemorated each departure with a date, number of transported and the destination of each train. On the main road to the station, an imposing long stone sculpture by polish artist Karol Broniatowski adorns the memorial site since 1991 (50 years after the first deportation), depicting seven silhouettes of persons journey to Track 17 and deportation ramp. | **PICTURES by RINEL ENGHELBERG, 2009**



# The Trains Of The **HOLOCAUST** CHAPTER 13

From the point-of-view of the trains of the Holocaust, these are the main points of origination per country; with the original number of Jews, before September 01st, 1939 and the approximate number that survived the war, May 8th, 1945:

**COUNTRY | JEWISH CITIZENS/POPULATION SEPT 01. 1939 |  
% THIS POPULATION STILL ALIVE MAY 09, 1945**

Alemania	141,500 --- 25,0%
Austria	50,000 --- 27,0%
Bélgica	28,900 --- 44,0%
Bohemia/Moravia	78,150 --- 66,1%
Bulgaria *****	0 --- 0 %
Dinamarca	60 --- 0,7%
Eslovaquia	71,000 --- 79,8%
Estonia	2,000 --- 44,4%
Unión Soviética	1,100,000 --- 36,4%
Ex-Yugoslavia	63,300 --- 81,2%
Finlandia	7 --- 0,3%
Francia	77,320 --- 22,1%
Grecia	67,000 --- 86,6%
Holanda	100,000 --- 71,4%
Hungría	569,000 --- 69,0%
Italia	7,680 --- 17,3%
Letonia	71,500 --- 78,1%
Lituania	143,000 --- 85,1%
Luxemburgo	1,950 --- 55,7%
Noruega	762 --- 44,8%
Polonia	3,000,000 --- 90,9%
Rumania	287,000 --- 47,1%

**(LOW ESTIMATES)**

COUNTRY	JEWISH POPULATION MURDERED
Polonia	2.900.000-3.000.000
Unión Soviética	1.000.000-1.100.000
Hungría	550.000-569.000
Rumania	271.000-287.000
Lituania	140.000-143.000
Alemania	134.000-141.000
Holanda	100.000
Bohemia y Moravia	78.150
Francia	75.970-77.320
Latvia	70.000-71.500
Checoslovaquia	68.000-71.000
Grecia	60.000-67.000

Yugoslavia	56.200-63.300
Bélgica	28.900
Italia	7.680
Estonia	1.500-2000
Luxemburgo	1.950
Noruega	762
Dinamarca	60
Finlandia	7

From the book “Escape del Último Tren de Auschwitz”, by Hedi Enghelberg.

**NORWAY** | 770 Norwegian citizens of Jewish ethnicity were eagerly deported by the German-installed Norwegian puppet government. They were transported by boat to Hamburg, Germany. From Hamburg they were transported by a Deutsche Reichsbahn train to KL Auschwitz.

**DENMARK** | Hearing of the Norway handling of the Norwegian Jewish citizens, the Denmark Resistance forces with help from Danish Crown and authorities secretly evacuated the Jewish Danish citizens, via ocean, to natural Sweden. Only 60 Danish Jews were arrested and deported the German Authorities.

**AUSTRIA** | Austria was annexed by the German Third Reich on 1938. During World War II, when Austria was part of the Third Reich, Steyr-Daimler-Puch's Generaldirektor **Georg Meindl** became one of the first German industrialists to suggest the use of slave labour from concentration camps to boost manpower at Steyr. The request was approved and prisoners were brought by **guarded train** from the Mauthausen-Gusen camp complex at Gusen 30 km distant.

Later, on 5 January 1942 Meindl wrote a letter to SS Gruppenführer Ernst Kaltenbrunner recommending a new 'satellite' prison camp be constructed to house prisoners nearer the Steyr factory complex, explaining how this would reduce the time and loss of prisoners in transit to and from work while also reducing security and transport overhead costs.

This was approved and prisoners were used for facilities construction (bomb shelters, etc.), and to supplant manufacturing labor. This practice heretofore was not common at other larger German companies, though others followed suit including Mercedes-Benz and MAN. The vehicle range was for military use, including the Steyr RSO Raupenschlepper Ost with an air-cooled 3.5 L V8 engine designed by Ferdinand Porsche, who worked for the company at that time. War-time production there also included small arms, assault rifles, machine guns, and aircraft engines.

At the end of the XIX-th century and the beginning of the XX-th century, Austria was the focal point of the anti-Semitism in Europe. Hitler and Co were inspired by the Austrian anti-Semitism and many of the most vocal criminals, in the high ranks of Nazi Germany, civilian and military, were Austrians or of Austrian descent.

Although, many Jews of Austrian descent were the most brilliant in their field of expertise, they were as well exterminated.

From a booming, prosperous and very well educated population of around 50,000 only 27%, 13,500 Jews of it were still alive at the end of the war. A colossal number reported to the country population, 36,500 Austrian citizens of Jewish origin were exterminated. All of them were shipped to the killing camps by trains.

Even today, bodies are still discovered and recovered.

**Mass graves of Nazi victims found** | By ASSOCIATED PRESS 12/03/2010 18:17 | **Austrian gov't identify two sites containing 70 bodies of those killed by SS.**

VIENNA — Austrian government officials say they have identified at least two mass graves of Nazi victims on property used by the army.

Austrian Interior Ministry spokesman Rudolf Gollia said on Friday that talks will be sought with the owners of the site to discuss possible exhumation. He said he did not know whether the army owns the property or rents it.

The mass graves are located underneath an army sports field in the southern city of Graz. Government officials say they contain about 70 bodies.

The victims were concentration camp inmates and others, all killed by the SS to eliminate witnesses to Nazi atrocities shortly before Soviet troops arrived. The graves were identified from wartime photos, made from US bombers, showing open graves and bodies.

**FRANCE** | FRANCE WAS UNDER THE OCUPATION OF THE NAZI GERMANY FROM spring 1940, when the Wehrmacht conquered the Northern part of France under the Blitzkrieg (entire Atlantic coast, Paris, and 3/5 of the actual french territory.), and capitulated on June 24, 1940. Vichy Governemnt (Vichy France) was constituted in the remaining 2/5 of the European french continental territory on July 10, 1940, under Marchal Phillippe Petain, a very well known officer of the WWI.

By trains belonging to the SNCF millions of French nationals were enrolled in paid and slave-labor to Nazi Germany proper, at agricultural and industrial outlets. Thousands of ex-soldiers (many volunteers) in the French Army enrolled in Wehrmacht, auxiliary units and Waffen SS divisions, and constituted elite units, like Regiment 638, Breton Waffen SS, Phalange Africains, Frankreich Brigade, Speer Legion, NSKK MotorGruppe, Organization Todt, Charlemagne Division, 21 Panzer Division, Brandenburg Division, Kriegsmarine, French Waffen SS Brigade/Division, etc. The French nationals were the largest contingent of foreign man power associated with Nazi German armed forces.

French officials under German occupation and Vichy government largely cooperated in implementing the German anti-Semitic laws; they aided and zealously collaborated in rounding the French Jews into trains (SNCF) to Auschwitz-Birkenau extermination camps in central Poland. Local French authorities, who were left in place to work with the Germans, collaborated actively, well beyond their duties, with the representatives of the Nazi occupation administration. The French authorities not only deported Jews with French citizenship, but many thousands of non-Jewish persons with french citizenship.

The Southern part of France was invaded late in 1942, after the succesfull "Operation Torch" (allied landing operation in North Africa) in order to get and size the powerful French naval units on the Mediterranean port of Toulon, and the Vichy Government, after that date, become just a puppet-associate.

The trains of the SNCF were the main mass transportation hardware used during the four years of German occupation for the moving of more than 100,000 French Jews and 35,000 of non-Jews to the concentration camps in Poland. Thousand died during rail transportation. More than 73,000-75,000 French Jews were exterminated and died, in horrible conditions, in the extermination camps of central Europe.

France was liberated by Allies, in August-September 1944, after the succesfull Allied landings on Normandy, June 06, 1944. French Free Resistance and military forces under Gen. De Gaulle and other generals were just preripheral forces in the Allied Expeditionary Forces. They role was symbolic.

Around 1990 French government acknowledged the situation and established compensations and pensions for the Jewish survivors of the deportation And the Holocaust in general, covering only French citizens.

In 2015, in a new wave of negotiations, France agreed to compensate the Jews and non-Jews deported (to exterminations camps in Poland and Germany proper) during the four years of the strong collaboration with the Nazis. This time Jews and non-Jews from Israel, USA and other countries.

*"There is no amount of money that could even make up for the horrific injustice done to these victims and their families"* A.H. Foxman, Director, Anti-Defamation League.

I may add, what happened to 77,000 deportees who died in the concentration and extermination camps... only because the French authorities were "zealots" in their collaboration. They could refuse the deportation of their citizens as the Bulgarian authorities did. This is a modest and late tribute to the more than 80,000 victims of the French Collaboration with the Nazis. France signed this agreement as well in order to remove the legal and moral roadblock for bidding in large infrastructure works in US.

**From the testimony of David Stoliar, November, 2013, for the book "THE LAST WITNESS" by HEDI Enghelberg, Eng Publishing.** He was sole sea survivor of the torpedo refugee ship SS Struma, Brlac Sea, Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>, 1942.

*"My mother divorced my father in 1932 in Bucharest. Later on, my mother left for Paris where her brother was living, working and was a French citizen. My mother was living and stayed in Paris until 1942.*

*During a round-up, an action by the French authorities, police and military, she was picked up French Police and put in jail. She ended up in the infamous Drancy Camp and later on **Convoy #12 from Drancy to KL Auschwitz**. She was gassed a few days later at Auschwitz and cremated at main crematoria. Her name was **Bella Leishman**. Her name comes from the from the sweet Jewish bred, name "lekeh".*

Note: David Stoliar received his French Government compensation, on behalf of his evacuated and later gassed/murdered mother, on December, 2012.

SNCF, Societe Nationale des Chemins de Fer Francais (National French Railways Corporation), operated trains for profit that transported during the Holocaust Second-Phase, more than 79,000 individuals, almost all Jews, to concentration camps in Central Europe. 77,320 Jews, French citizens, were murdered in the extermination camps of Poland. Many other thousand of Gypsies, non-resident, communists, and French nationals (resistance fighters) were as well deported by rail to concentration and extermination camps in Germany and Poland.

The French never had a correct evidence of the displaced and transported people under their jurisdiction.

In November 2010, SNCF publicly expressed the regrets for its role and active participation in transporting Jew to the extermination camps during WWII. This very late public statement was for PR purposes only, a disclosure needed for projecting a better corporate image during a bid process in Florida and other project of HS rails in California and in US in general.

On January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2011, the president of SNCF expressed his company first formal public apology directly to the HOLOCAUST victims. The company donated an area close to the most important deportation rail station to the French Shoah Memory Foundation.

It surprises very much an observer, that the country of the "Liberte, Fraternite, Egalite", of the French Revolution and of the "Droits de L'Homme" (human universal rights) was one of the most anti-Semitic one of the continent and ranking nine (9) on the Jewish (all French citizens) murdered in France or deported to Polish and German camps.

Unlike other European countries, they rounded, interned, killed and deported their own citizen, all of them tax contributors, law-abiding citizens, many with very valuable credentials and contributions to arts, music, writing, culture, education, banking, economy, industry, commerce and trade.

The July 10<sup>th</sup>, 1940, a vote for full power to Marshal Petain was successful and at the same time, The French State is proclaimed.

On October 10<sup>th</sup>, 1940, the France Vichy government proclaims end to Jewish status as citizens with full constitutional rights. The anti-Semitic operations in the country were conducted in day light and had a powerful economic incentive in the jobs it created in the French administration and the financial resources confiscated from the French Jews.

More than 50 concentration camps were organized in all France from the summer of 1940 until the end of the war, for French and foreign Jews, gypsies, communists, French Resistance, and other French citizen deemed "dangerous for the country"

The most notorious was Drancy Internment Camp, outside Paris, France, was the central place for the French anti-Semitism policy, where from 65,000+ Jews were deported by trains to Poland. 63,000+ were murdered, including 6,000+ children.

The main camp and its five sub camps were in active operation from August 1941 until Aug. 17<sup>th</sup>, 1944. Less than 2,000 French citizen, of Jewish origins, were alive in the camps of Drancy, when was liberated by American Soldiers.

The conserved war documents consider the number of 69,030 as deported from the country. Other numbers are at 76.600. Point of origin was the concentration camps at Drancy/Vittel and the destination was Auschwitz, where 41,810 were killed in the gas chambers. The 27, 220 who survived, represent 39.2% of the deportees. Other number figures the saved at only 2,500.

In France the concentration of the Jews for deportation to Auschwitz was a very traumatic process, like **The Vel' d'Hiv Roundup** in 16-17 of July 1942 done solely by French police and SNCF workers: 13,152 Jews were arrested, including 4,052 children. The French Gestapo asked only for matured Jews, and didn't mention on their order the children; any way they were delivered by the French collaborator, police and employees of the SNCF. In January 1943 another tragic episode was the Battle of Marseille, where 39700 French Jews were rounded and sent to Birkenau extermination camp.

67 to 77 trains were organized and instrumented by SNCF and by the very eager French collaborators: police, gendarmes and civilians, with very light Gestapo or SS supervision.

Other important center for deportation by rails was **Fort of Romainville**, outside Paris and transformed into a prison by the Germans, around 1940. This was an embarkation point for resistance members, regime hostages, criminals and Jews. After 152 were executed on the spot, 3,100 men and 3,900 women were transported by trains to the concentration/extermination camps of Auschwitz, Ravensbrück, Buchenwald and Dachau.

In the light of the Western civilization values, the cruelty, collaboration and ambivalence of the French stands apart and can be considered at par only with collaboration of the Rumanians and Polish population. The common explanation, that they (French) were under German occupation do not stand. Other countries were under Nazi occupation as were Austria, or Belgium, or Italy and they collaborated less than the French did.

29/06/1944 - Nazi French Paul Touvier (intelligence chief of Klaus Barbie, Gestapo Lyon leader) shoots 7 Jews dead at Rillieux-la-Pape near Lyon (IN 1994 WAS convicted of crimes against humanity, died in prison in July 1996).

One cannot understand this tragedy and macabre situation: the train no.77 living Drancy was on July 31, with 300 children. Paris was liberated by Americans a few days later.

#### LIST OF SOME TRAINS TRANSPORTS

- 27/02/1942 - 1st transport of French Jews to Nazi-Germany
- 16/07/1942 - French police arrest 13,152 Jews in Paris
- 17/07/1942 - Transport nr 6 departs with French Jews to Nazi-Germany  
Convoy nr. 12 from Drancy to KL Auschwitz.
- 07/08/1942 - Transport nr. 16 departs with French Jews to Nazi-Germany
- 17/08/1942 - Transport nr 20 departs with French Jews to Nazi-Germany
- 21/08/1942 - Transport nr 22 departs with French Jews to Nazi-Germany
- 24/08/1942 - Transport nr 23 departs with French Jews to Nazi-Germany
- 26/08/1942 - 7,000 Jews are rounded up in Vichy-France
- 26/08/1942 - Transport nr 24 departs with French Jews to Nazi-Germany
- 28/08/1942 - Transport nr 25 departs with French Jews to Nazi-Germany
- 04/09/1942 - Transport nr 28 departs with French Jews to Nazi-Germany
- 07/09/1942 - Transport nr 29 departs with French Jews to Nazi-Germany
- 11/09/1942 - Transport nr 31 departs with French Jews to Nazi-Germany
- 21/09/1942 - Transport nr 35 departs with French Jews to Nazi-Germany
- 23/09/1942 - Transport nr 36 departs with French Jews to Nazi-Germany
- 09/11/1942 - Transport nr 44 departs with French Jews to Nazi-Germany
- 11/11/1942 - Transport nr 45 departs with French Jews to Nazi-Germany
- 11/11/1942 - Jews in Free Zone of France ordered to wear yellow Star of David
- 11/11/1942 - 745 French Jews deported to KL Auschwitz
- 11/02/1943 - Transport nr 47 departs with French Jews to Nazi-Germany
- 04/03/1943 - Transport nr 50 departs with French Jews to Madame/Snobbier
- 31/07/1943 - Transport nr 58 departs with French Jews to Nazi Germany
- 31/07/1943 - Transport nr 58 departs with French Jews to Nazi Germany
- 27/03/1944 - 1,000 Jews leave Drancy France for KL Auschwitz
- 13/04/1944 - Transport nr 71 departs with French Jews to Nazi-Germany
- 30/05/1944 - Transport nr 75 departs with French Jews to Nazi-Germany
- 31/07/1944 - Transport nr 77 departs with French Jews to Nazi-Germany
- 21/08/1944 - Raid on Jewish children's house in Serta/St-Mind,
- 22/08/1944 - Last transport of French Jews to Nazi-Germany



**A RARE PICTURE: A FRENCH POLICEMAN OF THE VICHY'S GOVERNMENT OF MARSHAL PETAIN AND A GERMAN SS NCO, COORDINATING JEWISH TRANSPORT TO AUSCHWITZ | WANNSEE MUSEUM.**

The Frenchmen behaved with such collaborationism zeal, that if Napoleon Bonaparte will be alive today, he will declare that he's a Corsican and not a Frenchman.

The other luminaries of France, that brought so much international esteem to the Gale nation, will be as well ashamed by what, of so many gentile Frenchmen did during the war.

The displaced persons, the ones shipped by trains to the concentrations and extermination camps, were not strangers; some alien beings landing form a faraway planet, but were born there, loyal and taxpaying French citizens.

This deal of shipping its own citizens to death is unheard for such an advance society, industrial and moral, as we were thinking the French were. They have to consider this period as a dark period of their history, from capitulation in the summer of 1940 until liberation by the American-English-Canadian soldiers (after the successful landing in Normandy, June 6, 1944) in July-august 1944.

The collaborationism with over-zeal will always be a drag and a shame on, otherwise glorious, history of France.

Why they did not behave like the Bulgarians or like the Danish people nobody will ever explain.

The reader can bring to the forefront the Resistance, but in the big war context, this French resistance is very much a myth, a product of Hollywood (California) and was a very small force. Comparing it in effectiveness against much better trained and armed German soldiers, we could rate her below the Russian, Yugoslav or even Greek or Polish partisans.

But the French were speedy on sending the Jews to the extermination camps in Poland. They were Fast and effective!

The President Jacques Chirac, in a speech given in July 16<sup>th</sup>, 1995, recognized the responsibilities of the French State and in particular of the active French Police participation in The Vel' d'Hiv Roundup: for "*seconding the criminal folly of the occupying country*".

**WE INSERT THE US HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVE NEW ALLERT REFFERING TO THE SNCF-FRANCE.**

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Ros-Lehtinen Invites Holocaust Survivors to Testify on Lingering Injustices of the Holocaust

*Hearing focuses on legal rights of survivors, accountability for Railroad Company which transported victims to death camps*

(WASHINGTON) – U.S. Rep. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (R-FL), Chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, is holding a hearing tomorrow titled “Righting the Enduring Wrongs of the Holocaust: Insurance Accountability and Rail Justice.” The hearing will focus on the injustice faced by Holocaust victims and their survivors.

*“Nearly seven decades after the conclusion of the Holocaust, survivors and their families continue to feel the pain of injustice inflicted by insurance companies refusing to pay Holocaust-era policies. Worse still, these survivors have been continually blocked from having their day in court to bring this issue before a federal judge. Our legislation affirms survivors’ rights, as American citizens, to bring these matters before a court of law and receive the fair treatment that they were denied decades ago in Nazi Germany.*

*“This hearing is a much needed opportunity for survivors’ voices to be heard. I am very pleased that David Schaefer of Miami, President of the Holocaust Survivors Foundation USA, will appear before the Committee to provide his testimony. David will discuss his own experience and those of Herbert Karliner of Miami Beach, who was unable to attend our hearing due to a recent illness. We will also be joined by survivors from Los Angeles and Baltimore.*

*“It is a sad reality that time is running short for our survivors, and we must act swiftly and definitively to ensure that long overdue justice is served.”*

NOTE: Tomorrow, the Committee will discuss H.R. 890, the Holocaust Insurance Accountability Act of 2011, which was authored by Ros-Lehtinen with her Florida colleague Congressman Ted Deutch (D-FL). This bipartisan measure would allow survivors to avail themselves of state laws passed to allow them to have their day in court and to require European insurance companies conducting business in those states to disclose Nazi-era insurance policy information. The measure also establishes a federal right of action to recover proceeds due under the covered policies.

**The Committee will also discuss H.R. 1193, the Holocaust Rail Justice Act. The bill is authored by U.S. Rep. Carolyn B. Maloney (D-NY) and will prevent foreign sovereign immunity from being raised as a defense by the French rail company SNCF in a class action law suit brought against them by Holocaust survivors. SNCF operated trains for profit that transported more than 75,000 individuals to concentration camps during the Holocaust.**

The hearing will begin at 10:00 a.m. in room 2172 of the Rayburn House Office building. For more information, please click [here](#). A live webcast will be available [here](#).

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## **Maloney, Ros-Lehtinen Warn of Purple Line Bidder's Ties to Nazi Deportation Trains**

By [Hannah Hess](#), Roll Call Staff, Feb. 18, 2014, 5:08 p.m.

As French rail firm Keolis bids to lay down tracks in Metro’s planned Purple Line expansion, two members of the House are demanding that Maryland transportation officials pull the brakes.

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D-N.Y., and [Ileana Ros-Lehtinen](#), R-Fla., wrote to Maryland Transportation Secretary James T. Smith Jr., asking that he closely scrutinize Keolis's bid for the public-private partnership.

"During World War II, more than 76,000 Jews and thousands of other 'undesirables,' including U.S. pilots shot down over France, were transported from France toward Nazi death camps aboard trains operated by SNCF," they wrote. "The rail company collaborated with the Nazis, operating the trains as a commercial venture, and was paid per head, per kilometer to deliver tens of thousands to their deaths. However, the company has yet to pay reparations to its victims."

MDOT and the Maryland Transit Administration announced in January that Keolis, a subsidiary of France's national rail company SNCF, is among the finalists invited to submit bids for the 16-mile, 21-station light rail line that will run east to west inside the Capitol Beltway between Bethesda and New Carrollton. The contract is valued at more than \$6 billion.

Smith responded to the members' concerns in a Feb. 5 letter, saying Keolis complied with a Maryland state law requiring companies that had direct involvement in the deportation of victims to Nazi camps provide World War II records when bidding on MARC rail projects. The firm satisfied the requirements of the statute, he wrote.

Maloney and Ros-Lehtinen argue that if Keolis is awarded Maryland's contract, the funding "may be paid out of the very pockets of taxpayers who the company once willingly transported to the death camps."

In April 2013, the pair introduced a bill that would provide plaintiffs the right to seek damages in U.S. federal court against railroads that owned or operated trains that deported people to Nazi concentration camps.

The Supreme Court dismissed a previous lawsuit against SNCF under the Foreign Sovereign Immunities Act of 1976, which limits plaintiffs' ability to sue foreign governments. The rail company has argued it is an arm of the French government, which has paid out more than \$1 billion in reparations.

Maloney continues to gather support for the measure, according to spokesman Mike Morosi. She visited Poland recently to observe the 69th anniversary of the liberation of the Auschwitz concentration camp, and saw the rail line firsthand.

The bill is backed by 23 co-sponsors, and has been referred to House Foreign Affairs and House Judiciary. No committee action is currently scheduled. Sen. [Charles E. Schumer](#), D-N.Y., has introduced companion legislation, supported by 13 other senators.

For now, the best bet for steering the rail contract off course may be a [bill introduced in the Maryland state Legislature](#) that aims to prohibit the state from entering contracts with companies complicit in Holocaust deportations, unless those companies have paid reparations to victims.

Smith warns that additional restrictive conditions could conflict with the existing federal competitive bidding requirements. Segregating federal funds from the Purple Line financial plan "is not a realistic option, due to the project's cost, scale and service requirements."

But he did assure the two members that he took their concerns seriously. "Due to the complexity and seriousness of the issues raised by your correspondence, we will continue to consult with the Attorney General's office and the appropriate federal agencies so we can remain in accord with both federal and state law," he wrote.

Ros-Lehtinen said the sponsors are "standing up for justice, accountability and morality" and that state legislation would be a "step in the right direction" towards passage of the congressional Holocaust Rail Justice Act.

[http://www.rollcall.com/news/maloney\\_ros\\_lehtinen\\_warn\\_of\\_purple\\_line\\_bidders\\_ties\\_to\\_nazi\\_deportation-230935-1.html](http://www.rollcall.com/news/maloney_ros_lehtinen_warn_of_purple_line_bidders_ties_to_nazi_deportation-230935-1.html)

**HOLLAND** | IN THE CONTEX OF EUROPE, HOLLAND is the country with the higher percentage of its Jewish population during the war, due to the Holocaust. Total number of deported persons stands at 56,575. 38, 305 were killed at Auschwitz and only 18, 270 survived, at the general rate of 67% killed and 33% survival rate.

#### LIST OF SOME TRAINS TRANSPORTS

25/11/1941 - German Jews in Netherlands declared stateless (lose of nationality)  
 29/04/1942 - Jews forced to wear a Jewish Star in Netherlands and Vichy-France  
 01/05/1942 - Radio Orange calls to defy order to wear "Jewish star"  
 03/05/1942 - Nazi's require Dutch Jews to wear a Jewish star  
 20/06/1942 - Adolf Eichmann proclaims deportation of Dutch Jews  
 14/07/1942 - Riots against Jews in Amsterdam  
 14/07/1942 - 1st transport of Amsterdam Jews to Westerbork  
 15/07/1942 - Dutch Jews invoked for "Labor camps"  
 16/07/1942 - Jews transported from Holland to extermination camp  
 30/07/1942 - German occupiers set night curfew on Jews in Netherlands



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 06/08/1942 - -8 Riots by Dutch Jews  
 15/01/1943 - 1st transport of Jews from Amsterdam to concentration camp Vugh  
 17/02/1943 - Dutch churches protest at Seyss-Inquart against persecution of Jews  
 21/02/1943 - Dutch RC bishops protest against persecution of Jews  
 01/03/1943 - Jewish old age home for disabled in Amsterdam raided  
 18/06/1943 - SS Police in Amsterdam sentence for 12 resistance fighter to death (Jewish, communists, homosexuality) at the census bureau  
 20/06/1943 - German round up Jews in Amsterdam  
 07/09/1943 - 987 Dutch Jewish transported to Auschwitz Concentration Camp  
 29/09/1943 - German riots at Amsterdam Jews  
 03/09/1944 - 68th and last transport of Dutch Jews (Anne Frank) leaves to Auschwitz

**BELGIUM** | According to author Maxime Steinberg, 27,299 persons were deported from Belgium: 13,781 Belgian citizens, 177 foreign national and other 13,958 of Jewish origin. This represented 22.4% of Belgium population arrested by the Nazis.

The point of origin was the Malines concentration camps and the destination was Auschwitz, Poland, where 16,100 went directly to the gas chambers (63.7%).

**ITALY** | The Italians, first under Mussolini and later under Germans, even as they were official allies of the Germany (until 1943), were much more reluctant to deport Jews to Germany or Poland, like the French did. Only less than 7,500 were deported from Northern Italy, in 1944, then under German occupation.

**GREECE** | Before the WWII, Greece was housing a flourishing Jewish community of more than 77,500 people, in a very long peaceful and harmonious co-existence. The economical and spiritual centers of this community were the cities of Athens and Salonika (Thessaloniki). The Jewish presence, economically, culturally and social in Salonika was so powerful, that the urbe was named “the Jerusalem of the East”.

**Greek Holocaust survivors to have citizenship restored** | ATHENS – Holocaust survivors of Greek extraction will soon have their Greek citizenship restored in an expedited process, the country’s Deputy Foreign Minister Dimitrios Dollis, who accompanied Prime Minister George Papandreou on his official visit to Israel in late July, told *The Jerusalem Post* on Wednesday. That survivors have been denied their citizenship until now was a “result of the paranoia of consecutive governments,” Dollis said. | *Jerusalem Post*, November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010



**A RARE PICTURE OF JESW FROM THRACE AND GREECE, FALLEN UNDE BULGARIAN JURISDICTION. NONE OF THE BULGARIAN CITIZENS OF JEWSIH ORIGIN WERE EXPELLED OR TRANSPORTED TO POLAND, OR EXTERMINATED. [WANNSEE MUSEUM]**

**BULGARY** | **THE ONLY EUROPEAN COUNTRY COMMITTED 100% AGAINST GERMAN’S RACIAL POLICY.** None of its citizen of Jewish origin were subject to racial laws of were being rounded and transported to the concentration or extermination camps of Germany or Poland. As a nominal ally of the Hitler’s Germany, the Bulgarian government, politicians and religious leaders were against this racial policy.

**WE SALUTE THE BULGARIAN PEOPLE FOR THESE VALIANT AND UNIQUE POSITIONS VS. THE JEWISH PROBLEM IN EUROPE, 1933-1945.**

Only a few thousand of Jewish from territories fallen under Bulgarian war jurisdiction, in Thrace and Greece, were transported by trains to Poland and Germany, under German guard and organization.

**HUNGARY** | Admiral Horthy was instated by the Rumanian military forces, after a brief war in 1919, between then the Hungarian Soviet Republic and Rumania (then a kingdom, under King Ferdinand) as part of a temporary military alliance (Entante) with Serbian and Czechoslovakian forces.

During the WWII the Regent Horthy, was an official ally of the Hitler's Germany and resisted the deportation of the Hungarian Jewish citizens and the implementation of some German-inspired racial laws. During this time no deportation trains were organized.

This was in total contrast with neighboring Rumania, another Germany's Ally, under general Antonescu: a military academy graduate and colleague with many important and leading German generals. When Horti, in 1944, realized that the Germans under Hitler's leadership, lost the war, he was ready to denounce the alliance with the Nazi and enter an agreement with the Soviets and the Western Allies.

This was the reason for the "Operation Margarethe" in March 1944. Only after Hungary was occupied by Nazi soldiers and general Horti arrested and removed from power, the lists, the concentration, the shipments by trains to the Poland and ulterior extermination of more than 437,000 - 475,000 Hungarian Jews started, at the focused coordination and management of a very tragic personage of the "Final Solution", Lt.Col. SS Adolf Eichmann.

Eichmann, now operating freely and with impunity from Budapest, was frantic at shipping Jews to the "killing fields" of Poland, and especially KL Auschwitz, to where he was organizing transports, starting May 15, 1944, at a phenomenal rate of 11,500-12,500 a day. After more than 475,000 were transported and many exterminated, some of the transports stopped on July 07<sup>th</sup>, 1944, at the intervention of the regent Horti, because the truth was out.

Starting June 15<sup>th</sup>, BBC of London, on his broadcast World Service (in English, Czech and Slovak) filling the airwaves with a program inspired by two inmates who escaped from KL Auschwitz. They wrote the Vrba-Wetzler Report, about the mass killing of the Jews and not the resettlements of this population, as was the official policy.



Eichmann "masterpiece" is the almost total extermination of the Hungarian Jews and its culture. SS-Obersturmbannführer Adolf Eichmann is seen here directing trains from Budapest main rail station, to Auschwitz. More than 450,000 Jewish died in this evacuation-extermination operation, whose architect and operator-in-chief was himself. [A rare picture, taken from very short army movie footage, maybe late summer-fall 1944].

At the pressure of the BBC programs and three editorials on The New York Times, the secret was out. Many personalities intervened to Horti, that, after the war, he will be held responsible for the deportation and the killings in the gas chambers of KL Birkenau and KL Auschwitz; Admiral Horti ordered the trains transport to stop on July 07<sup>th</sup>. They stopped effectively on July 09<sup>th</sup> 1944. Between 100,000 and 200,000 Hungarians Jews still remained in Hungary proper. Some were saved, but the killings of about 425,000-450,000 persons could not be undone.

**SERBIA [ PART OF YUGOSLAVIA ]** | The transports started as early as on June-July 1942 and continued until summer of 1944. Deportation and death marches were conducted from German-Occupied and German-Allied territories in Yugoslavia. A vast network of ghettos, deportation, concentration and exterminations camp were operational in Yugoslavia. The bone of the operations was led by a few Nazi SS officers (lower ranks) and SS troops, but with an overwhelming collaboration of the local authorities.



**Picture taken in June 1942, of a rail transport of previously rounded for deportation of undesirable Serbs and Gypsies. Some were marched to the Kozara and Jasenovac Concentration Camps, or to Auschwitz/Buchenwald. [USHMM]. Initial picture was taken by a Yugoslav partisan belonging to the National Revolution Movement.**

**SLOVAKIA** | On September 9, 1941, the parliament of "independent" Slovakia - a Nazi puppet state - ratified the Jewish Codex, a series of laws and regulations that stripped Slovakia's 80,000 Jews of their civil rights and all means of economic survival and in effect placed them beyond the bounds of law and society.

The fascist Slovak leadership was so impatient to be rid of the Jews that it paid the Nazis DM 500 in exchange for each expelled Jew and a promise that the deportees would never return to Slovakia. The decision by Slovakia to initiate and pay for the expulsion was unprecedented among the satellite states of Nazi Germany. They paid 40 million RM to the SS for this operation.



**Another train transport. Jews being loaded onto trains at the Umschlagplatz, under SS guard. | Barbara Engelking; Jacek Leociak (2001). *Ghetto Warszawskie - Przewodnik po nieistniejącym mieście*. Warszawa: Wydawnictwo IFiS PAN. ISBN 83-87632-83**

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# The Trains Of The HOLOCAUST

## CHAPTER 14

**POLAND** | POLAND HAS THE GRIM TITLE AS “THE PRIMARY COUNTRY/STATE OF THE HOLOCAUST”. Germany invades Poland, that disappears as an Independent state, being divided in conjunction with Soviet Union and Slovakia.

On Sept. 01, 1939, Gerd von Rundstedt’s 12 infantry divisions, 6 armored and mechanized divisions, numbering 425,000 german soldiers go to war against 8 polish divisions in the West, numbering a total 225,000 soldiers.

Three days later, UK and France declare war on Germany. In less than 2 week, between two fronts, Germany on the West and URSS in the East, the Polish Army, the same one that was victorious against the Russians in the 1920’s, put the fight, but was outnumbered, outmaneuvered, under a technology superiority (Germany) of the introduction of the Blitzkrieg, was left alone to face the german iron storm (by France and England) and surrenders.

After the September Battle of Bzura, the Battle of Warsaw and other small encounters and big maneuvers, after 8,000 german dead, 18,000 polish soldiers dead, 170,000 prisoners and the last attack by horse mounted (polish) cavalry in the history, Poland is finished, and the Poland state, as a political and social entity, disappeared under the new General Government (a german puppet state) and is divided between the Nazis and the Communists. The occupation and “pacification” is total and brutal, on both sides, Nazi Germany in the West and URSS in the East.

If not for the weapons, the arbitrary killings, the barbed wire and the dogs that defines the labor and/or the killing camps, but Poland proper was your prison. The locals will kill or turn you in. Poland, like Siberia for others, was your camp and prison. There was a bounty on the head of every fugitive Jew; the local polish will receive like a few kilograms of sugar or a few lots of bread for every Jew that escaped from a camp.

An observer can look around the map of Central Europe. There was no refuge there! The Jews had no friends there and the observer will understand that there is no future here. A few millions square kilometers of danger and hostility surrounded less that 10 million Jews. There was no mercy for Jew as from 1939 until 1945. The natures, the locals, the collaborators, the Nazis, all were in a hunt for Jews. **There was nowhere to hide in Europe!**

**19/09/1939 - Wehrmacht (German regular army) murders 100 Jews in Lukov Poland**

**26/10/1939 - Polish Jewish forced into obligatory work service**

**04/12/1941 - Nazi administration forces put in force ordinances placing Jews of Poland outside protection of courts.**

**06/10/1939 - Hitler announces plans to regulate Jewish problem**

**26/10/1939 - Polish Jewish forced into obligatory work service**

**30/10/1939 - USSR and Germany agree on partitioning Poland, Hitler deports Jews from Poland.**

**12/11/1939 - Jews in Lodz Poland ordered to wear yellow Star of David**

**15/11/1939 – German Forces begin mass murder of Warsaw Jews**

**23/11/1939 - Nazi Gov of Poland Hans Frank requires Jews to wear a blue star**

**01/12/1939 - SS-Fuhrer Himmler begins deportation of Polish Jews**

**11/12/1939 - New anti Jewish measurements in Poland, proclaimed**

**25/01/1940 - Nazi decrees establishment of Jewish ghetto in Lodz Poland**

**26/01/1940 - Nazi's forbid Polish Jews to travel on trains**

**31/10/1940 - Deadline for Warsaw Jews to move into Warsaw Ghetto**

**26/11/1940 - Nazi Germany began walling off the Jewish Ghetto in Warsaw**

The Nazis built the concentrated and compact network of ghettos, labor, concentration and extermination camps in occupied Poland, starting immediately after country defeat division and pacification, in late 1939-1940. They (the Nazis) found there (Poland) a profound anti-Semitic population and a demoralized country. Jews were sold to authorities for a loaf of bread or a kilo of sugar.

Many ask now, why the Jews did not escape, where so many were imprisoned and so few guards were present. The system, inspired by the camps of the British in South Africa (Boers wars) and the Soviets gulags in Siberia, worked very good under SS management.

**KL Treblinka** | The correct name of this terrible and sad place was: **Arbeitslager Treblinka, SS-Sonderkommandos Treblinka, Vernichtungslager Treblinka.**

- It was as well an extermination, labor and penal labor camp; was situated in a bucolic forest in Poland, surrounded by big and tall trees.
- KL Treblinka was a camp system: Treblinka I, was built in 1941 and Treblinka II in 1942. They were built under the **Operation Reinhard**, together with two other sinister sister-sites, extermination camps, **KL Belzec** and **KL Sobibor**.
- The difference of these 3 KL-s was that they were under direct supervision of Hitler, but operations were delegated to Himmler, the head of the SS.
- The Lager was in full operations as from July 1941 until Oct. 1943.
- Conservative estimation give a figure of about 847.900 people killed in this camp, alone. In 1965, Dr. Helmut Kraunsnick, Director of the Contemporary History Institute of Munich, testified in front of the Superior Tribunal of Dusseldorf, and give a figure of 700,000 killed.
- In 1969, the same tribunal, adding more testimonies, concluded that 900,000 people were killed at Treblinka II.
- According to the German and Ukrainian guard's testimonies, 1,000,000 up to 1,400,000 people were killed in at KL Treblinka II.
- John Demjanuk was a guard at this camp. He was arrested for the involvement and direct killing of 27,900 people at Treblinka and sentenced in Israel to death in 1988 (verdict revoked in 1993 by the Supreme Court of Israel). He was known as the Ivan, the Terrible. He was extradited from USA in 2009 where he underwent a trial in Germany, as the case is still active.
- KL Treblinka I was the administrative core of the operation, with German guards, SS and auxiliary troops from Ukraine. This camp was sheltering about 1,000 prisoners, needed for maintenance and transport trains receptions. These ones + 500 from i II were replaced every 5-7 days due to stress, hard work and punishment.
- KL Treblinka II was the operation core: the electrified fence was leading, the people of the transport trains from the makeshift trains station directly to the gas chambers. A big bit, 1.0-1.5m deep and 20 meters long was used for open air cremations of the bodies from the gas chambers. 500 prisoners were operating this gas chambers system and cremations pits, from within the Treblinka II.
- As per SS Brigadeführer Jurgen Stroop report, 350,000 Jews were deported from the Warsaw Ghetto alone, by trains, to Treblinka II for immediate extermination, as from July 22sd until October 3rd, 1942.
- The railway was extended into the camp and operational building were erected on both sides: one as a warehouse for all the baggage of the prisoners, selection of goods, tools, instruments, clothes, valuable, and money. Etc. The other building was destined for the women to undress and receive a haircut. The hair was a prized raw material used for special filters in airplanes and submarines.
- The trains were arriving at the camp at least 2-3 times every day, each carrying some 3,000 up to 5,000 people, all from the Warsaw Ghetto. The train box cars, were made in France, in steel (not in wood) so were almost hermetic. Half of the human cargo was dead on arrival. The survivors of these transports were almost dead or under tremendous stress, as we consider today a Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). At the time of these train transports, on the Eastern front, this was the time of the big German offensive at Stalingrad, where hundreds of thousands of German (+German allied) and soviet soldiers were facing and killing each other.
- The dead bodies were piled on the train ramp, as wood logs. The survivors of the transports, already under PTSO, had to wait another 1-2 days until the small gas chamber, that was working 24/7, could receive and accommodate them.
- In August 2sd 1943, the 1,500 working prisoners, the so called, Sonderkommandos, rebelled, under the name "the Revolution in Berlin". They burned the gas chamber, the barracks and other installations; they killed some Germans soldiers and NCO-s. 600 Jewish prisoners escaped from the electrified fenced perimeter, into the adjacent forest. They we followed by the remaining German and Ukrainian guards. From this total 50-40 escaped for good, and the Germans never recovered them
- The gas chamber operation was suspended and the camp, one month later, was cleared, erased and abandoned. Trees were planted in the now deserted camp.
- At the same time, another revolt was taking place at **KL Sobibor**, October 14th, 1943, with the same conclusions: some German dead, gas chamber and crematories destroyed, mass killing operation compromised and 600-700 escaped, with some 100-120 joined the Polish partisans.

- These two revolts prompted the closure of the Operation Reinhard, and the three camps included in it. The secret operations conducted by the SS and local collaborators, were now into the open public view, due to the escaped witnesses.
- **After the war concluded in May 8-9th 1945, less than 100 people survived KL Treblinka I and KL Treblinka II, where 700,000-1,400,000 people were murdered.**

**Escape where from the camps? In Poland?** There was no shelter in Poland for Jews. It was not safe for them to be there, because the terror and the danger of being denounced to police or killed was a clear and present danger.

The Germans were paying some 500 slotz. for every Jews or for information leading to the capture of a Jew. At 70 slotz. of weekly salary, 500 slotz. this was a real fortune and too big temptation for the ordinary Pole.\*\*\*

**And later where to hide?** | This was the reason only so few escaped, because there no place to hide and no sympathy for Jews there, in Central Europe The anti-Semitism was running deep in Central Europe, not in the XX century only, but from medieval times, across the continent, from Spain to Russia.

All physical, social and economical space was populated with anti-Semitism, a European product, this hateful philosophy was broadcasted everywhere by the powerful machine of the German Propaganda Ministry and its agents.

The public discourse was poisoned and heavily polluted by anti-Semitism. This virulent anti-Semitism policy, Austrian, German, Polish, French, Belgian, etc., was an ongoing threat to all Jews in Europe.

The anti-Judaism and incitement propaganda against Jews was the force behind the atrocities for the Holocaust in Europe.

There were no voices to fight and condemn anti-Semitism abhorrent state policy promoted by the Hitler's Germany in Europe, during this dark time of 1933-1945. There is so mucho to write about it (anti-Semitism), that many separate volumes should be dedicated to this subject.

Even very few Allied/Soviet soldiers and officers escaped, and these guys had a very good military training. All Europe was covered with a network of collaborators and german informants, especially in Poland.

Only the 3 crematories at KL Birkenau were able to process and incinerate 10,000 bodies a day. At one point 30,000 people were gassed daily at the same KL (Kontrantion Kamp)

**"History knows no parallel of such destruction of human life"** Raul Hilberg | "German Extermination Camps—Auschwitz and Birkenau", first published November 26, 1944 by the Executive Office of the U.S. War Refugee Board.

More than 1.250.000 people, 90 percent of them Jewish, perished in gas chambers or died of starvation and diseases at the KL Auschwitz-Birkenau complex alone, before it was liberated by advancing Soviet troops on January 27, 1945. Five of the most famous extermination camps and they killing complex and operation were hosted in Poland.

Sometime death was better than continue breathing. Living in terrible conditions, some of the Jewish inmates in these concentration and extermination camps choose o revolt against the german and their collaborators guards:

- 1. Treblinka, August 2sd, 1943,**
- 2. Bialystok Ghetto Insurrection, August 16th, 1943, the second largest uprising after the Warsaw Revolt.**
- 3. Babi Yar, September 29th, 1943,**
- 4. Sobibor, October 14th, 1943,**
- 5. Janowska, November 19th 1943,**
- 6. Vilna (Lithuania SSR), as from Sept. 1943 until liberation by Soviet forces, July 1944.**
- 7. Auschwitz, October 7th, 1944\*.**

In the winter of 1944-1945, due to Rumanian military insurrection and advances of the three Soviet armies on the Eastern front, some lagers and concentration camps were given the order to clean their operation, erase all mark of crimes committed there, and move their prisoners west.

Then, after the killing of the weak and sick's, after open pits cremation, with the rest of prisoners, the Germans and the guards started another murderous process, marked by disorder and confusion, **the forced death**

**marches.** The marches were a retreat, were poorly organized, with no resources, a last resort and precipitated measure to save themselves (the Nazi & collaborators) and continue to terrorize their prisoners.

The death marches (in Poland, Rumania and Germany) had no military, social or economic significance, at all.

Human endurance was stretched at maximum. Some felt that they have no power to go forward and resigned themselves to the idea of death. Their state of despair, malnutrition and sickness caused a total loss of physical force to continue, the moral force to stay alive, accentuated by the panorama of death and suffering around them. The 1944-1945 winters in Poland: the cold was bitter, the snow was high and the wind was high. The white road was littered by dead comrades killed by the cruel elements forces or executed by the guards.

The slaughter and mass killings were a reminiscent of the Einsatzgruppen operation, only three years previous, when the German forces marches so triumphal in URSS in the summer of 1941.

Some forced marches were only a couple of day long, some were weeks, until they could reach another camp or a rails station area, where the trains, again, transported those to the larger camps in Western Poland. 30-70% death rate was registered in these death marches to another death camps.

A spectator of these marches will be astonished at the mental and physical sufferings endured by the prisoners and how some survived this ordeal.

\*\*\* Until 2012, 6,000 Poles were awarded "Righteous Among the Nations" title for helping Jews escape during WWII.

**RUMANIA** | 1939-1944 | On Aug. 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1944, Rumania denounced his five -years-old military and political alliance with Nazi Germany and Joined the Allies in the final push from the East to Berlin and from the West to the Siegfried Line.

At that time, Rumania was contributing to the German war effort with about 600,000 soldiers, and, more than soldiers, with its crude and refined oil from the rich fields of Ploiesti (read about strategic aerial bombardments by the US Air Force on August 1943/ "Black Sunday" and Operation "Tidal Wave"), counting for about 35% of all the Germany operational necessities.

Loosing Rumania, Germany lost the Carpathian Mountains defenses, some 25,000 soldiers left behind enemy line, a lot of heavy equipment, and prompted an accelerated advance of the soviet eastern center line to the old eastern Hungarian frontier.

Loosing Rumania, the Germans lost as well Bulgaria. The anchor of the Eastern front was left on Yugoslavia in the South, Hungary and Austria in the center and eastern Poland in the north, a very long and difficult defensive line. the loss of Rumania, put the Germans, after 3 year of bloody fights, almost square back on to the beginning of the Eastern adventure, at the very beginning of the Operation Barbarossa, on June, 1941, but this time around, not with most powerful military machine ever to invade Russia, but with a decimated skeleton and collection of defensive armies.

Dealing with the summer Russian offensive, they (Eastern German defensive front) will have to deal with the added burden of 600k Rumanian soldiers, some of them fairly well trained in infantry and artillery warfare, backed by a small but robust (and better equipped than the Russian counterpart) Air Force: German-made Bf 109s, Bf 100s and Rumanian-made IAR-80s.

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Rumania was the host of one of the largest Jewish population in Europe and a place where the Jewish culture and economy flourished and offered the host country an important boost in process of modernization. On the other hand, Rumania has a long history of anti-Semitism. The rise to power in Germany of the Nazi and the implementation of the racial laws were the political bases and the doctrine the Iron Guard and the military government of Gen. Antonescu.

Only a few dates and places of the Rumanian-made massacre of Jews, in their territory of influence. The Rumanian army is 100% responsible, because there were no special trained units as the German SS or the Einsatzgruppen to do these jobs, beside the regular conscripted army soldiers and officers (reserve and carrier).

- **19/06/1941 - Rumania orders Jews to evacuate Darabani**
- **28/06/1941 - German and Rumanian soldiers kill 11,000 Jews in Kishinev**
- **07/08/1941 - 551 Jews are shot in Kishinev ghetto in Rumania by Rumanian and German soldiers.**
- **January 22, 1941: 1st mass killing of Jews in Rumania**



**The bodies of many Rumanian Jewish citizens, living in the great city of Iasi (NE of Moldavia), in the interior patio of the Police HQ (Chestura-Prefectura). | Picture courtesy Prof. Dinu C. Guirescu**



**The brutality of the reality: Romanian soldiers and police opening the "Death Trains" from Iasi. The victims, hundreds of them, died because exposure to high temperatures in the unventilated trains, suffocation, lack of water and food. Yad Vashem Museum.**

The pogroms, genocide and killings occurred between June-July, 1941. **A total of 3,031 Jews citizens were assassinated by firing squads of the Rumanian police and Romanian Army Infantry squads (with very little assistance from the Germans).**

**Additional casualties of this military-political action occurred in two "death trains".**

100,000 Jews that were refugees from Poland and other western European countries and were evacuated to Transylvania were embarked by the Rumanians back to Poland. Rumania transported its Jew and the Jews of the counties that came under its military rule, as Moldavia, and Northern Bucovina to Trans-Nistria concentration camps, some by rails, and some by primitive, slow and murderous foot forced marches.

From a total population estimated at 550,000-575.000 (275,000+ Romanism citizens and the rest Jewish refugees), only 245-255,000 survived the war. Taking the Western figures, 56% of Rumania Jewish population was assassinated in killing camps, Rumanian firing squads, and exposure to elements, malnutrition, hard labor, famine, and sickness. About 44% of the Jews survived the atrocities of the war. Today, less than 5,000 Jews live in Rumania





**A RARE PICTURE : Romanian Jews, are embarked in train for Poland's concentration and extermination camps | circa 1943. Yad VaShem Museum.**

From an interview with Radu Ioanid, Director of the HOLOCAUST Museum in Washington DC, about a very ugly story and about the anti-Semitism in Rumania.

*« Deci, până la urmă, Holocaustul n-ar fi doar despre mașinării de stat careucid cu metodă, ci și despre oameni care, asistând la uciderea altora, participă prin tăcere la acest proces. »*

So, in conclusion, the HOLOCAUST is not only about the German state sponsors and the murdering with a method, but as well, about other countries, Institutions groups and sometimes simple people that were assisting the Germans in the killings of others. They all were participating actively and sometimes with zeal to this process.

*« Bineînțeles. Simplificând, avem trei categorii de oameni: făptașii, victimele, dar și martorul ocular care tace și nu face nimic împotriva a ceea ce se petrece sub ochii săi. Sigur că nu este simplu. Sunt situații în care pur și simplu nu poți interveni. »*

All is well understood. In simplifying, we have three categories of people: the one who did the killings, the victims and the actual witness who is Silent y do nothing against what is happening in front of his eyes. Sure, is not simple. There are situation in which you cannot intervene. | [Radu Ioanid, director la Muzeul Holocaustului din Washington, vorbește despre o istorie urâtă și despre fețele antisemitismului din România]

Still today, in September-October, 2010 in Iasi and Bucharest, two mass graves were discovered. The local and international media are focused on these new discoveries of assassinated Jews in Iasi and Bucharest, and even some living Rumanian witnesses are living to give testimony to the killings done by regular soldiers and officers of the Rumanian Army.

In Rumania, as in Poland, in the winter of 1944-1945, due to Rumanian military insurrection and advances of the three Soviet armies on the Eastern front, some lagers and concentration camps were given the order to clean their operation, erase all mark of crimes committed there, and move their prisoners west.

Then, after the killing of the weak and sick's, after open pits cremation, with the rest of prisoners, the Germans and the guards started another murderous process, marked by disorder and confusion, **the forced death marches**. The marches were a retreat, were poorly organized, with no resources, a last resort and precipitated measure to save themselves (the Nazi & collaborators) and continue to terrorize their prisoners.

The death marches (in Poland, Rumania and Germany) had no military, social or economic significance. The death marches were just another mean of torture and a form of physical annihilation. The Germans SS troops & Associates were trying to flee the Russian avant-garde, but taking with them the Jewish prisoners, that were not helping, at that time, in any capacity, to the Reich defenses or economical war front effort.

Some forced marches were only a couple of day long, some were weeks, until they could leach another camp or a rails station area, where the trains, again, transported those to the larger camps in Western Poland. 30-70% death rate was registered in these death marches to another death camps.

**USSR** | Germany invades URSS as instructed by. Hitler. He signed the directive as "Barbarossa Plan" more than a year before was activated on June 1941.

In a few short months of very successful military operations against a misled and ill-equipped Red Army, they get millions of Jews and Soviet soldiers as prisoners. As described in the Einsatzgruppen chapter, their fate is sealed upon capture.

In the railways matters, the Russian system was larger than the standard of the European countries\*\*\* and far less developed. The German war planner have now a big problem: without paved roads, with difficult climate, the Wehrmacht have to advance, and it advances fast, on its own tracks: the trucks have to mitigate the difficult terrains and poor roads, the Panzers have to run on their metal trucks, and not on ground truck transports or trains.

\*\*\* There was a difference in the Russian rail gauge of **1,520mm** (11 5/6 ft) and the European/German and International rail gauge, standard of **1,435mm**, (81/2 ft). Germany took the way of adapting the Russian gauge to the European gauge, in order to get the military trains across, because a very poor locomotives stock in USSR and the time consumed in transporting the freight from the German trains to the Russian trains. Hundred of such crews of forced slave labor, Jews and war prisoners alike, 100-150 people each were assigned this difficult task of adapting the old and ill equipped Russian railways system to the modern German/European standard.

At it did with the Napoleon's Grand Army in the summer, fall and winter of 1812, Russia inclement climate, desolate environment and underdevelopment simply swallowed the Germanic invader and its associates, Rumanian, Hungarians and Italians. The technological advantage of the German Army simply disappeared in the mud and waste steppes of URSS.

The German industry had the advantage of procuring faster the steam locomotives and cars for rails transportation, than simply cannibalizing the left over and captured Russian equipment (poor equipment and in very bad shape) left behind the massive windrows of 1941-1942. The Germans started to adapt the caliber of the Russian railway system to the European standard and this required time and thousands of people. They recruited the Jewish prisoners to do this job, under German railways engineer, supervision and approving the work.

My father, **Moises Enghelberg** (born Darmanesti, August 8<sup>th</sup>, 1919) was deported to the Bacau Ghetto in the summer of 1941. Upon arrival he was assigned, by the Romanian military authorities as slave workers on a Rumanian detachment, CFR #105 (Romanian Rails Roads, Caile Ferate Romane). He was, among many others, thousand of them, a slave workforce, and advanced with the Romanian more than 200km into URSS. These detachments were assigned not only to railroads works details, but to the construction of cement-reinforced bunkers, anti-armor defenses, snow cleaning (the Germans had a predilection on putting the Jews to clean the snow!!!) and maintenance work

When the war fortune changed in 1944, he was retreating with the Romain & Germans, after the big summer Soviet offensive of Iasi-Tirgu-Frumos, June-July 1944. He continuously slaved for the Romanians and the Germans from 1941 until August 1944, when he escaped one of the last trains (leaving Romania) presumably heading to Auschwitz, Poland.

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# The Trains Of The HOLOCAUST

## CHAPTER 15

**TRAINS DESTINATIONS** | The trains were rolling from all over Europe, from West, from East, from the North or from the South of the continent, to the center of it. Center Poland and close bay areas were the epicenter of the interment, mass-extermination, and where the slave labor was harvested, in many war-essential industries.

Poland was the center of the Second Phase of the Holocaust, because the proximity to the Eastern front, to the West, to Germany proper, because it offered excellent railway communication with all destination within less than 24 hours and its anti-Semitic population, that offered a buffer and containment wall against escapes.

The concentration of the Jewish population on its ghettos and proximity to other centers as Ukraine, Belarus, Romania, Hungary, Czechoslovakia, with other hundreds of thousands of Jewish population, offered the perfect location for the extermination operation.

Short list of the countries where the trains of the “Final Solution” and the Holocaust unloaded their human cargo, with the aim and known consequences: concentration, internment forced labor or extermination. Countries with exterminations camps and “killing institutions”:

- **Poland**
- **Germany**
- **Rumania / Ukraine**
- **Croatia**

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MAP OF THE EUROPEAN HOLOCAUST 1933-1945. LOCATIONS AND ACCESS ROUTES OF THE LABOR, CONCENTRATION AND EXTERMINATION CAMPS. THE MAIN CENTER OF THIS SECRET OPERATION WAS THE COLOSSAL CAMPS, FACTORIES AND GAS CHAMBERS/CREMATORIES AT KL AUSCHWITZ-BIRKENAU, IN POLAND.

OTHER CAMPS WERE COLLECTING JEWISH PRISONERS FROM SURROUNDING CONCENTRATION CAMPS OR AREAS.

MANY OCEAN REINFORCEMENT WORKS STRUCTURES (THE ATLANTIC WALL), SMALL OR SUBALTERN CAMPS, AS WELL AS SECRET FACTORIES, CIVILIAN AND MILITARY UNDERGROUND OPERATIONS, ARE NOT EVEN MENTIONED. THESE LOCATIONS ARE IN THE THOUSANDS.

**Extermination, Concentration, Transit Points & Labor Camps/Lagers** | Below we have listed 85 of them, cities, lagers and important/notorious concentration points, work camps, massacres and extermination camps in Europe. If we have omitted any name, placed of concentration, labor camps or massacre, please send us an e-mail at [hedi@enghelberg.com](mailto:hedi@enghelberg.com)

This is a short list of the important concentration centers, massacre sites, and ghettos, rails concentrations points in continental Europe, operated by the Nazis or its affiliated collaborationist forces. These are labor, prison, transit camps and extermination camps & lagers. In all labor, concentration camps/lager, the killings were permitted and many were registered. The name of the country is as political Europe division as of 2007.

1. Vaivara, labor, concentration camps/lager, Estonia
2. Rumbula, major massacre, Latvia
3. Kaiserwald, concentration camp, Latvia
4. Kasunas, major Ghetto, Lithuania
5. Polnary, major massacre, Lithuania
6. Vilnius, major Ghetto, Lithuania
7. Baby Yar, major massacre, Ukraine
8. Vinnitsa, major Ghetto, Ukraine
9. Transnistria, 3 camps, major massacre, Rumania/Ukraine
10. Odessa, major massacre, Ukraine
11. Riga, major Ghetto and massacre, Ukraine
12. Odessa, major Ghetto and massacre, Ukraine
13. Kishinev, major Ghetto and massacre, Moldova, Rumania
14. Mogilev-Podolski, major Ghetto, Moldova, Rumania
15. Chernevtisi, major Ghetto, Ukraine, border with Rumania
16. Lwow, major Ghetto, Ukraine
17. Belzek, extermination camp/lager, Poland
18. Sobibor, extermination camp/lager, Poland
19. Majdanek, extermination camp/lager, Poland
20. Treblinka, extermination camp/lager, Poland
21. Chelmo, extermination camp/lager, Poland
22. Auschwitz, major extermination camp/lager, Poland
23. Krakow, major Ghetto, Poland\*
24. Plaszow, labor, concentration camp/lager, Poland\*
25. Lodz, major Ghetto, Poland
26. Soldau, labor, concentration camps/lager, Poland
27. Stutthof, labor, concentration camps/lager, Poland
28. Pautulice, labor, concentration camps/lager, Poland
29. Gross-Rossen, labor, concentration camps/lager, Poland\*
30. Theresienstadt, major model Ghetto, Czech Republic
31. Hodonin, labor, concentration camps/lager, Czech Republic
32. Letin labor, concentration camps/lager, Czech Republic
33. Vyhne, labor, concentration camps/lager, Czech republic
34. Sereď, labor, concentration camps/lager, Czech Republic
35. Cluj, major Ghetto, Rumania
36. Bacau, major Ghetto, Rumania
37. Dupnitsa, labor, concentration camps/lager, Bulgaria
38. Thessaloniki, major Ghetto, Greece
39. Bitula, major Ghetto, Macedonia
40. Skopje, labor, concentration camps/lager, Macedonia
41. Nisch, labor, concentration camps/lager, Serbia
42. Crevni Krst, labor, concentration camps/lager, Serbia
43. Topovske Supe, labor, concentration camps/lager, Serbia
44. Schabatz, labor, concentration camps/lager, Serbia
45. Sajmiste, labor, concentration camps/lager, Serbia
46. Rab, labor, concentration camps/lager, Croatia
47. Jasenovac, extermination camp/lager, Croatia
48. San Sabba, labor, concentration camps/lager, Slovenia
49. Servigliano, labor, concentration camps/lager, Italy
50. Rome, transit city, Italy

51. Fossoli, labor, concentration camps/lager, Italy
52. Bolzano, labor, concentration camps/lager, Italy
53. Asti, labor, concentration camps/lager, Italy
54. Vienna, transit city, Austria
55. Mauthausen, labor, concentration and extermination camps/lager, Austria
56. Ebensee, labor, concentration camps/lager, Austria
57. Dachau, labor, concentration and extermination camps/lager, Germany
58. Flossenbürg, labor, concentration camps/lager, Germany
59. Hinzenberg, labor, concentration camps/lager, Germany
60. Buchenwald, labor, concentration and extermination camps/lager, Germany
61. Niederhagen, labor, concentration camps/lager, Germany
62. Arbeitdorf, labor, concentration camps/lager, Germany
63. Bergen-Belsen, labor, concentration and extermination camps/lager, Germany
64. Sachsenhausen, labor, concentration and extermination camps/lager, Germany
65. Ravensbrück, labor, concentration camps/lager, Germany
66. Neuengamme, labor, concentration camps/lager, Germany
67. Breitenau, labor, concentration camps/lager, Germany
68. Berlin, transit city, Germany
69. Hønslerød, labor, concentration camps/lager, Denmark
70. Burg, labor, concentration camps/lager, Norway
71. Grini, labor, concentration camps/lager, Norway
72. Ulven, labor, concentration camps/lager, Germany
73. Westerbork, labor, concentration camps/lager, Holland
74. Amersfoort, labor, concentration camps/lager, Holland
75. Herzogenbusch, labor, concentration camps/lager, Holland
76. Breendonk, labor, concentration camps/lager, Belgium
77. Mechelen, labor, concentration camps/lager, Belgium
78. Vernet, labor, concentration camps/lager, France
79. Gurs, labor, concentration camps/lager, France
80. Natzweiler-Struthof, labor, concentration camps/lager, France
81. Pithiviers, labor, concentration camps/lager, France
82. Drancy, labor, concentration camps/lager, France
83. Compiègne, labor, concentration camps/lager, France
84. Paris, major transit, France
85. Lager Sylt, labor, concentration camps/lager, Alderney

**\*[Concentration camps, forced labor camps and lagers featured in the book and later, the Hollywood movie “The Schindler’s List”]**

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## CHAPTER 16

**EXTERMINATION CAMPS** (Killing Centers) | Additional to transportation facilities, barracks, depots for stolen goods, workshops, and many others infrastructures, the camps were equipped with mass killing operating systems: the gas chambers and crematories, working on 24/7 schedule.

**How many more Holocaust crimes?**

**How many more HOLOCAUST crimes are hidden in the murderous minds, around the world?**

**How many generations we will need to uncover all the truth? The Nazi extermination machines and its franchises were of colossal dimensions.**

**Sometime, our minds simply cannot grasp, analyze and assimilate the dimension of this drama, which was the WWII. / H.E. (04/25/2008)**

This is a short list of the killing centers, where the mains 6 (six) centers are located in Poland proper. Killings were done in all labor and concentration camps, but these polish locations are “**Killing Institutions**”.

These super centers, whose name will live forever in infamy, were with equipment specially designed gas chambers, operated for fast and cheap mass killing, coupled with disposal of the bodies by cremation.

KL Treblinka, was a camp system: Treblinka I, build in 1941 and Treblinka II in 1942. They were build under the *Operation Reinhard*, together with two other sinister sister-sites, extermination camps, **KL Belzec** and **KL Sobibor**.

The difference of these 3 KL consisted/was that they were under direct supervision of Hitler, but operations was delegated to Himmler, the head of the SS. The Lager was in full operations as from July 1941 until Oct. 1943.



AERIAL PICTURE OF THE KL AUSCHWITZ - BIRKENAU, 1944. TAKEN BY AN ALLIED RECONNAISSANCE AIRPLANE [BRITISH WAR ARCHIVES]

**KL Auschwitz-Birkenau**, the “camp of all camps” the crown jewel of all SS super extermination centers, the “killing institution of all institutions”, “ this industrial-size killing machine, has a record of more than 1,250,000 - 1,500,000 murdered and assassinated in atrocious conditions.

To be politically correct, the designation of the KL Auschwitz-Birkenau as per UNESCVO designations is “**German Nazi Concentration and Extermination Camp (1940-1945)**”, as the people not to be mislead into designating them as “Polish Concentration Camps.

From many points-of-views, for the Nazi regime, **KL Auschwitz-Birkenau** main railway exchange was a VERY BUSY geographical hub, a communication center, an important infrastructure of the German war effort, with many vital industrial facilities, with economical and industrial value and with a key and crucial role in “**Final Solution**” process program.

At **KL Auschwitz-Birkenau**, after three years of research, from fall 1941 until December 1944, the Nazis mastered the genocidal and mass murder process to the peak point and at a scale not ever seen in the recorded human history.

**KL Auschwitz-Birkenau** was over flown by many observation and reconnaissance Allied planes: the Americans were hesitant at the task and the British were totally against it. The UK air marshals never included in their operational air bombardments any of the European concentration or extermination camps.

**Fall 1944, USA.** Many letters from the World Jewish Congress were directed to the US War Department and State Department, with the urgent request of bombarding from the air the European concentration camps or the very well known complex of the “killing factories” that was KL Auschwitz-Birkenau, in Poland. The answer from the US War Department came five days later, in a form of a one page letter:

1. Bombarding from the air the KL Auschwitz will divert important assets from operations elsewhere,
2. Bombarding the German extermination/concentration camp can enrage the Germans and provoke an unknown response.

*“Such an operation could be executed only by diverting considerable air support essential to the success of our forces elsewhere...and in any case; it would be of such doubtful efficacy that it would not warrant the use of our resources. Such an effort might provoke even more vindictive action by the Germans.”*

In the light of the history, the letter cannot be more fundamentally wrong.

*“In every generation, there are those who wish to destroy the Jewish people. In this generation, we are blessed to live in an age when there is a Jewish state capable of defending the Jewish people. And we are doubly blessed to have so many friends like you, Jews and non-Jews alike, who love the State of Israel and support its right to defend itself.”*

**“Auschwitz wasn't bombed for fear of retaliation”**, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, from his speech, on March 05<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at AIPAC Convention]

***“I saw the gas chambers. I saw the crematoria. I was on the ramp when the selections [for the gas chambers] took place”***. Oskar Groening. BBC, 2005 documentary the Nazis and the “Final Solution, Auschwitz” Lueneburg, Germany.

**JULY 2015: OSKAR GROENING**, A Waffen SS member, born in Lower Saxony, Germany in 1921, who worked at KL Auschwitz-Birkenau, who worked at the camp since 1942 in the book keeping, was convicted as an accessory to the murder of more than 300,000 Jews.

***Why accessory to only 300,000 murders?***

Because when Waffen-SS Oskar Groening arrived in 1942, the murders, these grotesque killings (slave work starvation, gas chambers + crematoria) were well under way. It seems he left the KL Auschwitz-Birkenau before the camp was liberated by the advanced element of Soviets Guards. At the trains were rolling in at a on a schedule of 1-3 a day, he as book keeping assigned to counting the belongings confiscated from the arriving Jews (a very safe job, in comparison with the Eastern Front), he was assuring a smooth operation of the “murder machine”. For many years he did not reject the Holocaust, but openly and publicly discussed, professed and admitted “moral guilt”, an unheard attitude for an ex-SS member. He received a sentence of 4 (four) years in jail. Groening, at his advanced age of 94, maybe is one of the last SS members to be prosecuted for his role in the Jewish genocide.

**1944-1945:** The German DRG & Associated European railway transportation companies were attacked from the air, especially in the month before and month after the landing in Normandy, June 1944 and again in the spring of 1945, from bases in England and later, after the successful landing, from air bases in France.

Some of these attacked German facilities were defended by strong and accurate AA (anti-aircraft) ground artillery.

In March 1945, alone, the American 362<sup>nd</sup> Fighter Group alone dispatched 175 P-47 Thunderbolts fighters against German transportation in France and Germany. They destroyed or damaged 420 military

transports, 7 armored vehicles, locomotives, guns emplacements, rail road yards and other military installations. They shot down 137 German aircrafts and lost in the same air battles 97 pilots and 123 airplanes.

But by that time (1945), no transports were allocated to ferry the Jewish prisoners in Western Europe. The bulk of the transportation was done in 1942, 1943, and 1944 and especially from Eastern Europe to the Center Europe destination, Poland and Germany. Too bad that not a single Allied Air asset was dedicated to disrupt the process of transportation and mass killing in the concentrations camps in Poland.

**January 27<sup>th</sup> 1945**, as the Soviet infantry crack avant-garde was steamrolling the Nazi defenses, they liberated the Komplex: the concentration, labor and extermination KL Auschwitz-Birkenau camps and sub-camps system; the German SS security forces were abandoning the camps only few hours before the Russian, the English or the American were entering the camps. The Germans and associated auxiliary forces were staying in the camps perimeter until the last moment, and also killing until the last minute.

In some instances, transit train convoys, on-foot-marches, truck transports, were organized by the Germans only hours before camps were liberated by the Allies, and time and the conditions permitted.

It took the world years to discover the tragedies within the concentration, labor and extermination camps. Today, we still learn about its "death factory", where 2.5-3.5 million people were murdered in brutal conditions.

**September 2003**: Three Israeli Air Force F-15 fighter jets thundered over the Auschwitz death camp Thursday afternoon in a display of modern Jewish might. As the jets zoomed by at 300 knots an hour, formation leader Brig.-Gen. Air Eshel read out the following statement, which was broadcast on the ground: *"We pilots of the Air Force, flying in the skies above the camp of horrors, arose from the ashes of the millions of victims and shoulder their silent cries, salute their courage and promise to be the shield of the Jewish people and its nation Israel."*

**KL Auschwitz-Birkenau Center** was mainly receiving from these important railway points of origin:

1. **Rumania**, railway service from Cluj, Transylvania
2. **Poland**, overflow, covering all routes,
3. **Greece**, trains originating in Thessaloniki,
4. **Austria**, trains originating in Vienna,
5. **Hungary**, with service trains originating in Budapest,
6. **Italy**, trains service originating in Roma, with stops in Fossoli and Bolzano,
7. **Germany**, re-routing originating in Niederhagen and Breitenau,
8. **Holland**, trains routes originating in Westerbork,
9. **Belgium**, train service from Mechelen,
10. **France**, all trains originating in Drancy as the main concentration center or Greater Paris railways exchange system, as a central hub.



**Selection of Jews at the train ramp in Auschwitz-II (Birkenau), May/June 1944. Just outside the camp: in the foreground you can see the sadly famous Auschwitz concentration camp main gate. | [PICTURES COURTESY YAD-VASHEM / JERUSALEM]**



**Yad Vashem Museum NOTE:** The Auschwitz Album is the only surviving visual evidence of the process of mass murder at Auschwitz-Birkenau. It is a unique document and was donated to Yad Vashem by Lilly Jacob-Zelmanovic Meier.

The photos were taken at the end of May or beginning of June 1944, either by Ernst Hofmann or by Bernhard Walter, two SS men whose task was to take ID photos and fingerprints of the inmates (not of the Jews who were sent directly to the gas chambers).

The photos show the arrival of Hungarian Jews from Carpatho-Ruthenia. Many of them came from the Berehovo Ghetto, which itself was a collecting point for Jews from several other small towns.

She (Lilly Jacob-Zelmanovic Meier) was even called to present it as testimony at the Auschwitz trials in Frankfurt during the 1960s. She kept it all the years until the famous Nazi-hunter Serge Klarsfeld visited her in 1980, and convinced her to donate the album to Yad Vashem



**THE RUINS OF A CREMATORIUM, KL Auschwitz POLAND**

The prime operator of the Nazi G concentration camp system was the SS, who oversaw the concentration, displacement, confiscation, financial benefits, killing and forced work of the Jews and many non-Jews in Europe. They (SS) got the profits of this immense enterprise, running it with an iron fist, from 1933 until the very end of the war in Europe, May 1945.

**Bellow you have a list of other main European Extermination Camps** served by railways and rail depots. They were manned by SS officers, NCO and SS troops, local collaborators and auxiliary military resources.

1. **Belzec, Poland**, 250,000 deported from Poland and 600,000 from Eastern Europe, serving Lwow,
2. **Majdenek, Poland**, 315,000 arrived at this camp, deported from Poland and Eastern Europe,
3. **Sobibor, Poland**, 142,500 transported to this lager, deported from Lublin region and 27,950 from Lvov, as well serving Bialystok,
4. **Treblinka, Poland**, 903,000 arrived to this camp, as a total number from Poland and Eastern Europe, serving Warsaw major Ghetto and Bialystok,
5. **Chelmo, Poland**, serving the main Ghetto at Lotz,
6. **Jasenovac**, serving all Croatia,
7. **Transnistria**, 245,000-250,000 killed in open camps and buried in mass graves (less than 50%), organized in 3 main camps/lagers, serving all Rumania, Transylvania, Bucovina and Ukraine,
8. **Mauthausen, Austria**, servicing trains from the Czech Republic, Austria and Germany.

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**JEWISH REVOLTS** | Sometime death was better than continue breathing. Living in terrible conditions, some of the Jewish population in these ghettos, concentration and extermination camps choose o revolt against the German and their collaborators guards and killers:

- **Warsaw Ghetto Uprising** was started April 19th, 1943 and officially ended May 16<sup>th</sup>, 1943, with the demolition of the Great Synagogue of Warsaw; **was the largest revolt in the Nazi G occupied Europe.**

Before the war, Jews were 1/3 of the Poland Population. Less than 100,000 Jews, in desperate conditions remained in the Ghetto, now just a collection of ruins. The ghetto was 1/20 of the city area and had some operative troops of about 400 up to 1,000 Jewish fighters, armed with only light revolvers, pistols, hand grenades (very few rifles and automatic weapons) supported by thousand of civilian Jews and some Polish fighters outside partisans/the Ghetto walls.

13,000 Jews were killed on site with a following complement of 57,000+ gassed in many Poland's extermination camps. Of the 2,100 troop's active in suppressing this revolt, with a core of 821 elite Waffen SS in 5 Battalions of Panzergrenadier (and a complement of 1,400 of auxiliary soldiers), the Nazi G casualties were between 17 killed/93 wounded (official) up to 300 dead (unofficial balance).

As per Brigadier (Waffen-SS) Stroop's unofficial report (German commanding officer) the more than 71,000+ Jews and Poles were killed or deported in this armed revolt.

In financial looting, the Germans confiscated some 5-6 millions Zloty, \$15,000 in paper and \$9,500 in gold, plus large amounts of valuable jewelry, gold, silver and diamonds.

This uprising set the model for the general Polish Uprising of the city in August-September 1944, who as well ended with the capitulation of the fighters. Was a bloodbath, with more than 250,000 Pole killed, some 35,000 in the opening day of German offensive alone. The city was destroyed and dynamited by Nazi G forces, on Hitler's direct order.

- **Treblinka, August 2sd, 1943,**
- **Bialystok Ghetto Insurrection, August 16th, 1943,** the second largest uprising after the Warsaw Revolt.
- **Babi Yar, September 29th, 1943,**
- **Sobibor, October 14th, 1943,**
- **Janowska, November 19th 1943,**
- **Vilna (Lithuania SSR), as from Sept. 1943 until liberation by Soviet forces, July 1944.**
- **Auschwitz, October 7th, 1944\* .**

In August 2sd 1943, the 1,500 working prisoners, the so called, Sonderkommandos, rebelled, under the name "**the Revolution in Berlin**". They burned the gas chamber, the barracks and other installations; they killed some Germans soldiers and NCO-s. 600 Jewish prisoners escaped from the electrified fenced perimeter, into the adjacent forest. They we followed by the remaining german and Ukrainian guards. From this total 50-40 escaped for good, and the Germans never recovered them

The gas chamber operation was suspended and the camp, one month later, was cleared, erased and abandoned. Trees were planted in the now deserted camp.

At the same time, another revolt was taking place at KL Sobibor, October 14<sup>th</sup>, 1943, with the same conclusions: some German dead, gas chamber and crematories destroyed, killing operation compromised and 600-700 escaped, with some 100-120 joined the Polish partisans.

These two revolts prompted the closure of the Operation Reinhard, and the three camps included in it. The secret operations conducted by the SS and local collaborators, were now into the open public view, due to the escaped witnesses.

After the war concluded in May 8-9<sup>th</sup> 1945, less than 100 people survived KL Treblinka I and KL Treblinka II, where 700,000-1,400,000 people were murdered.

**Vilna-Lithuania | Abba Kovner (1918-1987), recruiting young Jewish fighters from the Vilna Ghetto**, organized an all-Jewish partisan group called "The Avenger". Working under the larger Soviet partisan organization, out of the forest around the city of Vilna: sabotage of the German logistical system and attacks on local supporters and collaborators of the German occupation.

In Eastern Soviet Union, as from 1941 until August-September 1944, there were four main Jewish partisan groups operating with success against the German forces and its collaborators, civilians and paramilitary.

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**RAILWAYS COMPANIES** | Ferrying the Jewish prisoners around Europe, from the remotes corners of Southern Greece, Eastern Latvia, Norway, France, Rumania, Hungary, Italy and Belgium was a serious business.

**The examples of criminal abuse and neglect were legions.** When charging for III-rd class ticket real money, the Reichsbahn was not delivering any accommodation at all for the human cargo the SS & Co. was consigning them to transport.

One side was business as usual (DB) and on the other side was misery, pain, frustration, insults, terror, violence, injuries and death.

And nobody knew or complained? Maybe very few complained or were afraid...

Nobody intervened to stop the abuse, pain, misery or the transports.

How all these abuses can be explained?

Where were all other Institutions of Germany?

The system was allowing abuse, theft and criminal conduct.

Military leaders, government at all levels, civil servants and private employees were all involved in this systematic criminal endeavor.

A “**legality of criminal enterprise**” existed in Nazi Germany from January 1933 until May 1945.

**Very few (to none) prisoners (bodies) were lost in transit.** That many died inside the boxed cars during the transportation, this is an irrefutable fact

But dead or alive, counting buddies was as well a serious business for the bureaucratic SS administrations: all bodies in have to be bodies out and the counting were severe and rigorous.



**DEUTSCHE REICHSBAHN INSIGNIA ON RAILWAY CARS** | PICTURES COURTESY YAD-VASHEM / JERUSALEM

**“...An estimated 1.5 million children and young people were rounded up between 1940 and 1944 and transported by the former state railway, the Reichsbahn, to the concentration camps. Fewer than 10 per cent survived.”** | Cited work: Holocaust train sets off to tell the story of Auschwitz, By Allan Hall in Berlin.

This was an exact science and no accidents were permitted. No train collisions were recorded or other accidents. The trains of the “Final Solution“ were assembled in the depots and routed on the main lines and railways corridors on priority 3 or priority 4 class, only after main ammunition & fuel (priority 1) and military trains (priority 2) passage.

Sometime they were waiting to be completed on the number of cattle/general merchandise cars or Jewish prisoners to be routed and cramped in. In general, the DR, Deutsche Reichsbahn and the SNCF (France) were rapid trains and very well organized. All the rest were slower trains, bad cars and in eastern Russia even open

cars in winter and sometime poorly organized and coordinated as some that were originating in Rumania and Greece.

The example of a deadly train organization was one train originating in Salonika/Greece, which took 14 days to arrive at destination: Auschwitz extermination camp. On opening the door all "passengers" were declared dead.

After the Iasi pogrom in 1941-1942, in many slow Rumanian trains, for a very short distance, hundreds of Rumanian Jews were killed during transportation, due to exposure, ventilation, extreme heat, lack of water and food.

**THE ACTIVE COOPERATION OF EUROPE'S RAILWAYS IN THE "FINAL SOLUTION" | These are the main organizations, railway companies involved in moving the trains and its human cargo involved in the trains of the "Final Solution" from East to West of the continent.**

- **Rumania CFR:** Caile Ferate Romane
- **Nazi Germany DR :** Deutsche Reichsbahn
- **Belgium NMBS/SNCB:** Societe Nationale de Cheminsfer Belgique
- **France SNCF:** Societe Nacionales de Cheminfer Francais
- **Holland:** Nederlandse Spoorwegen
- **Switzerland:** transit coordination and permitting passage from Italy to Germany, via Brenner Pass and St. Gohhard Tunnel.



**ONE OF THE ACTUAL BUILDINGS AND LOGISTICS HQ OF THE DB, IN THE FAMOUS POSTDAMER PLATZ, BERLIN, 2011**

**Deutsche Reichsbahn GESSELLSCHAFT (DBG) | was considered "The largest enterprise in the capitalist world between 1920 and 1945".**

**DRG | Deutsche Reichsbahn Gessellschaft.** DB was formed in the 1920, putting together all railways hardware, assets and personnel in German Reich proper: all the rails companies, united, under one management, after WWI, upgraded under Reich Transportation Ministry. Since then, DB was a semi-private, semi state-owned / government company, which resources were drawn from government budget.

During this consolidation and development phase, when the focus was on passenger transport and freight, it even received preferences in strategic materials allocation like fuel, petrol, coal, steel, wood and machinery.

After the WWI the DRG was under a profound reorganization program and its board of directors was leaded by a business orientated person, Carl Frederich von Siemens. His market orientated policy, streamlined

operations, expansion program and financial balance ideas were marginalized by the new Nazi- doctrine orientated star and later it's general manager, Julius Dorpmuller.

Since 1933 the new president (Julius Dorpmuller), changed the DR in company with a unique position to help the Nazi Germany expand, conduct and maintain an aggressive war, meet public, freight and military transportation needs and be a Nazi told for the Jewish Holocaust.

Since 1933-1934 its upper management accommodated (under President of the Board of Directors//General Manager Julius Dorpmuller) the Nazis and assimilation was complete.

DB was part of the establishment and helped project the power of Nazi Germany all over Europe.

DB assisted with financial resources, man power and management in the construction of the much famed autobahn network, which make Germany so famous, at that time, when many other countries were reeling on gravel roads.

The trains and the trucks (because the DB was operating a large fleet of truck and ground transportation assets) of the DB were the tool of the government for reaching every corner of the continent and for them, moving 3-8-10 million Jews to the concentration and extermination camps was no challenge at all.

They introduced new technologies, invested in R&D, fast locomotives and these innovations played a vital role into government planning of the war, in its military conquests, genocide and East territories economical exploitation plans.

**From 1933 until 1945, the Company responded to all the needs of the central government, its workers and management were totally ignorant and indifferent to the fate of the millions of war prisoners and Jews it transported to different destinations all over the continent.**

They all knew the fate of three to four million Jews, because the SS black-op of the Holocaust had to have the cooperation of the DB personell, management (Reichsbahn and Ost-Bahn) and relied totally on it's people cooperation to maintain the details of the operation confidential.

The company knew about the fate of the Jews, because it underwent a purge from the top to button, on its Jewish ancestry personal, according to racial legislation enacted by the Nazis, stating with one of its most gifted manger, Ludwig Homberger, the chief accountant officer.

Understanding how Reichsbahn was operating under the Nazi regime, as its main logistical arm on the continent, one can understand how the regime was operating, how the decision making was implemented and how the Holocaust could occur.

The new locomotives, new design of the rail transportation, new design on the frights cars and a superb communication system, by phone and telex, fundament lay contributed to the war effort and how Holocaust transports were achieved, from origination point to termination destinations.

DRG was based in Berlin, under a Main Administration centralized model. They were operation the entire railway system and setting the policies the rails and ground freight, passenger fees, procurement, management, person ell and maintenance need. Some of the decision were centralized, some other decision, especially maintenance, were local, this giving some flexibility to its huge operations volume.

When the war with Poland started on September 1st, 1939, DBG was not prepared for the war effort, but they tried to work in a constructive way, flexible and accommodate the Wehrmacht war related needs and its field operations requirements. Only then, the DRG top management realized that they have to abandon the improvement programs in quality & speed of the passenger transportation and retool for implementation of military transports, stretching its resources to a limit, asking for financial help and materiel allocations from the Nazi government, DB will adapt to the war effort without many talented and gifted officers, as all the Jewish employees were fired in the period 1933- 1939. DRG tried to avoid catastrophe of its own company and the only side they could take was helping the Nazi regime remain strong.

**DRG without many internal fights, conscience processes, complaints to government or opposition to it and its officers and issued transport orders, actively contributed to Holocaust being aggressively implemented and actively support the war effort in the period 1939-1945.**

The railroad system was an essential parts of the conquest effort and war operation of Nazi Germany. The smooth and continue operation of the Reichsbahn was the most valued assed employed during the Holocaust and war.

The company (DR/DB) corporate culture, organization, huge assets, technology, workers discipline and rapid adaptation from peace to war time, facilitated the conduction of war, business logistics, transportation of

good and war material, military personnel, 15-20 million paid and slave laborers and 10 million Jews of the Holocaust and many millions of other people.

The Deutsche Reichsbahn (DR) was the most advanced railroads company in Europe in 1930-1940's:

- Was essential for the war mobilization and troop's transportation, mobilizing division in days and recovering injured soldiers.
- Was indispensable for the transportation of heavy hardware: tanks, guns, heavy cannons, ammunitions, aircraft engines, submarine parts, rockets, coal, oil, fuel and other commodities and diverse cargo.
- Was the tool for a fast and aggressive war in Europe.
- Transportation of war spoils from the conquered countries, supplies, goods, agricultural produce and energy (carbon, oil, fuels, gas)
- The dependable and determined tool of the second parts of the Jewish Holocaust

The DR was considered "*the largest enterprise in the capitalist world between 1920 and 1945*" | Alfred C. Mierzejewski, Volume 2, The most valuable asset of the Reich, a history of the German national railway, 1933-1945.

*"The Deutsche Reichsbahn (German National Railway) was at the center of events in a period of great turmoil in Germany".*

The book explores: "*the railway's operation, finances, political and social role of DB between 1933-1945*".

*Despite successfully resisting Nazi efforts to publicize its internal functions, the Reichsbahn cooperated with the government's anti-Semitic policies. Indeed, the railways played a crucial role in the Holocaust by supporting the construction and operation of the Nazi death camps and by transporting Jews and other victims to them.*

*"Mierzejewski also demonstrates the dismemberment of the Reichsbahn caused by allied bombing contributed directly to Germany's ultimate defeat".*

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**The examples of criminal abuse and neglect were legions.** When charging for III-rd class ticket real money, the Reichsbahn was not delivering any accommodation at all for the human cargo the SS & Co. was consigning them to transport.

One side was business as usual (DB) and on the other side was misery, pain, frustration, insults, terror, violence, injuries and death.

And nobody knew or complained? Maybe very few complained or were afraid...

Nobody intervened to stop the abuse, pain, misery or the transports.

How all these abuses can be explained?

Where were all other Institutions of Germany?

The system was allowing abuse, theft and criminal conduct.

Military leaders, government at all levels, civil servants and private employees were all involved in this systematic criminal endeavor.

A "**legality of criminal enterprise**" existed in Nazi Germany from January 1933 until May 1945.

There is "*no word about those who committed the crimes,*" Hans-Rüdiger Minow, a spokesman for the Train of Commemoration, told *The Jerusalem Post*.

He said 200,000 train employees were involved in the deportations and "*10,000 to 20,000 were responsible for mass murders,*" but were never prosecuted.

Cite: Train of Commemoration' Travels through Germany | Publisher Zug der Erinnerung e.V. | <http://www.zug-der-erinnerung.eu/presse/pr1.html> |

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**Cited work: Holocaust train sets off to tell the story of Auschwitz, By Allan Hall in Berlin. / Publisher: The Independent, Tuesday, 13 November 2007**

An estimated 1.5 million children and young people were rounded up between 1940 and 1944 and transported by the former state railway, the Reichsbahn, to the concentration camps. Fewer than 10 per cent survived. The exhibition train is made up of a vintage 1921 locomotive and four carriages detailing both the bureaucracy of genocide and the human responses to it.

The displays include Reichsbahn maps, letters, chronologies, laws and regulations, as well as official documents related to the railway's role in carrying children from across Europe to their deaths. There are also poignant letters, drawings and poems from some of the unwilling passengers who never made the return trip. The exhibition commemorates the Jewish, Sinti and Roma victims of the Nazis from Germany, Norway, Belgium, the Netherlands, France, Italy, Greece, Poland and the former Soviet Union. It also aims to honor the aid organizations which helped to save children from the death camps.

*"Trains were the decisive means of transportation for carrying people to the concentration camps and the ghettos,"* said Hans-Ruediger Minow, of the private initiative which organized the exhibition. "At that time, it was only in the stations that other people witnessed the fate of the deported at all."

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# The Trains Of The **HOLOCAUST** CHAPTER 19

**OTHER PEOPLE MASS-TRANSPORTED BY RAILWAYS SYSTEM** | In this work we refer to the trains destined for the “Final Solution” and of the Jewish Holocaust, but we have to mention that 25,000 Italian prisoners of war, 3-4 millions of soviet prisoners, Roma (gypsies), German citizens, polish nationals, 500,000 Allied prisoners from all theaters of war were as well transported by German, French, Belgian and Rumanian trains to their final and sometimes, fatal destination.

But this was not the reason to be exiled, robbed, killed, systematically hunted and exterminated. Along with 6,000,000+ European Jews, others, millions of others, were killed or worked until death, members of other ethnic, religious, political (as per SS segregation criteria’s rules and regulations) groups.



**THE COVER OF A GERMAN REICH'S PASSPORT FOR THE FOREIGN WORKERS IN GERMANY, FOREIGN WORKER PROGRAM, 1939-1945. JEWISH MUSEUM, BERLIN**

**SLAVE LABOR** | The Reichsbahn, not only transported the 10 million people of the Holocaust, but at least 20 million people belonging to the slave-labor contingents, that were drafted by force from all over Europe to Germany. Force laborers were used in every industry, in every company, in every agricultural farm and even private households.

Many of the most famous brands we see today in Germany used slave labor. The names are too many to be listed here.

THE FOREIGN LABORERS WERE CHILDREN, WOMEN, MEN FROM ALL OVER THE CONTINENT, FOREIGN WORKERS, PRISONER OF WAR AND CONCENTRATION CAMPS INMATES.

Forced labor and education thru labor was part of the Nazi doctrine, and its racist social order: the so called “Volksgemeinschaft” (people’s community) was not an empty slogan, for the very first of the civil spearhead after the military occupation of the Europe.

Was a super organized civil service with a military arm and strong propaganda program where everybody was drafted, transported, counted, processed, issued an ID document and assigned to a specific task and workplace. Very sophisticated control systems were employed and the most advanced IBM type of perforated cards with information about each person were stored and processed at various locations.

**WAR PRISONERS** | Millions of war prisoners were transported by rail. at least 50-65,000 Polish war prisoners from the 1939 campaign; at least 5-7 millions soviet war prisoners from the Eastern Front 1941-1945; at least 500,000 Allied war prisoners from the 1940 France campaign; air crews from the American, British and Commonwealth countries parachuted into occupied Europe and other tens of thousands from the Africa campaign, 1941-1943.

Here in you have a short story published in Wikipedia about one of the railways transports: **from France to (Konzentrationslager) KL Buchenwald, 1944.**

“All these airmen were in planes which had crashed in occupied France. Two explanations are given for them being sent to a concentration camp: first, that they had managed to make contact with the French Resistance, some were disguised as civilians, and they were carrying false papers when caught; they were therefore categorized by the Germans as spies, which meant their rights under the Geneva Convention were not respected. The second explanation is that they had been categorized as Terrorflieger ("terror aviators").

The aviators were initially held in Gestapo prisons and headquarters in France. In April or August 1944, they and other Gestapo prisoners were packed into covered goods wagons (US: boxcars) and sent to Buchenwald. The journey took five days, during which they received very little food or water.

One aviator recalled their arrival at Buchenwald: “As we got close to the camp and saw what was inside... a terrible, terrible fear and horror entered our hearts. We thought, what is this? Where are we going? Why are we here? And as you got closer to the camp and started to enter the camp and saw these human skeletons walking around—old men, young men, boys, just skin and bone, we thought, what are we getting into?” [A Canadian airman's recollection of his arrival at Buchenwald].

They were subjected to the same treatment and abuse as other Buchenwald prisoners until October 1944, when a change in policy saw the aviators dispatched to Stalag Luft III, a regular prisoner-of-war camp (POW) camp; nevertheless, two airmen died at Buchenwald. Those classed as *Terrorflieger* had been scheduled for execution after October 24, 1944; *their rescue was affected by Luftwaffe officers who visited Buchenwald and, on their return to Berlin, demanded the airmen's release*”

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**Travel documents, bill of lading and issuing authority** | Each train documents and transportation orders were originating by the Transit Authority in Berlin.

This transportation order was ordered based on a special order issued by **Reich Security Main Office** (RSMO) where Lt.Col. Eichmann was working, after the Wannsee Conference.

The transportation order was then validated with the Transportation ministry in Berlin. If it was a German originating train, the order was simply passed on by teleprinter and messenger to the specified point of origin for provisioning the steam engine, boxed cars, crew (mechanic +assistant) and SS escort.

If foreign countries like France, Holland, Hungary (after March 1944), Rumania, Slovakia, Belgium, etc. or governmental entity (Poland-general Government) was involved, and then the travel orders and documents were attached to a Foreign Office order.

Nazi Germany Foreign Office was to do the negotiations of handling the Jew (citizen of the original country) to the Germans. We have to mention that the French (Vichy Government), Rumanian (Gen. Antonescu Government), Slovaks, Belgium and Holland local authorities, police forces and civilian administrations greatly and gladly collaborated with the German in this operation.

Before Operation Margarethe in March 1944, Hungary refused to handle any Jewish citizen to the Germans. Only after was occupied by Nazi soldiers and general Horti arrested, the extermination of more than 475,000 Hungarian Jews started.

The Italian dictator Benito Mussolini objected to deportations. Only after the Italian peninsula was invaded by the Allies in 1943 and Germany occupied Italy, some 7,500-8,000 Italian Jews were deported to Birkenau Komplex via Austria and Switzerland.

Bulgarian authorities totally refused to deliver their Jewish citizens to the Germans, beside rumors of 11,000 organized in various trains' convoys were reported.

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**Payments, Fees and Fares** | This was a methodical and constant operation and logistics. This was no ad-hoc routing by hooligans financed or incited by Tsarist Russian or an isolated pogroms. No, no, no, this was a professional, cool and smoothly run operation.

"...During World War II, the "Reichsbahn" was an essential component of German military logistics, providing essential transportation services for the Reich throughout the occupied lands of Europe. In addition, the "Reichsbahn" participation was crucial to the effective implementation of the "Final Solution" (Final Solution of the Jewish Question) " (Endlösung der Judenfrage).

The "Reichsbahn" was paid to transport Jews and other victims of the Holocaust from thousands of towns and cities throughout Europe to meet their death in the Nazi concentration camp system, using Holocaust trains.

The following is an excerpt from the testimony of Holocaust scholar Raul Hilbert:

*"The "Reichsbahn" was ready to ship in principle any cargo in return for payment. And therefore, the basic key — price controlled key — was that Jews were going to be shipped to Treblinka, were going to be shipped to Auschwitz and Sobibor extermination camps...so long as the railroads were paid by the track kilometer, so many pfennigs per mile. The rate was the same throughout the war. With children under ten years old going at half-fare and children under four going free. Payment had to be made for only one way. The guards of course had to have return fare paid for them because there were going back to their place of origin..."*

Cited work: Lanzmann Claude | Shoah: The Complete Text of the Acclaimed Holocaust Film | Publisher: Da Capo Press | 1995 | New York | ISBN 0306806657

**The trains of the “Final Solution” part of the second phase of the Holocaust were not only means of transportation in brutal conditions, but as well an economical and financial operation. This shipping & logistics operations were not for free.**

The trains of the Holocaust were organized and governed by the rules of the DR, Deutsche Reichsbahn (and associated railways companies) manual operation books and safety rules. Every passenger was counted and every Jewish prisoner has to pay.

There was no one to be on the train without payment, with the exception of the mechanic and his assistant. Even the SS and associated military/paramilitary forces escorting the trains have to pay the one way ticket to the camps or concentrations point and on return, they as well have to have a valid ticket back to their military units.

The Jews paid a one-way full ticket price, from the point of origin to the point of destination, as stipulated in the travel manifest. The fare was based on per kilometer travel cost, III rd class fare, and adult person. Children from age 4 have to pay half fare. Children from 1-3 years old were not ticketed.

Consider that standard book price was 0.5 RM/per kilometer/per person/ride (from 300 - to 600km per ride) and we have 30RM (Reich Marks) per ride. The WWII exchange rate was around US\$1 for 4RM.

Every ticket was priced in pro medium 30RM/\$7.50: consider, easily that some 8.500.000-10,000,000 persons were embarked one way or another in this mass exodus and used the trains of the Holocaust.

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# The Trains Of The **HOLOCAUST** CHAPTER 21

**PURCHASE LIST | WHAT Nazi Germany COULD DO WITH THE MONEY** | We conservatively have a round total sum of US \$75,000,000 in collected railways fares & tickets, alone. But The Nazi Germany plundered, confiscated and robbed the Jews vastly and totally, much more than the one-way ticketed fare to the concentration and extermination camps.

DRB and associated companies collected transportation fares for at least 8,500,000-10,000,000 Holocaust victims and slave work force laborers.

\$7.50 dollar per fare x 10,000,000 persons/tickets= \$75,000,000 US, value 1942.

**\$75,000,000.00 (75 million US\$) in 1942  
had the same buying power as  
\$1,091,961,290.00 (1.09 billion US\$) in 2012.**

Rounding the Jews, killing them on the spot (Phase 1 of the Holocaust), stripping them of precious goods, art of all kinds, metals, silver & gold, money capital, enterprises, factories, shops, merchandise stock, precious stones, currency, real estate, factories, financial assets and employing them as slave-work force (some of them on very professional jobs) was a full-time entrepreneurial occupation for the Nazis, SS and Collaborators across the European continent.

The trains and the railways companies, as a tool of the annihilation and elimination process, were a business-model, a continuous source of revenue in very difficult times for Nazi Germany.

Every ticketed for transportation to the work and extermination camps and lagers was paid by the Jews. With this colossal sum of money (and we are considering here only the revenue of the ticketed fare) the Nazi Germany military establishment could buy, produce and field these main war hardware and weapons systems.

**\$75,000,000.00 in 1942 could buy these military systems:**

**6,993** Messerschmitt Bf-109 (Me-109 G-6) fighter plane, manufactured by Bayerische Flugzeugwerk Messerschmitt, @ a unit cost of 42,900 RM/\$10,725

Or

**508 German Type-V Submarine U-BOAT**, @ tag price of 590,000RM/\$147,500 each,

Or

**4,000 German tanks Panzerkampfwagen III PzKpfw III @ a tag price of 75,000RM/\$18,750 each,**

Or

**2,898 German medium tank Panzerkampfwagen IV (Pz.Kpfw. IV) Panzer IV @ a tag price of 103,500RM/\$25,875 each, or**

**1,665 German heavy Tiger II/Koenigtiger Panzerkampfwagen VI Ausf. B (Sdkfz 182) @ 175,900RM/\$44,975 per unit,**

Or

**58,962 of the famous and infamous Fieseler Fi 103, better known as the V-1 “Buzz Bomb”, priced @ 5,090RM/\$1,272 each,**

Or

**6,000 German V-2 rocket (German: Vergeltungswaffe 2, i.e. reprisal weapon 2)/tech. designation A4. Original cost of the each rocket was set @ 100,000RM/piece for development stage in 1944, but the mass production cost lowered to about 50,000RM/@12,500 in March 1945.**

# The Trains Of The **HOLOCAUST** CHAPTER 22

**OTHER CALCULATIONS** | I simply calculate and consider some of the amounts stolen from the Jewish population in conquered Europe, in different ways (money, valuables goods, gold, paintings, houses, real estate, factories, books, furniture, patents, forced work value, etc.) To be considered as more than \$1,200-2,500 millions of WWII US dollars value.

\$150 redeemable valuables/per person  
X 8,000,000 Jewish People deported in Europe

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**US\$ 1,200,000,000.00 | US\$ value 1942**

**\$1,200,000.000 (1.2 billion US\$) in 1942  
had the same buying power as  
\$17,471,380.605 (17.47 billion US\$) in 2012.**

## **17.5 Billion U.S. Dollars**

This represents a lot of money even by today standards, considering 1.5 billion US dollars at 1945 value. Today value surpasses 10-15 billions. All this money taken only from a single segment of the population: the Jewish.

But the Germans plundered vastly much more in Europe, from one side to another, from France to Russia, and please add to this that they were producing many fine products for export to South America, Japan, Switzerland, Sweden, etc.

They were never short on money, gold, hard currency organization skills, imagination and engineering.

They were short on oil, petrol, and strategic materials and short on moral grounds.

They lost the war and will infamous in history for the same reason they started the war: being Nazis, vicious criminals and killers.

## **HOW MANY KNEW?**

### **HOW MANY KNEW ABOUT THE KILLINGS, THE GENOCIDE AND THE HOLOCAUST.**



**EINSATZGRUPPEN IN ACTION ON THE EASTERN FRONT THE RUSSIA/SOVIET UNION JUNE 1941-DECEMBER 1942.  
ESTIMATED KILLED 1.350,000 - 1,500.000 RUSSIAN JEWS + OTHER MANY THOUSAND OF SOVIET MILITARY  
POLITICAL COMMISARS\*\*, PARTISANS AND GYPSIES.**

\*\*\*(SEE JUNE 06, 1941 HITLER'S "COMMISAR ORDER" - *Kommissarbefehl* | ORDER CANCELLED 06 MAY 1942)

THE German people wanted a leader. They needed a leader. But then leader came in the form of Hitler and the Nazis, they were doomed. They followed Hitler and the Nazis to the bitter end, from January 1933 until in that morning of May 9<sup>th</sup>, 1945. When they caused the death of so many civilians, when they killed, murdered and gassed children, mothers and parents, some knew, and of course, all the Nazis knew. The Nazis did the killings and perfected the act in an industrial manner.

Remember the scene in the famous 1961 movie "Judgment at Nuremberg", a dialogue between Marlene Dietrich (Ms. Bertholt) and Spencer Tracy (Chief Judge Dan Haywood): she is saying her husband, a German high-ranking general and herself did not know about the Nazis crimes and atrocities. Spencer Tracy, acting as an American Judge Dan Haywood answers her:

Dan Haywood - *"I don't know what to believe"*.

Ms. Bertholt - *"How could you think that we knew?"*

Dan Haywood - *"As far I can make up, no one in this country knew"*.

*"...So they tell, nobody in Germany knew"...*

Many knew, too many knew about the crimes and the murders, and they try to hide it, live with it, forget, and ignore it. But we are talking of millions of civilians killed



in terrible conditions, by shooting, stabbed, burned to death, death by thirst and hunger, death by exertion, death by bad heart and death by poison gas.

Hitler, Goebbels, Himmler, Goering, Heydrich, all knew. The SS knew what happened because they were managing the operation. It was all about information control. The death was all over. The sign of death, the sign of the genocide was all over. Murder was present. No consolation afterward.

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I want to make a general account on how many knew about the concentration, forced/slave labor, Einsatz firing squads and extermination camps and genocide in Europe. This is because many argue that "*only a few knew about it*".

Writing this book, I add this small account, because suddenly, the number is not so small. How many knew and what went on behind the doors of so many governments. A lot of people never heard about the killings and genocide, but many knew about, participated or heard accounts of it.

Not a simple researched count stands as follow:

1. Einsatzgruppen members, NCO, officers, logistics, associated local forces, counting 4 groups at the strength of a battalion each, Germans and associates: 4 battalions (1,000) x 2 (Germans and associates)= 8,000
2. Wehrmacht, Luftwaffe, Kriegsmarine, soldiers, NCO, officers, intelligence officers= 3,000
3. Gestapo, SD, SS personell who killed at least 1 person, and did not get prosecuted= 1,000
4. Rumanian army soldiers, NCO and officers, camps administrators, foot marches guards, police, gendarmes, civilians, at least: 5,000
5. Camps Guards: 100 camps x 1 company of soldiers (100 soldiers, NCO, officers) = 10,000
6. Guards families, at least one immediate member = 10,000
7. Camps vendors: 100 camps x 20 vendors + immediate vendor family= 2,000
8. Berlin, officers of the SS, at least= 2,000+
9. Berlin, civil administrators, at least= 1,000+
10. Berlin, Gestapo officers, at least= 1,000+
11. Germany, research medical institutions, that conducted medical researchers in the extermination camps (as per Dr. Josef Mengele experiments), at least= 100
12. Railways system, Reichsbahn, at least= 200,000
13. Railways subsystem, SNCF (FRANCE), 100 trains, mechanics, assistants, trains station personell, associated French personell= 1,000
14. Associated railways administrators and operators, in Rumania, Poland, Russia, Greece, Italy, Switzerland, Holland, Belgium, 8x1,000= 8,000
15. French police and Gestapo members, at least= 500
16. Associated police, administration, and Gestapo forces: Holland, Belgium, Rumania, Poland, Hungary, Slovakia, Greece, Russia, Italy, Vatican, Norway, Czech republic, Baltic States, at least 15 x 1,000= 15,000

17. Axis forces high ranks officers, politicians, and administrators: Rumania, Hungary, Italy, at least  $100 \times 3 = 300$
18. Partisans and rebel forces, at least= 500
19. Escapees, (Jewish and gentiles) accounts from escapees from the concentration, labor and extermination camps, at least= 500
20. Neighbors of the deported Jews, that never received any news about, at least=1,000
21. German industrialists and management, that employed forced/slave labor forces, like chemical industry, constructions, military industry, synthetic rubber, ammunitions, agriculture, aeronautical and rocket industry, at least= 5,000
22. Associated industrial establishments in Rumania, Poland, Russia, France, Italy, Hungary, Slovakia, Czech republic, at least= 10,000
23. International organisms, like Intl. Red Cross, Church, Banks, shipping companies, at least= 500
24. Diplomatic personell, at least= 500
25. Allied forces: Officers, pilots, intelligence officers, reporters, with access to classified information, at least= 500
26. Local witnesses to the killings, to the concentrations and extermination camps, to humiliations and other types of murder, 10 European countries  $\times 500 = 5,000$

## GROSS TOTALS

Germany and Nazi Germany brutality against the Jews, Poles and Russians is unprecedented in human history and has (when wanted to explained) a fundamental irrational base. The word “genocide” is small when to explain the Nazi Germany & Collaborators from 1933 until 1945.

The Nazi criminal regime (1933-1945), it’s military, civilian organizations, middle-level bureaucracy and associated dictatorial regimes all over Europe, succeeded in murdering millions of people and destroying a flourishing 900-years-old Jewish Culture in Europe. Mass-murders intersected with the German civilian administration, military operations, concentration and extermination camps and ruthless behavior.

In the process, they murdered of millions of humans across the continent: 6 millions Jews and 20 million other innocent civilians.

The civilians along the military, Nazi and non-Nazis, collaborators and non-collaborators, are all responsible, directly, and co-responsible, indirectly.

1. **291,400** With direct knowledge: Nazi Cadre & Waffen SS personell  
+ Einsatzgruppen + Germans & European Collaborators  
(Minimum Numbers)

2. **6,000,000** Murdered Jews across Europe (At least, as per German records.)
3. **500,000** People who know about the process and the crimes (Low Estimation)

Waffen-SS and Einsatzgruppen are both founded by Heinrich Himmler. (Nazi Party's Schutzstaffel SS, "Protective Squadron", a multi-ethnic and multi-national military and fight force, up to 38 divisions, 1,000,000 members, with allegiances directly to Adolf Hitler. HQ based in Berlin.)

(Task Forces, Einsatzgruppen der Sicherheitspolizei und des SD)

One (1) person who knew about the Holocaust and its crimes, on first-hand-account per every 20 assassinated/murdered Jew in Europe.

There are to be no differences between the ones with the knowledge, the ones who assisted in a passive way in the killings, the ones who did the killing, and the ones who covered-up the massacres and the ones who actively facilitated and promoted, as collaborators, this continental genocide. Many were just observer, but we have to count them and they have no moral defense.

Victims and families cannot forget & forgive the perpetrators of this European genocide, The Holocaust. There is inconceivable, inside a normal brain, to process that children, entire families, whole villages and even cities will be destroyed by the Nazi SS hordes and their loyal collaborators. Deep pain for the lost ones cannot be erased by actual political or judicial procedures; justice is just a short-moment of satisfaction and past it, we are back to pain.

FOR SURE, many more people knew about the Holocaust. Only in the small country of Belgium, after the war, the tribunals indicted and handled more than 400,000 collaborators in the short interval of 1944-1949. More than 80% of them were not convicted but more than 1,725 were sentenced to death with 250+ executed.

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## PHOTOS GALLERY

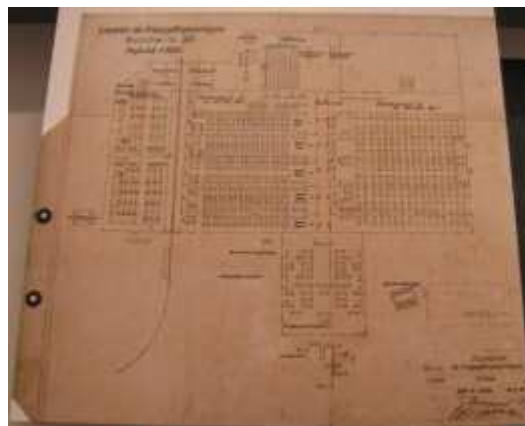
**"THE PATH TO AUSCHWITZ WAS PAVED WITH INDIFFERENCE"**



A MAP OF GERMANY'S EXPORTS AS OF DEC. 31<sup>ST</sup> 2010



KL AUSCHWITZ MAIN RAILWAY TRAIN ENTRANCE



BLUE PRINT OF THE KL AUSCHWITZ, AND THE MAIN RAILWAY TRACKS, ORIGINAL, AT THE WANNSEE MUSEUM, BERLIN | PICTUE RINEL ENGHELBERG



**KL AUSCHWITZ MAIN RAILWAY TRAIN ENTRANCE**



**Rinel Enghelberg at KL AUSCHWITZ MAIN PEDESTRIAN ENTRANCE**



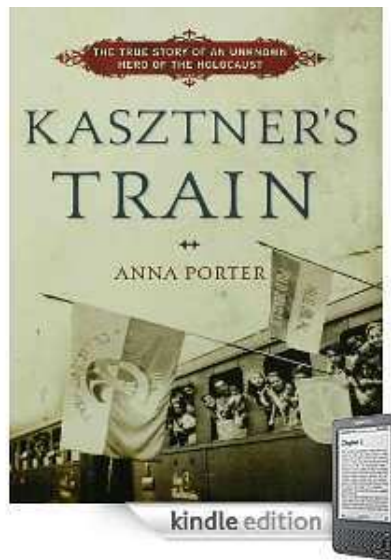
**KL AUSCHWITZ OUTER PERIMETER ELECTRIFIED FENCE**



**FROM THE MOVIE "LIFE IS WONDERFUL": ITALIAN PRISONERS TRAIN RAMP**



**KL SOBIBOR TRAIN RAMP, CIRCA 1942-1943**



**Kasztner's Train: The True Story of an Unknown Hero of the Holocaust, by Anna Porter (Author)**



**FROM THE MOVIE "THE GRAY ZONE": OPEN AIR FIRE PITS TO CREMATE BODIES OF MURDERED JEWS FROM HUNGARY, 1944**



**DVD COVER FROM THE MOVIE "THE LAST TRAIN TO AUSCHWITZ"**



**MOISES ENGHELBERG 'S 1994 ORIGINAL RUMANIAN PROOF OF COMPULSORY LABOR IN THE C.F.R.  
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# The Trains Of The HOLOCAUST CHAPTER 24

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**THE SCHINDLER'S LIST** | THE ORIGINAL SCHINDLER LIST | Haftl. List (Manner) 18.4.1945 **KONCENTRATION LAGER (KL) Gross-Rosen**

Here you have, another extraordinary proof of the Jewish Holocaust, the original pages of this historic document: **The Schindler's List**. The document was typed on April 18th, 1945, only weeks before the end of the WWII in Europe (May 07th, 1945).

The document lists the names of the (Herr Direktor) Oskar Schindler's Emalia munitions factory workers, which will be extracted from the concentration camp KL Gross-Rosen (Lower Silesia, Germany) and relocated in Poland: each prisoner is identified by name, where from, hand-tattooed ID number, date of birth and work profession/specialty.

On 14 single-spaced pages (blatt), the list, signifying life and being saved, contains the names of 801 "*highly specialized munitions Jews laborers*". Herr Direktor (OS) paid/bribed for all these prisoners in gold and diamonds, "portable goods", the only ones accepted then by the second-in-command lager commandant **KL Gross-Rosen** (a captain or a major in the SS). (KL: Konzentration Lager)

The Jewish prisoners/specialized workers were transferred by train to **AL Brunnlitz** (AL: ArbeitsLager/Work Camp) where Oskar relocated his factory and was designated as an AL. All of 1,200+ Jewish workers on the Schindler's munitions factory (enamel and antitank shells) were saved from the atrocities of the war and SS/Nazi Germany & Co., a formidable extermination machine. They later settled in Israel, USA, Canada, Australia, South America and other countries.

The extraordinary wartime achievements of **Oskar Schindler** (a complex person and a hero in my list...AN) and his wife **Emily** were granted the status of "**RIGHTEOUS AMONG THE NATIONS**" by the **Yad VaShem** Holocaust Martyrs' and Heroes Remembrance Authority in Jerusalem. Oskar Schindler has a tree planted on his name, on the premises and a bronze plaque.

[www.yadvashem.org.il](http://www.yadvashem.org.il)

The base of one of the best movie ever made (SCHINDLER'S LIST), the document (the second list) was encountered and rescued in the effects and possessions of Thomas Kennelly (writer, novelist, playwright, producer), the very author of the book (published in 1982 by Serpentine Publishing Co.) that was the inspiration of the script for Universal Pictures/Steven Spielberg's movie that won 7-Oscar prizes (nominated for 11).

**I strongly recommend buying the book** (en excellent read!) or seeing the monumental 2-CD movie, in this extraordinary true story of determination in saving innocent lives from the horror of war and destruction. Dozens



of the original Schindler's worker are still alive today in Venezuela, Argentina, USA, Israel, Australia, Canada, and the descendants are in the thousands.

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## "THE PATH TO AUSCHWITZ WAS PAVED WITH INDIFFERENCE" "**FIRST THEY CAME...**" | Pastor Martin Niemöller. This is the picture of the monument made in black granite, in downtown Boston, with the famous phrases attributed to Pastor Martin Niemöller.

The poem is referring to the absence of action and lack of vigorous condemnation of the Hitler's Nazi regime, by the Germans in general and some groups of intellectuals in particular during the dark years of 1933 until 1945.

"*First they came...*" The phrase/poem is still valid today, more than ever, vis-a-vis the world's multiple challenges we face as individuals, societies and nations, against all sorts of dictators and totalitarian regimes.

I was thinking this poem's letter and spirit, message and warnings are dead-letters, but no, no, no, my friends.

With the rise of so many totalitarian regimes, intolerance and fundamentalism, the meaning of its ideas, letters and words, pain and sorrow, are active today and finger-pointing.

*When the Nazis came for the communists,  
I remained silent; I was not a communist.*

*Then they locked up the social democrats,  
I remained silent; I was not a social democrat.*

*Then they came for the trade unionists,  
I did not speak out; I was not a trade unionist.*

*Then they came for the Jews,  
I did not speak out; I was not a Jew.*

***When they came for me,***

***There was no one left to speak out for me.***

**PS.** Based on the Jewish tradition, on the upper part of the monument you can see many small stones, as testimony and reminder that someone visited the place and paid respect.

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## **BELIEVE ME, THIS CAN HAPPEN AGAIN! | A MANIFESTO: THE HOLOCAUST & WORLD GENOCIDES**

Years ago I was convinced that a New Holocaust was not possible. For many years I was like a ship in a safe harbour, feeling strong forces, military and political commitments around me, which will not permit this to happen again.

As well, after 1945, there were new geo-political conditions favourable or the mind setting was not focused on mass extermination (beside the Cold War era and the possibility of an atomic war)

Today, continually, I am convinced that this can happen again. Not in the sense of Russians Pogroms, or Nazi-SS European methods of the WWII. No, this time will be different. We have evolved and we have new mean of mass killings.

We have seen genocide of unimaginable scale, occurring under our eyes in 1990's in the "civilized" Europe, in the very centre of the old continent, in the ex-Yugoslavia republics. No one had the military power or political will to intervene, until to late. Again, only with the help of the Americans, the conflict was pacified and the crimes revealed. Even some were broth to justice.

From April to mid July 1994, in Rwanda, genocide occurred. "Africa", the continent everyone ignores and nobody did nothing. When hundred of thousands of ethnic Tutsis (and thousand of moderate Hutu) were brutally slaughtered, in less than 100 days buy two militias groups of extremist Hutu.

The conflict only ended by external intervention and after the Hutu government was overthrew by a Tutsi movement under the Rwandan patriotic Front, led by Paul Kagane. After the internal conflict ended (that ignited other small regional wars), more than 800,000-1,000,000 bodies (500,000+ Tutsi) were counted, mutilated in such a manner, the WWII horror were invoked again.

In Darfur Region (Western Sudan) genocide of "biblical proportion and cruelty" is taking place, in these very moments, and nobody cares too much. As the Holocaust, this genocide is direct by government forces and its Arab franchise groups, the "Janjaweed" and the cause of death is almost the same as in the Holocaust: *violence, disease, exposure and starvation*. More than two and a half million people have been displaced and thousand die each month, from the same reasons.

The U.N. estimates that until the beginning of 2007, more than 450,000 were left dead from violence and diseases. It is difficult to twist arms of the local Islamic government, when other countries behave as corporation, respond to big interests as the oil industry and block the foreign intervention. As well, the one nation that can project power and implement some kind of humanitarian aid the U.S. , is over-stretched from Iraq, to Afghanistan, from Europe to South Korea and Philippines.

It is estimated that 9-10,000 people are been killed every month in Darfur. The Sudanese government is very part in suppressing the information on Darfur and the cover up is official policy: the jail or murder the witnesses of this tragic event, they tamper with evidence or eliminate forensic trails. (See U.N. Security Council Resolution 1706, UN peace keeping force superior of 17,300 troops)

The other modern nations are only side spectators and modest participants in peace missions, not in the front line military operations. Their political willingness (Europeans) and desire to involve them selves is low. Even mighty NATO, that was a deterrence force during the Cod War, it is now only a hollow organization, conducting small operation in Afghanistan.

One may think that with the today's telecommunications developments, when an instant message or video clip can be posted in Internet in a matter of seconds and viewed or downloaded in the same time, we will be ashamed that in our small planet something this horrible (as Darfur raping and killings) can occur. But somehow the big, general public is continued to me mesmerized by banal and trivial TV shows like American Idol, movie starlets or mundane shows in the European television.

If we can have crimes as in Chechnya or Taliban bands terrorizing villages in the remote Afghanistan, then our very existence it is in great and imminent danger. If we have rouge nations aspiring at atomic weapons, with the mind set into implementing them or exporting them to terrorist groups, when we are really doomed.

When the terrorist act and conduct war from within civil population areas, and take then as shields (as Hezbollah in the Second Lebanon War) and the army have to behave civilized, at an extent to extend his own fatalities or when American soldiers are dying on the Bagdad streets during peace patrols, then even the very conduction or war have to be changed.

When in Bagdad we have Shiite areas targeted by Sunni suicide bombers (insurgents) by the hundreds and religious Shiia militias (Mehdi Army) killing at night the same amount of peoples killed during the day by bombs, then we are in a cycle we simply cannot win.

Is the political, social and military situation of the Middle East and Africa in which we don't see a viable implementation with a diplomatic-political solution?

We know that there is not a military solution to the conflict, but the terrorists and the Islamic fundamentalism (as a religious ideology) leaders are reading the principles of Gottfried von Clausewitz the other way around. When Clausewitz describe "*war as a merely continuation of politics*" what we see today is the international war against terror as a clash of civilizations with religion as the main engine, conducting the political agenda and the war. But the things are more complicated than the conclusions of a Prussian general anchored in the theories and practices of Europe's end of XIX century. In the Middle East sands not everything of the European philosophy applies. Between the sun and the sands of the desert, there are other laws.

Europe is void of political or military power but full of rhetoric: a simple political show for its domestic audiences. Europe is a target of small terrorist attacks, which yet have not accumulated a "*critical mass*" as in the Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> 2001 attacks. USA and his small band of allies are left almost alone to police the world, the very world we all live in.

During the Jewish Holocaust (1939-1945), nobody moved a finger to stop the slaughters of millions of Jews and the Nazis found many collaborators. In the last 4-5 genocides since 1990's hardly anyone helped and help arrived was only too late for millions of victims.

So can we hope for a special treatment? And should we wait for it!!! We, alone, should defend ourselves of our enemies. We should not request help from anybody. We should be self-sufficient in the defence of our rights of to be and to live as free people.

From Madrid to Moscow and to Tokyo, from Rabat to Bagdad, to Teheran to Sudan and to South Africa we have to raise the world conscience that a New Holocaust, this time not a Jewish one, is taking place in Darfur/Western Sudan. Some other small genocide, disguised as civil wars and religious struggles, are occurring daily, under own eyes and we see them on television, Internet or our digital phones.

*We have to more and conquer our inertia!* Everything we do, even a shot email or a phone call is important.

We have to denounce the injustice and the killings of innocent people, every where in the world, from genocides to "Cultural Revolutions" (China), to the Killing Fields of Cambodia (Khmer Rouge), to the ethnic cleansing in the former –Yugoslavia, to the religious crimes of the Taliban in Afghanistan, the "Civil & Religious War in Iraq or the Communist Suppression of the civic liberties in Cuba.

We have to bring to justice all the criminals, responsible and political instigators that produced these genocides! The terrorist have to be broth to justice!

*We have to ask each other, everyday, with what we have contributed to the world peace!!!*

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## **THE RUMANIAN INSURRECTION OF AUG 23rd, 1944 | 66<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Rumanian military insurrection that saved many lives and shortened the WWII**

Today we commemorate a very important date in the chronology of the WWII: 66 years ago, on Aug. 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1944, Rumania denounced his five-years-old military and political alliance with Nazi Germany and Joined the Allies in the final push from the East to Berlin and from the West to the Siegfried Line.

At that time, Rumania was contributing to the German war effort with about 600,000 soldiers, and, more than soldiers, with its crude and refined oil from the rich fields of Ploiesti (read about strategic aerial bombardments by the US Air Force on August 1943/ "Black Sunday" and Operation "Tidal Wave"), counting for about 35% of all the Germany operational necessities.

Loosing Rumania, Germany lost the Carpathian Mountains defenses, some 25,000 soldiers left behind enemy line, a lot of heavy equipment, and prompted an accelerated advance of the soviet eastern center line to the old eastern Hungarian frontier.

Loosing Rumania, the Germans lost as well Bulgaria\*\*\*. The anchor of the Eastern front was left on Yugoslavia in the South, Hungary and Austria in the center and eastern Poland in the north, a very long and difficult defensive line. the loss of Rumania, put the Germans, after 3 year of bloody fights, almost square back on to the beginning of the Eastern adventure, at the very beginning of the Operation Barbarossa, on June, 1941, but this time around, not with most powerful military machine ever to invade Russia, but with a decimated skeleton and collection of defensive armies.

No country in the world could fight the Soviets and the Americans, at the same time.

\*\*\* Historians estimate that the Romanian insurrection shortened the WWII with at least 6 months, a very precious time, given the hype in production of synthetic oils and fuels, the full thrust of the German war industry and new advanced weapons systems fielded in the summer-autumn 1944.

Dealing with 2.5 million soldiers, 2,700 tanks, 1350 AT guns, 25,000 artillery guns and 5,200 planes of the Russian during OPERATION BRAGATION (June 22-August 19<sup>th</sup>, 1944), the Germans sustained a big strategic blow in man power (almost the total destruction of the Army Group Center), 500,000 German soldiers (very well trained and equipped: 350,000 killed, 150,000 captured), 200 planes and maybe 100 heavy tanks + 1,000 vehicles lost. With the impressive summer Russian offensive, they (Eastern German defensive front) will have to deal, on the back, with the added burden of 600,000 Rumanian soldiers, some of them fairly well trained in infantry and artillery warfare, backed be a small but robust (and better equipped than the Russian counterpart) Air Force: German-made Bf 109s, Bf-100s and Rumanian-made IAR-80s.

During Operation Bragation the partisans in Belorussia were instructed to sabotage the German infrastructure. *Operations Rail War* and *Operation Concert* were especially designed to attack the important railways system of German logistic. The combined attacks on communications and rail systems slowed the German logistics with at least 25% over the period previous to the June 22sd.

On the West, 14 Germans divisions were in full retreat from the Falaise Pocket rupture on August 8<sup>th</sup>, 1944 and the fall of Paris. The Germans were followed by 17 Allied full strength divisions, and Gunther von Kluge was leaving behind 61,675+ casualties.

Rumania was a big deal. Was a colossal lose-lose geopolitical game for the Germans, maybe not fully understand at that time by the big players. We can consider it as the loosing of North Africa and roughly 330.000 prisoners of the super trained and professionals Afrika Korps left behind or the freshly disaster that was 1943' Stalingrad.

**Rumania delivered the Balkans on a silver platter to the Russians.** Without this military insurrection, the Eastern war could easily being prolonged with another full year, giving the Wehrmacht and the High Command in Berlin more breathing space, operational flexibility, more fuel and oil for its war machine (after losing Rumania, they were relying only on synthetic oil produced from coal, in Germany proper) and time to further develop and increase military field density of V-2, electrical submarines (electro-boats), air to air rockets, and more of the first operational turbo fighter/bomber Me-262, all of them war-changing arm systems.

The political and economical implications of Rumania, now the forth larger player on the Allied side (from the soldiers number point-of-view), after Russia, USA and England, were immense.

After a very well played, quiet and discrete palace coup organized by the professional officers of the Rumanians General Staff army, political party leaders and the King Mihai\*\*\*, with the advance of the Russians military forces and the arrival of the political commissars, the political landscape will change, until the downfall of Ceausescu in December 1989, to an all-red color. (\*\*\*) For his important and active contribution in the military coup, King Mihai received from Stalin the Victory Order. Only a few were awarded during and after the war.)

A small political group, The Rumanian Communist Party (PCR, founded 1922), with no more than twelve hundred active members, those majority was lingering in Rumanian jails or in a “golden Moscow exile” will win largely disputed free democratic elections of 1946. They were backed by the Russians propaganda machine, T-34 tanks and the Levrenti Beria’s omnipresent and cruel NKVD. For the local politics, this group was the only beneficiary and took full advantage of the 1944 insurrection.

PCR was giving such a great significance to the Aug. 23<sup>rd</sup> anniversary (celebrated with a large military and civic parade), that real history was year-by-year rewritten, reinvented y re-fabricated, until was sold as a 100% PCR operation: Aug. 23<sup>rd</sup> it becomes Rumanian national day, until Ceausescu regime fall in 1989.

This Rumanian-made political-military insurrection saved as well many thousands of Rumanian Jews, those ranks and culture was simply decimated during the war, from a prosperous 550,000 remembers (some estimate the interwar period census to some 800,000 Jews) to less than half, to 225.000 people.

What happened in Rumania in terms of lost cultural and economical grandeur can be only compared to the forced emigration of Jews from Spain, during the catholic kings rein or the eradication of Jewish culture from Germany (1933-1945).

The Jews in Rumania lived in liberty only for a few months, after they emerge from ghettos, labors and concentrations camps. After 1946 elections and new form of government will be impose on Rumania, that will even later change his name to Popular Republic of Rumania (RPR) and the heavy Iron Curtin and the restrictions of the Cold War will fall on the country.

Many books have been written about the Rumania and the WWII. Many books, articles and research will be written in the future. Maybe some inquiries commission will be convened. The subject remains very controversial and nobody can negate the killing and atrocities commuted during the Holocaust in the name of 250,000+ Jews killed, assassinated or dead by exposure. This is not the place or the forum for a debate. The reader can go to Amazon.com, Yad VaShem Museum, or other sources to read more about it.

Live was not easy in Rumania, still with a profound anti-Semitism sentiment. Many emigrated in this space of time from August 1944 until the King Mihail abdication in December 1947 and the full nationalization al the economy on June 1948.

After Ceusescu’s “*family reunification program*” for what he was cashing in \$5,000 per person (paid by Israel...), even more emigrated to the State of Israel, Western Europe or USA. Only a skeleton of a community is remaining today in modern Rumania (now a full member of EU): less than 5,000, like a modest sample of the mighty Community and great culture they have produced from the 19<sup>th</sup> century on.

The insurrection saved my mother Draga Argintaru and her family from the ghetto in Bacau, Moldavia and my father, Moises Enghelberg from a heavy labor camp. One Jewish Russian officer that was hosted for a few weeks in the Argintaru’s house in Bacau, leaving with his unit, was giving them an advice (only many, many years later taken): “*Now, you have to go, before the soviets will come*”. *Leave, Leave!*”

I take this opportunity to acknowledge the “half glass full” and recognize King Mihail’s insurrection that saved many Jews and shortened the WWII; the other side of the “half glass empty” is to be considered of the many, many, many that have been murdered and killed, in those dark times of the WWII, *when many humans turned bad, other many good people tuned indifferent, others were driven by opportunism, and only a few raised up and saved other souls from despair and aniquilitation, from the killing Nazi machine.*

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# The Trains Of The **HOLOCAUST** CHAPTER 25

**From:** "Ra'anan, Gabriella"  
**Date:** Fri, 24 Feb 2012 10:40:12 -0500  
**Subject:** Ros-Lehtinen: "Restore the Rights of Holocaust Survivors"

Dear Friends,

Below you will find the most recent Dear Colleague letter for the Holocaust Insurance Accountability Act.

## **Listen to Our Plea: Restore the Rights of Holocaust Survivors Co-Sponsor The Holocaust Insurance Accountability Act**

Current co-sponsors: Austria, Bartlett, *Bass (CA)*, *Berkley*, Blackburn, *Brady (PA)*, *Brown*, Buchanan, Canseco, Chabot, *Clarke (MI)*, *Clay*, Coble, Coffman, *Cohen*, *Conyers*, Crenshaw, Dent, *Deutch*, Diaz-Balart, *Engel*, *Eshoo*, *Filner*, Fitzpatrick, Fortenberry, *Garamendi*, *Gutierrez*, *Hahn*, *Hastings (FL)*, *Hirono*, *Holt*, *Honda*, Hultgren, *Israel*, *Jackson Lee*, *Jackson Jr.*, *Kissell*, *Lance*, *Larsen*, *Lee*, *Maloney*, *Markey*, McCotter, *McGovern*, Miller (FL), *Moran*, Myrick, *Olver*, Pearce, Pence, *Petersen*, *Rangel*, Ribble, *Richardson*, Rivera, Ross (FL), *Rothman*, *Ruppersberger*, *Rush*, *Ryan (OH)*, *Schiff*, Schock, *Schwartz*, *Sherman*, *Sires*, *Towns*, Turner (NY), *Van Hollen*, Walberg, *Wasserman Schultz*, West, Westmoreland, *Wilson (FL)*, *Wilson (SC)*, Wolf, Young (AK)

Dear Colleague,

I would like to bring your attention to the attached letter to President Obama published in *The Miami Herald* on February 19, 2012. This letter from David Schaecter, President of the Holocaust Survivors Foundation USA, explains the plight of survivors who are barred from making claims against insurance companies that have failed to honor Holocaust-era policies. It also mentions the Holocaust Insurance Accountability Act, bipartisan legislation I introduced to restore the rights of Holocaust survivors to pursue these claims in federal court.

Mr. Schaecter writes in his letter: "Tragically, we who suffered these unspeakable horrors have been stripped of our rights by the U.S. legal and political system. Today survivors, including many who served in the U.S. military after arriving here, are the only American citizens who cannot go to court to sue an insurance company who dishonored a family policy. With half of all survivors in this great land living in or near poverty, it's an outrage that these companies have failed to honor over \$20 billion for insurance policies that our parents and grandparents bought and paid for."

The Holocaust Insurance Accountability Act would enable survivors to avail themselves of state laws that were passed to allow them to have their day in court in pursuing claims against these companies and to require European insurance companies conducting business in those states to disclose Nazi-era insurance policy information. The measure also establishes a federal right of action to recover proceeds due under the covered policies. This measure does not award any money or pre-judge any case. It simply enables survivors to exercise the basic legal rights they are granted as citizens of our country to bring their case before a federal judge.

Please co-sponsor H.R. 890, the Holocaust Insurance Accountability Act, in order to allow survivors the opportunity to obtain justice. To co-sponsor please contact Gabriella Ra'anan at [gabriella.ra'anan@mail.house.gov](mailto:gabriella.ra'anan@mail.house.gov).

Sincerely,

**ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN**  
Chairman  
Committee on Foreign Affairs

**Published in *The Miami Herald*, February 19, 2012**

Listen to our plea, Mr. President.

Many people don't know that during The Holocaust, the Nazis and their collaborators not only committed the most horrific genocidal murder in history, but also orchestrated a massive theft of the European Jewish people's assets.

While no one can ever repay us for the murder of our loved ones, the insurance companies that profited from The Holocaust such as Allianz, Generali, AXA and others have never been held accountable, and that is wrong.

Tragically, we who suffered these unspeakable horrors have been stripped of our rights by the U.S. legal and political system. Today survivors, including many who served in the U.S. military after arriving here, are the only American citizens who cannot go to court to sue an insurance company who dishonored a family policy. With half of all survivors in this great land living in or near poverty, it's an outrage that these companies have failed to honor over \$20 billion for insurance policies that our parents and grandparents bought and paid for.

Congresswoman Ileana Ros-Lehtinen has led a bipartisan effort including the entire South Florida congressional delegation and our two U.S. senators to enact legislation to restore survivors' legal rights. However, the Obama administration has been supporting the insurance companies, saying Holocaust survivors shouldn't have the same rights as every other American to go to court against a predatory insurance company.

This is shocking because in 2008, the Obama-Biden campaign solicited survivors' public support to reassure Jewish voters about the ticket. Many in the survivor leadership obliged and were given repeated high-level assurances that once elected the Obama administration would support us. However, since the first days of this administration, our pleas to President Obama to help restore our rights and to forge a solution to the problems facing so many survivors have been ignored. President Obama will be in Miami this week to raise money for his 2012 campaign.

It is imperative, Mr. President, that you meet with the survivor leadership when you are here so you can hear from us how devastating it is for us to be opposed by your administration, and discuss ways your administration can help survivors today. Time is our mortal enemy and we cannot bear any more delays.

David Schaefer, president, Holocaust Survivors Foundation USA, Miami

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**Subject:** Ros-Lehtinen Calls on Media Companies to Terminate Business with Allianz Insurance until Holocaust-Era Policies are Paid.

Dear Pro-Israel Friends:

Below you will find copies of the letters I sent to three American media companies regarding their advertisement deals with Allianz insurance. I informed them of Allianz's history of aiding the Nazis during the Holocaust and requested that they terminate their relationship with the insurance company. I have also attached the letters in PDF format.

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Dear Mr. Hoffman and Mr. Stewart,

I am writing to express serious concerns regarding recent reports that CNBC has entered into an advertising deal with the Allianz insurance company. Allianz is known to have aided the Nazi regime during the Holocaust and has consistently failed to honor Holocaust-related debts, such as repaying obligations on policies sold during the Holocaust.

In 2008, Allianz was in secret negotiations with the New York Giants and New York Jets for naming rights to the Meadowlands Stadium, until *The New York Times* and others exposed the Allianz's Holocaust-era history, which included insuring concentration camp facilities and sending cash due to Jewish beneficiaries to the Nazis. When these details were made public, the Jets and Giants terminated their negotiations with Allianz.

Allianz is not an ordinary insurance conglomerate. This company was involved in one of the greatest atrocities in recent history and has gone to great lengths to dodge acceptance of responsibility for its actions. It is far past time for Allianz to repay its debt to the survivors and families that suffered as a result of the Holocaust.

I respectfully request that you consider immediately terminating your existing relationship with Allianz until that company takes long-overdue measures to publish its Holocaust-era records and pay out Holocaust-era policies.

Sincerely,

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**Memorial for 1.5 million Jewish WWII veterans** | A NIS 32 million memorial to the estimated 1.5 million Jews who fought with the Allied forces in World War II will be established near the Armored Corp's museum in Latrun, the cabinet decided on Sunday. According to the cabinet decision, half of the funds will come from the government, and the other half from private donors.

The memorial is to be completed by the end of 2014. Minister Yossi Peled will chair a ministerial team which will also include Immigrant Absorption Minister Sofa Landver that will oversee implementation of the project.

According to the website of the future museum, about 1.5 million Jews fought with the Allied Forces in all branches of the military, in all theaters of battle, and on all levels of command. In addition, another 93,000 fought in various underground organizations, and with the Partisans.

#### **About 250,000 Jews fell in battle.**

The number of Jews fighting in World War II ranged from

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3. **Some 62,000 British Jews,**
4. **12,898 Greek Jews,**
5. **3,854 Australian Jews,**
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**Reichsbahn** | There is "no word about those who committed the crimes," Hans-Rüdiger Minow, a spokesman for the Train of Commemoration, told *The Jerusalem Post*.

He said 200,000 train employees were involved in the deportations and "10,000 to 20,000 were responsible for mass murders," but were never prosecuted.

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Just under a quarter of Israelis forgive Germany for Nazi crimes, according to a new survey released Sunday by the Center for Academic Studies.

The survey, conducted by the "Geocatographia Institute," interviewed 500 men and women over the age of 18, a representative sample of the Jewish population in Israel. Survey participants were asked,

**"Today, 65 years after the Holocaust took place in Europe, is it time to forgive the German people and Germany for crimes committed in the Holocaust?"**

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### **Film about Briton who saved Jewish children premiers** | By ASSOCIATED PRESS | 20/01/2011

Sir Nicholas Winton arranged 8 trains to carry 669 children, mostly Jewish, from Czechoslovakia to Britain.

PRAGUE — A film about a Briton who organized mass evacuations of children to save them from being sent to their deaths in Nazi concentration camps had its world premiere Thursday in Prague, the Czech capital.

Sir Nicholas Winton arranged eight trains to carry 669 children, most of them Jewish, from Czechoslovakia through Germany to Britain at the outbreak of World War II in 1939.

The youngsters were sent to foster parents — mostly in England, a small number in Sweden.

*Nicky's Family*, by Slovak director Matej Minac combines a feature movie and a documentary to provide details of the operation and about the rescued children. It also focuses on young people who decided to follow his example and help those in need around the globe.

Winton, who is now 101, was in Prague to attend the premiere late Thursday.

He received a standing ovation when he was taken to the stage in a wheelchair after an earlier screening for school children.

**"I hope it's fascinating for young people because it gives an indication to the future. I don't think it helps looking back to the past,"** Winton said.

Joining him on the stage, Premysl Sobotka, deputy speaker of Czech Parliament's upper house, the Senate, handed a nomination of Winton for the Nobel Peace Prize to Norway's ambassador to Prague, Jensen Eikaas.

Sobotka's office said hundreds of thousands of people signed the nomination.

Eikaas said what Winton did "does embody all values of the peace prize."

In one of the film's most moving moments, a mother who was undecided what to do, took her daughter out of the train through a window — then returned her to the train when it began moving.

"She had a second to decide," Minac said. "It's a true story."

Minac said he and his team managed to trace 261 of the rescued children.

"What (Winton) did is something extraordinary," said Zuzana Maresova, who was one of those children.

Winton's story did not emerge until 1988 when his wife found correspondence referring to the prewar events. In 2002, British Prime Minister Tony Blair praised him as "Britain's Schindler," after the German businessman Oskar Schindler, who also saved Jewish lives during the war.

Minac's previous film on the issue, "Nicholas Winton — The Power of Good" won an International Emmy Award.

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## **The historian Christian Gerlach proves that on this day Hitler made the fundamental decision to annihilate all European Jews.**

Historians have long searched for the order to annihilate the Jews or - insofar as they excluded a Fuehrer-order - for other central documents. The Wannsee Protocol was rejected. Here second-level men were to be found, here they spoke not of an order, but rather an authorization of Hitler. Characteristically, a pre-arranged agreement applied to this meeting, ordered from above. At the least, documentary criteria had to be found that permitted plausible inferences as to place, point in time and personal construction of such a conversation. The research led nowhere.

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The weak dictator. Already Hans Mommsen, the foremost Holocaust researcher, grumbles: the young man is to be sure "exceptional," has however "gone astray," using "outdated methods," and above all, makes "too much noise." In fact Gerlach - in no way naive - falls between those two schools of thought that contemporary historians have occupied for decades, passed down and in every case retreated from even a centimeter only reluctantly.

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In spite of many differences in details and in weighting, one thing is considered constant in the view of all the so-called functionalists: the German policy towards the Jews became progressively more and more radical. "It must be seriously considered," wrote never charged jurist Rolf Heinz Höppner in June 16, 1941, "whether the most humane solution is not to finish off the Jews who are unable to work by means of a quickly working agent. In any event, this would be more appropriate than to let them starve."

The letter was addressed to Eichmann who telephoned almost daily to Höppner, his agent in Posen. "Give me that in writing" Eichmann would have said, and put the written letter into the hierarchical process. Höppner did not want an order, he asked for the complete examination of his new recommendation. He found it audacious, "partially fantastic" but "completely feasible." In addition, he spoke exclusively of the murder of those unable to

work, not all the 500,000 Jews for which he was responsible in the Warthegau and especially in the Lodz Ghetto. The others he wanted to confine in a work camp, all child bearing women sterilized, and "so that the Jewish problem will be completely resolved with it by the end of September 1944, Eichmann still had been able to only circumspectly answer the incessant pressure of Höppner. In any event the document strengthens the theory of the progressive discrimination against the Jews to the point of complete segregation and impoverishment in which the long practiced policy of social death transformed itself into industrial extermination in conformity with internal logic, no longer directed by anyone.

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Even the parallelism of the events gives Hitler's speech a certain weight. But what weight, when the first invitation to the Wannsee Conference had been already sent 14 days previously? The postponement followed,

one could assert, the political confusion that the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor - not desired by the German leadership - had caused. But Gerlach substantiates with convincing details that the originally planned Wannsee Conference had had an entirely different theme as that which actually took place six weeks later. It had only been anticipated to discuss problems that occurred with the deportations of the (Greater) German Jews.

These had begun on October 15, under the pressure of the Lord Mayors, Gauleiters and government presidents, following an expressed approval of Hitler, which according to Himmler's agenda dates to September 17. The destination train stations were Lodz, Riga, Kaunas, and Minsk. The difficulties and tension were enormous: they involved the precise differentiation between the so-called full and half Jews, protests from the population for the retention of those who worked in the armaments industry, questions of property, the tempo and priorities of the "resettlements." Only after Hitler's speech of December 12 was Heydrich able, as Gerlach shows, to broaden the theme and fix a conference on the "Final Solution of the European Jewish question."

Hitler spoke to his most trusted comrades on the occasion of the most vexatious crisis of his leadership. Aachen had suffered very heavy bombing attacks on December 8, Cologne the night before, the Luftwaffe had lost 2,093 planes on the eastern front since June 22, the tank motors were useless and frozen, the locomotives built in the western European style were stuck in the crudely built eastern railway gauge, 160,000 soldiers of the eastern Army had fallen, thousands froze in ditches and military hospitals. The troops were "finished," reported the generals. The counter offensive of the Red Army had begun. In the Reich, rumors spread about further reductions in the rations for meat and fat.

Two days later Rosenberg, Reichsleiter for Ideology and Minister for the Occupied Territories presented a draft speech to Hitler for approval and noted: "On the Jewish question I said that the comments on the New York Jews will now have to be changed a bit following the decision." On December 18, the Section Leader of General Policy in the Eastern Ministry, Otto Braeutigam, later chief of the eastern department in the Bonn Foreign Office, noted: "On the Jewish question clarity must have been achieved in the meantime through oral conversations."

On December 14 Himmler met the man who in Hitler's Chancellery was responsible for the murder of the German mentally ill - Victor Brack. Already annihilation in gas chambers had been described as the "application of the Brack remedy." Himmler noted the speaking points as "course in east ministry, euthanasia." At the same time, Brack's superior, Reichsleiter Phillip Bouhler had two meetings with Hitler. In all these conversations the same theme was discussed: the transfer of the "well practiced personnel" that had run the gas chambers of "euthanasia" to the extermination camps that would now be built and built up for the murder of all Jews. As Bouhler put it: the transfer of his people "to a definitive solution of the Jewish question".

Our cultural circle. The emphasis was on the word "definitive." Up to December 12, a million Jews had already been murdered: in the occupied territories of the Soviet Union first the able-bodied men, since the middle of August also women, children and the elderly. The ghettos were starved out. In the vicinity of Lodz, in Chelmno, mass murders by means of gas wagons had already begun on December 8. However, the murders here were subject to limits: the victims were first - exactly allocated - 100,000 Jews unfit for work, in the sense of the notion that Höppner had had in July. Planned and built since October, the extermination camp Belzec had a capacity that reached the gassing of 500 people per day. The conception of this camp was also based on the selection of the unfit for work. When the extermination installation was functional in March 1942, it was only used for six weeks, then closed and within four weeks built up to a daily extermination capacity of 2000 deportees; the construction of the other extermination camps followed.

Independent of Hitler's fundamental decision, the practitioners of the German racial policy had discussed the murder of the Jews in all occupied eastern European countries, asked for it, or already begun it. But before December 12, they did not have a complete concept. The unfit for work, the able-bodied, finally the eastern Jews overall they had gradually brought into the circle of destruction, and by exception only a few thousand German Jews. Local and regional initiatives document the widespread will for destruction, and incidentally the limits: the murder of the eastern Jewish "indigenous bestial hordes," as the General Commissar in Minsk put it, is something other than the murder of "humans, who come from our cultural circle." On December 16 he requested "official permission" for murder that he could not in the case of German Jews give "on his own authority."

He did not yet know the contents of Hitler's confidential speech. After all, Hitler's overall responsibility is not in dispute. Hitler did not order, but approved in all clarity that which in many locations had already begun and many had long wanted. This helped the functionaries of the racist nation to gain their ultimate "planning security."

Christian Gerlach has discovered the Archimedes point that allows more clearly than ever before the tracing and clarification of the political development of the Holocaust.

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Demjanjuk extradition request denied by German court | by Jerusalem Post Staff, 08/09/21011

A Munich court has denied Spain's request to extradite John Demjanjuk, a former guard at the Sobibor death camp in then-occupied Poland, to stand trial in Madrid, the Associated Press reported Thursday.

Demjanjuk, who was convicted in Germany in May of 28,060 counts of accessory to murder, denies serving as a guard at the Nazi camp and currently remains out of prison, pending his appeal against his conviction and a five-year sentence.

Demjanjuk was indicted in January by Spain on charges of accessory to genocide and crimes against humanity related to his time in the Flossenbuerg concentration camp in southern Germany, where 155 Spaniards were held and 60 were killed.

However, court spokeswoman Margarete Noetzel said Thursday that the decision to deny his extradition, which was made May 31, was influenced by the fact that the evidence presented in the indictment against Demjanjuk was incomplete, missing crucial information regarding details of the deaths of Spanish citizens and Demjanjuk's involvement in the deaths. Spain's jurisdiction was also questioned as the alleged crimes were committed in Germany.

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The Timeline section focuses on the history of the Holocaust, chronicling the years from 1918 to the present. Hitler's rise to power was the initiation of a period that wrought great fear and destruction. Millions were forced to live in ghettos, only to be deported later to the concentration camps. The tragic details remained obscure until the liberation of the death camps and the further revelations during the Nuremberg War Trials. The subsections below offer a simplified outline for thinking about how the Holocaust unfolded. However, it should be kept in mind that many of the categories overlap.

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  - [Aftermath \(1945-2000\)](#). After the war, Nazi perpetrators faced punishment for their war crimes and survivors began rebuilding their lives.

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# The Trains Of The **HOLOCAUST** COMMENTARIES

**COMMENTARIES** | We are including only a few commentaries about the books and articles of Hedi Enghelberg, related to the Jewish Holocaust. For more free resources, please visit <http://www.engpublishing.com>

Estamos incluyendo en esta edición una selección de cartas, críticas y comentarios que hemos recibido, desde la publicación de la primera edición del libro **ESCAPE DEL ULTIMO TREN DE AUSCHWITZ**, EDICIÓN 2000.

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Mr. Hedi Enghelberg  
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 Aventura, FL 33180

Dear Mr. Enghelberg,

Thank you for sharing with me your book, *Escape del último tren de Auschwitz*. I found it to be insightful and thought provoking. Throughout the book, I felt the pain and the suffering that the Jewish people went through during the Holocaust, as well as a deep appreciation for the efforts undertaken by the Jewish community to preserve and pass on its traditions and culture for future generations.

The historical narrative of your family's struggles and horrors endured during the Holocaust provide a great tool for teaching our society about this dark chapter in human history. Furthermore, your book's descriptions of the experiences of the Jewish people under the Nazi regime and then Communism during the Cold War, highlight the human yearning to seek justice, freedom and a place where one can live in peace.

The desire to move on and start a new life often procures people to forget about the horrors suffered in the past, and as you pointed out, "it's easier to forget the good times than the bad ones," but remembering the past is a duty that people undertake so as to ensure that such genocide is not allowed to take place ever again.

Thank you for writing this wonderful book and for affording me an opportunity to gain further insight into both the evil that marked this period in human history, as well as the courage and conviction that defeated such evil.

Sincerely,  
  
 ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN  
 Ranking Member

Hon. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen is **Ranking Member, House Committee on Foreign Affairs**. Serving on the House Foreign Affairs Committee, Rep. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen has become a leader in crafting U.S. foreign policy.

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Dear Hedi,

**You are always so eloquent!** There aren't many people left in this world that put so much effort in getting a message across. Especially conveying a message of the infamy of the Holocaust, which lately is being "denied" by certain rulers that are not only supporting terrorism, but also would love for the world to forget the atrocities of past megalomaniacs?

We need to get together for lunch soon.

Sandro L.

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**NEVER AGAIN! |** The history of the world is the sum of the things that could have been evitable. So many episodes in history go from genocide to the kidnapping of the souls, which is the case of the holy trials, make the world rather a bizarre stage for the ideal co-existence of the human race.

"**Escape del ultimo tren de Auschwitz**" by Hedi Enghelberg, is a novel married to the daily as a literary style, where it is described ones more the Jewish saga, this time incarnated in the memoirs of **Moises Enghelberg**. In this novel it is presented the tragedies of the people of Zion to the hand of Hitler thru the eyes of a survivor, told by filial relief.

**The style of the text reminds us one of the most renowned books of Jewish literature: "The diary of Ana Frank".**

This subject never stops being controversial because in a way it constitutes a Damocles Sword for those who carry freedom like a constant exercise, life routine and the difference like condition to understand the others, in a manner full of Right of State and healthy intentions, not to the extent of the abuse of power, corruption of ideals and signals of authoritarian manifest. |

Dario El Universal – VENEZUELA | **ARNOLDO BARROSO**

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We are delighted to be the recipients of your "**Escape Del ultimo tren de Auschwitz**" it will be a most welcome new addition to our collections, especially to our ever-burgeoning holdings of material on the Holocaust, and its aftermath. Incidentally, it will also be listed in one of the forthcoming issues of Kiryat Sefer, the JNUL's bibliographical quarterly, to which most Judaic libraries throughout the world subscribe.

On behalf of the Jewish National and University Library, I wish to express our sincere thanks for this fine contribution, and our appreciation for your kind thoughtfulness and interest. |

Sincerely yours, **Roberta Markus**

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Va multumim mult pentru cartea pe care ati avut bunavointa sa ne-o trimiteti prin Ambasada Israelului din Caracas. "**Escape del ultimo tren de Auschwitz**" constituie contributie importanta pentru colectia bibliotecii noastre.

V-am fi deasemeni extrem de recunoscatori daca ne-ati putea trimite o copie a fotografiei originale de pe coperta cartii, pentru arhiva Yad Vashem-ului. |

**Rodica Jacob**, Bibliotecara, Yad Vashem

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## Impressive!!!

As I was in school an old Jewish came to tell us his story as he escaped the concentration camp ..... He was speaking. For around 4 hours and I am still remember me that this 4 hours was passed by in seconds ...I am young too, means it wasn't my fault but I am sorry for this what happens to you all!

Kind regards / Un cordial Saludo / Mit freundlichen Gruessen / Vennlig hilsen, **Roland P. Zimmermann | GERMANY**

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Por medio del presente deseo agradecerle muy sinceramente su gentileza en haberme obsequiado el libro " **Escape del Último tren de Auschwitz** " en el cual usted narra las memorias de Moises Enghelberg.

Estoy seguro que es un libro importante sobre una parte triste de la historia que nosotros todos tenemos que recordar. Lo leeré con mucho interés. Reciba mis más cordial saludos.]

Atentamente. **John F. Maisto**, US Embassador in Venezuela

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MUY INTERESANTE LA DESCRIPCIÓN Y NARRATIVA EMPLEADA Y DE MUY BUEN GUSTO SUS COMENTARIOS.

QUIERO DECIRLES QUE A PESAR QUE YO NO SOY DE ESA REGIÓN DEL MUNDO RUMANIA, MOLDAVIA Y EL DNIÉSTER, CONOZCO MUCHO DE ESA ZONA, DEBIDO A QUE UNO DE MIS PASATIEMPOS ES LA FILATELIA, LO QUE ME HA OBLIGADO A LEER SOBRE TODO DE MOLDAVIA Y DNIÉSTER.

EXCELENTE DOCUMENTO HISTÓRICO DE UNA ZONA DE EUROPA DE LA QUE MUY POCO SE SABE SU PAPEL EN LA SEGUNDA GUERRA MUNDIAL AL IGUAL DEL PRECIO QUE TUVO QUE PAGAR RUMANIA EN LO QUE SE REFIERE A LO HUMANO Y MATERIAL.

RECOMIENDO HACER UNA REVISIÓN DEL LIBRO EN LO QUE RESPECTA EN SU ESTRUCTURA DE CONSTRUCCIÓN DEL IDIOMA ESPAÑOL, HAY CIERTAS PARTES QUE DENOTAN CIERTAS RUPTURAS, ME IMAGINO QUE TRADUJERON DEL RUMANO LAS MEMORIAS Y SE OBSERVAN EN CIERTAS PARTES DEL LIBRO UNA FALTA SINTAXIS O CONSTRUCCIÓN DEL IDIOMA

PERO COMO DOCUMENTO HISTÓRICO ES MUY EXCELENTE; TOCA ESA PARTE HUMANA DE LA GUERRA QUE ES LA GENTE CIVIL, ESE GRUPO OLVIDADO EN TODAS LAS CONTIENDAS DE LAS CUALES SOLO NOS NOMBRAN GENERALES, SUS HÉROES Y VILLANOS EN LA MAYORÍA DE LOS LIBROS.

EN RESUMEN EXCELENTE TESTIMONIO. LE DESEO ÉXITOS EN SUS FUTURAS EMPRESAS.

ATENTAMENTE,

**ING. YURI VLADIMIR MONTES**

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**Lo que me motiva a enviarle** este mensaje es mi intención de felicitarlo por tan excelente libro como lo es "**Escape del último tren de Auschwitz**". Soy una persona muy interesada y apasionada por esta época de la historia, es decir, desde los inicios de Adolf Hitler hasta sus últimos días en el Bunker. Reconozco que de toda la historia del mundo y la humanidad no ha habido ni espero que haya, un ser más monstruoso que Adolf Hitler.

Leer su libro fue para mí toda una fuente de nueva información acerca de este tema, la cual no sabía. Considero a su padre, el Sr. Moisés Enghelberg, con todo el respeto que mereció, una persona digna de toda la admiración posible, pues su valentía, coraje e inteligencia no tenían límites. Este libro, logró trasladarme de alguna manera a este largo y triste momento de la historia, algo que considero que no muchos autores logran, es por ello que pienso que "Escape del último tren de Auschwitz" es un libro que lleva al lector a adentrarse de una forma única en dicha época; aunque nunca, nadie en el mundo logrará sentir el sufrimiento de estas personas que dejaron sus vidas allí con tan sólo leerlo. Pero si nos podemos dar cuenta de que sufrieron sin fin.

Me enorgullezco de tener entre mis conocimientos, el saber que hubo en el mundo, personas como su padre, quien considero, se mantuvo firme y luchó hasta el final por su familia. Una vez mas, mis mas sinceras felicitaciones Sr. Enghelberg, espero tener la oportunidad y el agrado de leer todas sus demás publicaciones.

Puede considerarme como una gran admiradora de su persona y de su trabajo. Quisiera que este mensaje me sea contestado si es posible, me agradecería saber su opinión sobre lo que aquí le he expresado. Me despido con todo el respeto que merece su persona y deseándole todo el éxito del mundo. |

**María Velasco**

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Obra en nuestro poder un ejemplar de su novela " **Escape del Último tren de Auschwitz** ", que Ud. Tan gentilmente nos hiciera llegar.

Mucho agradecemos la deferencia que ha tenido y tenga la seguridad de que esta novela histórica será leída con sumo interés.

**Arie Tenne**, Embajador de Israel en Venezuela

### **Descripción**

**De la foto de la portada del libro** | Esta es una foto original tomada en 1941, en la ciudad de Bacau. Moises Enghelberg es la persona del centro de la foto. Moises y sus acompañantes están portando la estrella amarilla, símbolo que debía ser puesta en la vestimenta.

La estrella amarilla y/o el emblema (ecusson) amarillo, era un símbolo que los Judíos (desde la edad de 6 años) debían mostrar en público. El símbolo era común en la Edad Media; los nazis lo revivieron, después de la invasión y la conquista de Polonia. Decreto firmado el 1-ro de septiembre del 1941 por R. Heydrich



Los personajes de esta novela son reales y muy pocos segmentos de la novela fueron romantizados. Este libro está basado en relatos inéditos, reales y en las notas de Moisés y Dorina Enghelberg y sus experiencias en la época 1930-1940, durante la guerra y post guerra: Segunda Guerra Mundial, 1939-1945.

Muchos de los relatos fueron suministrados amablemente por mi Madre, Draga Enghelberg y fueron traducidos y adaptados para este libro. Le agradezco a Draga en un modo muy especial por su paciencia en recordar eventos pasados y dolorosos; por su dedicación y soporte en escribir y completar este libro.

Varios documentos manuscritos de Moisés Enghelberg fueron traducidos desde rumano a español para completar partes de este libro.

Las fotos presentadas son originales y copias hechas por Moisés Enghelberg, a los originales que quedaron en Rumania. El catalogo digital de las fotos rescatadas por Moisés Enghelberg se encuentran a la disposición del público general en: [www.engpublishing.com](http://www.engpublishing.com)

## ABOUT THE AUTHOR

“In my style of writing and reporting, I try to be concise and direct as possible and be totally on the service of the content. The place of the subject in the recorded history is important to me. I treat my work (subject) with care and affection, I try to identify myself with the story, make it interesting for the reader. I employ the best language style I can master. My message is to convey the true meaning of the subject I am writing about from my point-of-view and the times we live in. I am just (the) a messenger.”

### Hedi Enghelberg

(Born August 14, 1957) is a Romanian/Israeli writer. Born in Romania, he's a University of Bucharest graduate in Mechanical Engineering (ICB). Enghelberg lived in Venezuela since 1986, and is founder and CEO of several successful businesses and organizations servicing a wide variety of clients and ranging from manufacturing to providing business solutions and web design for customers throughout Central and South America. Mr. Enghelberg is currently a resident of South Florida.

Enghelberg was educated in Moinesti and continued in Bucharest, attending the Construction Institute of Bucharest, graduation in June 1982 with Mechanical Engineer Degree.

In 2000, Hedi wrote and published his first book, “*Escape del ultimo tren de Auschwitz*” about his family history, Jewish history, and his father, Moises time as a forced labor prisoner/hand in the Romanian/German railways system, during WWII.

The second book “*The H Clone*” is about *facts based fiction* history novel about attempts to clone Hitler in 2001.

The third book, based on many conferences, was meant to open the awareness about a new type of war is

“*Cyberterrorismo / Cyber wars / InfoWar*” and is about a new cyber wars and cyber terrorism.

Since residing in U.S., there more titles will be published:

“*Codename: Capital*”, about the first two hours of the Yom Kippur war and

“*Poemas del Medio Dia*” a 51 poems book that will feature 12 poems from his son, Moises Enghelberg, under the title of “La Risa Nerviosa”

In 2007 Enghelberg started a website for conserving old photographs and the means to communicate the photograph meanings and lessons: [www.engpublishing.com](http://www.engpublishing.com)



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For the reader who speaks Spanish, we include a few resources and articles related to Holocaust in Spanish, written and published by Hedi Enghelberg.

Para los lectores que hablan y leen Castellano, hemos agregados estos recursos y unos artículos relacionados al tema del Holocausto, escritos en Castellano, por Hedi Enghelberg

### Cronograma del Holocausto | 1933-1945

#### 1933

**Enero 30** Adolfo Hitler es nombrado Canciller de Alemania.

**Marzo 22** Se abre el campo de concentración de Dachau.

**Abril 1** Empieza el boicot de las tiendas y de los negocios Judíos.

**Abril 7** La Ley del Servicio Civil prohíbe a los judíos el trabajar en el Servicio Civil, Universidades y ocupar posiciones dentro del Gobierno.

**Abril 27** Se establece la Gestapo.

**Mayo 10** Quema pública del libro escrito y publicado por los judíos, disidentes políticos y otra persona non-grato del estado.

**July 14** La ley que anula la ciudadanía a los inmigrantes Judíos en el Este.

#### 1934

**Agosto 2** Hitler se autoproclama Führer y Reichskanzler (líder y canciller). Las Fuerzas Armadas deben jurar lealtad solo a Hitler.

#### 1935

**Mayo 31** Los Judíos están expulsados de las Fuerzas Armadas Alemanas.

**Septiembre 15** Las leyes de Nuremberg: las leyes anti-Judías son aprobadas. Los judíos ya no son considerados ciudadanos Alemanes. Los Judíos no se pueden casar con Arrianos. No pueden arbolar la bandera Alemana.

**Noviembre 15** Los Alemanes definen al Judío como: todas las personas con tres abuelos Judíos, alguien con dos abuelos Judíos, que se identifican como Judío.

## 1936

**Marzo 03** Sé prohíbe a los médicos Judíos de practicar en las Instituciones Alemanas.

**Marzo 07** Los alemanes invaden el Rhineland, previamente desmilitarizado por el Tratado de Versalles.

**Junio 17** Himmler es nombrado Jefe de la Policía Alemana.

**Julio 20** Abre el campo de concentración Sachsenhausen.

**Octubre 25** Hitler y Mussolini forman el Eje Roma-Berlin.

## 1937

**Julio 15** Abre el campo de concentración en Buchenwald.

## 1938

**Marzo 13** Anschluss (incorporación de Austria): todos los decretos antisemitas se aplican inmediato en Austria.

**Abril 26** Registro obligatorio de todas las propiedades judías en el Reich.

**Julio 06** La conferencia de Evian, Francia, trata el problema de los refugiados Judíos.

**Agosto 03** Italia empieza a aplicar drásticas leyes antisemitas

**Septiembre 30** Conferencia de Múnich: Inglaterra y Francia aceptan la ocupación alemana de Sedetenland, antes parte de Checoslovaquia Oeste.

**Octubre 05** Según un requerimiento de las autoridades suizas, los alemanes marcan todos los pasaportes Judíos con una grande letra "J", para restringir a los judíos de inmigrar en Suiza.

**Octubre 28** 17.000 judíos polacos son expulsados de Alemania. Las autoridades polacas se rehúsan a aceptarlos. 8.000 están concentrados en el poblado fronterizo de Zbasyn.

**Noviembre 07** El asesinato en París del diplomático alemán Ernst von Rath, por Herschel Grynspan.

**Noviembre 9-10** Kristallnacht (La Noche de los Cristales Rotos): el pogromo anti judío en Alemania, Austria y Sedetenland; 200 sinagogas destrozadas; 7.500 tiendas judías devastadas. 30.000 hombres Judíos son enviados a los campos de concentración: Dachau, Buchenwald, Sachsenhausen.

**Noviembre 12** Decreto de transferencia de todos los negocios Judíos a manos Arrianos (alemanes).

**Noviembre 15** Todos los estudiantes Judíos son expulsados de las escuelas Alemanas.

**Diciembre 12** Una multa de un billón de marcos es impuesto a los Judíos alemanes por destrucciones, durante el Kristallnacht.

## 1939

**Enero 30** el discurso de Hitler en el Reichstag: si la guerra empieza, significara el Vernichtung (exterminación) de los Judíos Europeos.

**Marzo 15** Alemania ocupa Checoslovaquia.

**Agosto 23** El pacto Molotov-Ribbentrop es firmado: un pacto de no-agresión entre la Unión Soviética y Alemania.

**Septiembre 01** Comienzo (oficial) de la Segunda Guerra Mundial: Alemania invade Polonia

**Septiembre 21** Heydrich firma decretos que establecen ghetto en la parte de Polonia ocupada por las tropas nazis.

**Octubre 12** Los Alemanes empiezan la deportación de los judíos de Austria y Checoslovaquia a Polonia.

**Octubre 28** El primer ghetto polaco se establece en Piotrkow.

**Noviembre 23** Los Judíos en la Polonia ocupada por los alemanes, están obligados a portar una banda en el brazo o la Estrella Amarilla.

## 1940

**Abril 09** Los alemanes ocupan Dinamarca y el sur de Noruega.

**Mayo 07** El ghetto de Lodz (Litzmannstadt) esta sellado: 165.000 personas concentradas en menos de 6 km cuadrados.

**Mayo 10** Alemania invade Holanda, Bélgica, Luxemburgo y Francia

**Mayo 20** El campo de concentración Auschwitz está establecido.

**Junio 22** Francia capitula.

**Agosto 08** Empieza la Batalla de Inglaterra.

**Septiembre 27** El eje Roma - Berlín – Tokio está suscrita.

**Noviembre 16** El ghetto de Varsovia esta sellado: tiene 500.000 habitantes.

## 1941

**Enero 21-26** Revueltas anti judías en Rumania, donde cientos de judíos son masacrados.

**Marzo** Adolfo Eichmann es nombrado como Jefe del Departamento de Asuntos Judíos de la Oficina Central de la Seguridad del Reich, Sección IV B 4.

**Abril 06** Alemania ataca Yugoslavia y Grecia. Son ocupados.

**Junio 22** Alemania invade la Unión Soviética

**Septiembre 28-29** 34.000 judíos son masacrados en Babi Yar, un barranco en las afueras de Kiev. Kiev tenía una comunidad de 175.500 judíos. La operación criminal fue llevada a cabo por Sonderkommandos no. 4 del Einsatzgruppen C, al orden de oficial (SS) Paul Blobel, con apoyo de un batallón Waffen SS. La masacre siguió con gitanos y comisarios de la NKVD soviética, llegando a 61.275 personas asesinadas.

**Octubre** En el mismo campo son masacrados Judíos, gitanos, polacos, rusos y otras nacionalidades.

**Diciembre 07** Los Japoneses atacan a Pearl Harbor.

**Diciembre 08** El campo de exterminio de Chelmo (Kulmhof) empieza a operar: 340.000 judíos, 20.000 polacos y checos son matados hasta Abril de 1943.

**Diciembre 11** Los Estados Unidos de Norte América declara la guerra a Alemania y Japón.

## 1942

**Enero 20** La Conferencia de Wannsee en Berlín: Heydrich expone el plan de matar a todos los Judíos Europeos.

**Marzo 17** La exterminación empieza en el campo Belzek: hasta el fin de 1942, 600.000 judíos son asesinados.

**Mayo** Exterminación a través del gas empieza en el centro de matanza de Sobibor: hasta Octubre 1943. , 250.000 judíos son asesinados.

**Junio** Se establece las unidades de partisanos Judíos en las selvas de Bielorrusia y de los Estados Bálticos.

**Julio 22** Los Alemanes establecen el campo de concentración de Treblinka.

**Verano** Empieza la deportación de los Judíos de Bélgica, Croacia, Francia, Holanda y Polonia hacia los centros de exterminio. Hay resistencia armada de los judíos en los ghetto de Kletzk, Kremenez, Lachva, Mir y Tuchin.

**Invierno** Deportación de los Judíos de Alemania, Grecia y Noruega hacia los centros de exterminio. Hay movimientos de partisanos organizados en las selvas de Lublin.

## 1943

**Enero** El 6-o Ejército Alemán se rinde a Stalingrado

**Marzo** Liquidación del ghetto de Krakow.

**Abril 19** Empieza la revuelta del ghetto de Varsovia, cuando los Alemanes intentan de liquidar a 70.000 habitantes. Los irregulares judíos luchan contra los nazis hasta principios de junio.

**Junio** Himmler ordena la liquidación de todos los ghetto en Polonia y la Unión Soviética.

**Verano** Resistencia armada Judía en Bedzin, Bialystok, Czestochowa, Lvov y Tarnow.

**Otoño** Liquidación de los grandes ghetto de Minsk, Vilna y Riga.

**Octubre 14** Revuelta armada en el campo de exterminio de Sobibor.

**Octubre - Noviembre** Los Judíos de Dinamarca son rescatados.

## 1944

**Marzo 19** Los alemanes ocupan Hungría.

**Mayo 15** Los Nazi comienzan la deportación de los judíos húngaros: hasta junio 27, 380.000 son enviados a Auschwitz.

**Junio 06** D-Day: la invasión Aliada en Normandía.

**Primavera - Verano** El Ejército Rojo contraataca las fuerzas nazis.

**Julio 20** Un grupo de oficiales Alemanes intentan asesinar a Hitler.

**Julio 24** Los Rusos liberan el campo de matanza de Majdenek.

**Octubre 07** Revuelta de los internados de Auschwitz. Uno de los crematorios explota.

**Noviembre** Los últimos judíos son deportados de Terezin hacia Auschwitz.

**Noviembre 08** Comienza la marcha de la muerte de unos 40.000 Judíos de Budapest hacia Austria.

## 1945

**Enero 17** Evacuación de Auschwitz: empiezan las marchas de la muerte.

**Enero 25** Empieza la marcha de la muerte de los internados de Stutthof.

**Abril 6-10** Marchas de la muerte de los prisioneros de Buchenwald.

**Abril 30** Hitler se suicida.

**Mayo 08** V-E Day. Día de la Victoria. Alemania se rinde. El Tercer Reich esta desintegrado.

**Agosto 06** Bombardeo atómico de Hiroshima

**Agosto 09** Bombardeo atómico de Nagasaki.

**Agosto 15** V-J DAY: la victoria sobre Japón esta proclamada.

**Septiembre 02** Japón se rinde. Se termina la Segunda Guerra Mundial.

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**Terminología** | A lo largo de esta narración hemos utilizado varios términos propios del conflicto mundial y de los lugares, personajes y acciones que pertenecen al Holocausto judío.

Recomendamos al lector revisar este capítulo, debido a la presencia de datos históricos que aportaran muchas vistas interesantes, completando una visión global del drama del pueblo Judío en Europa, durante los 13 años de la dominación y de la existencia del régimen nazi.

### **Aktion**

Operación que implica una concentración, deportación y matanza de los judíos por los nazis durante el Holocausto.

### **Aliados**

Las naciones que luchaban en contra de Alemania nazi, Italia y Japón durante la Segunda Guerra Mundial. Principalmente USA, Inglaterra y Unión Soviética.

### **Anielewich, Mordehai (1919-1943)**

El Líder mayor de la resistencia judía en el ghetto de Varsovia, asesinado el 8 de mayo de 1943

### **Anschluss (alemán)**

Anexo de Austria por Alemania, el 13 de marzo de 1938

### **Arrían (raza)**

Ario, estaba al principio aplicado a todas las personas hablantes de los idiomas indoeuropeos. Los Nazi, aplicaron el término a los pobladores de Europa del Norte. Estaban interesados en evitar, lo que consideraban como "la bastardización de la raza germánica" y preservar la pureza de sangre europea.

### **Auschwitz**

Campo de concentración y exterminación, en la Silesia Alta, en Polonia, 37 millas oeste de Cracovia. Fue establecido como campo de concentración en 1940, se transformó en un campo de exterminio al principio de 1942. Tenía 3 secciones: Auschwitz I, el campo mayor. Auschwitz II (Birkenau) el campo de exterminación. Auschwitz III (Monowitz), el campo de trabajo I.B.Farben, conocido como Buna. Auschwitz tenía numerosos sub campos.

### **Axis**

Las naciones de la Axis, incluían al principio la Alemania nazi, Italia y Japón, que firmaron un pacto en Berlín, el 2 de septiembre de 1940. Se les adhieren más tarde Bulgaria, Croacia, Hungría y Eslovaquia.

### **Baeck, Leo (1873-1956)**

Rabino, filósofo y líder de la comunidad de Berlín. En 1933 fue nombrado presidente de la Representación de los Judíos Alemanes en el Reich, una organización responsable de los problemas Judíos en Alemania nazi. Teniendo oportunidades de inmigrar, escogió seguir en Alemania. En 1943 fue deportado al ghetto de Terezin, donde fue miembro del Consejo de los Sabios y líder espiritual de los judíos allí concentrados. Después de la Liberación, inmigro a Inglaterra.

### **Belzek**

Uno de los seis campos de exterminación de Polonia. Originalmente establecido en 1940 como un campo de trabajo forzado judío, los alemanes empezaron a construir un campo de exterminio el 1 de noviembre de 1941, como parte de la Aktion Reinhardt. Cuando el campo cerró en enero de 1943, más de 600.000 personas fueron asesinadas allá.

### **Chamberlain, Neville (1869-1940)**

Primer Ministro inglés, 1937-1940. Firmó el Convenio de Múnich en 1938, con Adolfo Hitler, que pensó, erróneamente, que Hitler era el que iba a aportar "paz a nuestra época".

### **Chelmo**

Un campo de exterminación establecido en 1941, en la región Wartheegau de Polonia Oeste, 47 millas oeste de Lodz. Fue el primer campo donde exterminación en grandes proporciones fue conducida a través de gas. Un total de 320.000 personas fueron exterminadas en Chelmo.

### **Churchill, Winston (1875-1965)**

Primer Ministro británico, 1940-1945. Siguió a Chamberlain el 10 de mayo de 1940, en el momento de gloria de Hitler, durante la conquista de Europa. Churchill fue uno de los pocos políticos europeos que entendió la amenaza que representaba Hitler para Europa. Fuerte oponente de Chamberlain.

#### Campo de Concentración

Inmediatamente después de la toma del poder el 30 de enero de 1933, los nazis establecieron campos de concentración como prisiones para todos los enemigos de su régimen. Los primeros campos, tres campos de concentración fueron Dachau (cerca de Múnich), Buchenwald (cerca de Weimar) y Sachsenhausen (cerca de Berlín)

#### **Eichmann, Adolf (1906-1962)**

SS Lt. Coronel y jefe de la Sección Judía de la Gestapo. Eichmann participó en la conferencia de Wannsee, el 20 de enero de 1942. Fue el instrumento esencial en la implementación de la "Solución Final", organizando el transporte de los judíos a los campos de la muerte en toda Europa. Fue arrestado al final de la Guerra en la zona Americana, pero escapó, entró en clandestinidad y desapareció. En 11 de mayo 1960, miembros del Servicio Secreto Israelí descubrieron su identidad y lo capturaron y llevaron de Argentina hacia Israel. Eichmann fue juzgado en Jerusalén (Abril - Diciembre 1961) condenado y sentenciado a muerte. Fue ejecutado en 31 de mayo de 1962.

#### **Einsatzgruppen (alemán)**

Formaciones, del tamaño de un batallón, que funcionaban como unidades móviles de matanza, pertenecientes a la Policía de Seguridad y a los Servicios de Seguridad SS, que seguían a las unidades del ejército alemán, en la Unión Soviética, en Junio de 1941. Estas unidades tenían como soporte a las unidades uniformadas de la Policía de Orden alemanas y voluntarios auxiliares de Estonia, Latvia, Lituania y Ucrania. Sus víctimas, en primer plano los judíos, fueron ejecutadas con fusilamientos y fueron enterrados en fosas comunes, que más tardes fueron exhumadas y quemadas. Por lo menos un millón de judíos fueron asesinados de esta manera. Tienen cuatro batallones, A, B, C, D, que eran subdivididos en formaciones del tamaño de una compañía, los Einsatzkommandos.

#### **El Gran Reich Alemán**

Designación de la Alemana agrandada, que fue diseñado para incluir a todos los pueblos hablantes del idioma alemán. Fue una de las más importantes metas de Hitler. Después de la conquista de la mayoría de Europa, durante la guerra, fue una corta realidad.

#### **Eutanasia**

El término original significa una muerte rápida y sin dolor para los enfermos terminales. Sin embargo, el programa de eutanasia Nazi tenía otro significado: la toma de medidas eugenésicas para mejorar la calidad de la "raza alemana". Este programa culmina con la aplicación forzada de las "muertes de gracia" a los insanos incurables, inválidos permanentes, deformados y a los descalificados. Tres grandes clasificaciones aplicaban: 1.- eutanasia para los incurables, 2.- exterminación directa por métodos especiales, 3.- experimentos de esterilización en masa.

#### **Evian, Conferencia, 06 de julio de 1938**

Conferencia promovida por el Presidente F.D. Roosevelt, en julio de 1938, para discutir el problema de los refugiados. 32 países se reunieron en Evian-les Bains, Francia. Sin embargo casi nada se concluyó porque la mayoría de los países occidentales estaban negados a aceptar a los refugiados Judíos.

#### **Éxodus**

En agosto de 1947 el gobierno británico captura un barco de inmigrantes ilegales, el *Éxodus*. En su mayoría eran víctimas de la ocupación nazi y sobrevivientes del Holocausto judío de la Segunda Guerra. Ante la escandalizada opinión pública mundial y una enfurecida población judía, los deportó al territorio alemán. Este episodio puso grandes tensiones en las relaciones políticas entre Londres y Washington.

#### **Exterminio, Campos de**

Campos nazis para la matanza en masa de los judíos y otras etnias: gitanos, prisioneros de guerra rusos, prisioneros enfermos, etc., conocidos como "los campos de la muerte", incluían a Auschwitz-Birkenau, Belzek, Chelmo, Majdenek, Sobibor y Treblinka. Todos estaban situados en la Polonia ocupada.

#### **Frank, Hans (1900-1946)**

Gobernador General de la Polonia ocupada entre 1939-1945. Un miembro del Partido nazi desde su fundación y abogado personal de Hitler, anuncio: "Polonia será tratada como una colonia; los polacos serán esclavos del Grande Reich Alemán". Cerca de 1942, más de 85% de los judíos polacos fueron transportados a los campos de exterminio. Frank fue juzgado en Nuremberg, condenado y ejecutado en 1946.

**Genocidio**

La destrucción deliberada y sistemática de un grupo religioso, racial, nacional o cultural.

**Gerstein, Kurt (1905-1945)**

Jefe del Instituto de Higiene de Waffen SS en Berlín. Manteniendo contactos con la resistencia, Gerstein adquirió el gas necesitado en Auschwitz, oficialmente para la fumigación, pero empleado el concreto para la matanza de los judíos. Para la información de la matanza de los judíos a los oficiales suecos y al nuncio de Vaticano. Los autos procesos de conciencia lo determinaron a suicidarse en una prisión francesa después de la guerra, en 1945. Es el autor de la muy citada descripción del proceso de matanza a través del gas en Belzek, protagonista del libro de Rolf Hochhuth, *El Diputado*, y el sujeto de la biografía de Saúl Friedlander, *La ambigüedad de Dios*.

**Ghetto (Geto)**

Los nazi revivieron el concepto medieval del ghetto, creando con carácter obligatorio los "Cuarteles Judíos" (wohnbezirk). El ghetto era una sección de la ciudad donde todos los judíos de los alrededores eran forzados a residir. Con paredes y alambre de púa los cuales eran cerrados para prevenir la entrada y la salida. Establecido en su mayoría en el Este de Europa (Lodz, Varsovia, Vilna, Riga, Minsk), los ghettos eran caracterizados por sobre población, hambre, y trabajo forzado. Eventualmente, todos fueron destruidos, a medida de que los judíos fueron enviados a los campos de exterminio.

**Gring, Herman (1893-1946)**

Uno de los miembros fundadores del partido nazi. Göring participo en el primer golpe de estado de Hitler, el "Pucho de la Cerveza", en Múnich, en 1923. Después del fallo, se fue a Suecia, donde vivió por un tiempo en una institución mental, hasta 1927. En 1928 fue electo en el Reichstag y fue su presidente en 1932. Cuando Hitler llega al poder en 1933, fue nombrado el Ministro del Aire y Primer Ministro de Prusia. Fue responsable por el programa de re armamento y en especial por la creación de la Fuerza Aérea Alemana. En 1939, Hitler lo nombró su sucesor. Durante la Guerra fue casi el dictador de la economía alemana y fue el responsable de las guerras aéreas de Alemania. Condenado en el proceso de Nuremberg, se suicidó dos horas antes de su ejecución, tomando veneno.

**Grynszpan, Herschel (1921-1943?)**

Un joven judío polaco que emigro a París. Estaba agonizando por la suerte de sus padres, que durante una Aktion fueron deportados desde Alemania a la frontera con Polonia. En 7 de noviembre de 1938, fue a la Embajada Alemana donde hirió mortalmente al tercer secretario, Ernst von Rath. Los nazi usaron este argumento como pretexto para el pogromo de Kristallnacht (La Noche de los Cristales Rotos).

**Gitanos**

Población nómada, presuntamente proveniente del noroeste de India, de donde inmigraron al Imperio de Persia en el siglo XIV. Aparecieron en la escena europea en el siglo XV. En el siglo XVI estaba en todas partes de Europa y fueron igualmente perseguidos como los judíos. Los gitanos ocuparon un importante papel en las teorías raciales nazis. Se piensa que más de 500.000 gitanos fueron asesinados durante el Holocausto.

**Hagana**

Hagana significa "defensa" en hebreo. Su nombre completo era *Irgun haHagaga*, o sea la "Organización de Defensa"

**Hess, Rudolf (1894-1987)**

Lugariente y asistente de Hitler desde los primeros días del movimiento nazi. El 10 de mayo de 1941 voló sólo desde Augburg, salto en paracaídas y aterrizó en Escocia, donde fue de inmediato arrestado. La meta de su vuelo era incierta. Se pensó que quería persuadir a los ingleses de hacer paz con Hitler, una vez atacada la Unión Soviética. Hitler de inmediato lo declaró loco. Fue juzgado en Nuremberg, y acusado a vida en prisión. Era el único prisionero en Spandau, hasta que presuntamente cometió suicidio en 1987.

**Heydrich, Reinhard**

Ex oficial naval que entro en la SS en 1932, después que fue retirado de la marina de guerra. Fue el Jefe del Servicio de Seguridad SS (SD), una agencia de inteligencia del partido nazi. Entre 1933-1934 llega a ser el jefe de la policía política (Gestapo) y más tarde de la Policía criminal (Kripo) combina el Gestapo y la Kripo en la Policía de Seguridad (SIPO). En 1939 combino la SD y el SIPO en la Oficina Central de la Seguridad del Reich. Organizó las Einsatzgruppen, que sistemáticamente mataban a los judíos en el territorio de la Unión Soviética entre 1941-1942. En 1941 Göring le pidió implementar la Solución Final a la cuestión judía. En el mismo año fue nombrado Protector de Bohemia y Moravia. En Enero de 1942 presidió la Conferencia de Wannsee, para coordinar el esfuerzo para la implantación de la Solución Final.

En 29 de Mayo de 1942, fue asesinado por partisanos checos (paracaidistas), que fueron aerotransportados desde Inglaterra. Como represalia de su asesinato, el pueblo de Lidice fue barrido de la faz de la tierra.

### **Hitler, Adolf (1889-1945)**

*Führer y Reichskanzler* (líder y canciller del Reich). Nacido en Austria, se mudó a Alemania en 1913. Durante la Primera Guerra Mundial, Hitler se incorporó al Ejército de Bavaria y recibió la Cruz de Hierro Primera Clase por valentía. Después de la guerra regresa a Múnich, donde se inscribe en el nuevo Partido de los Obreros Alemanes, que más tarde fue reorganizado según su visión, en Partido Nacional Socialista de los Trabajadores Alemanes (NSDAP). En Noviembre de 1923, intentó sin éxito, poner a Alemania bajo el control nacionalista. Cuando su golpe, conocido como el Pucho de la Cerveza falló, Hitler fue arrestado y condenado a 5 años de prisión. Fue durante este período que escribió *Mein Kampf*. Estando sólo 9 meses en prisión, Hitler se incorpora rápidamente a la escena política alemana y gana las elecciones nacionales. En enero de 1933 Hindenburg nombra a Hitler Canciller en un gabinete de coalición. Hitler toma posesión del cargo el 30 de enero de 1933 y de inmediato forma una dictadura. En 1934 las funciones de canciller y presidente son unidas en la nueva del Führer. De inmediato todos los partidos son abolidos y la oposición reprimida. En 1938 Hitler implementa su sueño de una Alemania Grande, anexando a Austria y más tarde, con la aprobación de las potencias Occidentales, a Sedetenland (una provincia de Checoslovaquia con población netamente alemana), y al final, toda la Checoslovaquia. El 1 de septiembre de 1939 el ejército alemán invade Polonia. En este momento las potencias Occidentales comentan que ningún pacto con Hitler sería implementado y honrado la Segunda Guerra Mundial empieza. Inicialmente estaba victorioso en todos los frentes de guerra. Los ejércitos de Hitler empiezan a sufrir pérdidas, a poco tiempo que la EE.UU. entran en guerra en 1941, debido a la inmensa ayuda en material bélico a Inglaterra y Unión Soviética y cientos de miles de soldados americanos. Con las evidencias de la pérdida de la guerra al principio de 1945, Hitler insiste en una guerra total hasta la muerte. El 30 de Abril de 1945, se suicida, para no caer prisionero.

### **Holocausto**

La destrucción de más de 6 millones de judíos por los nazis y sus asociados en Europa, entre los años 1933-1945. Otros grupos e individuos fueron perseguidos y sufrieron profundamente durante este período, pero sólo los judíos fueron marcados para una total aniquilación. El término *Holocausto*, que literariamente significa "un completo sacrificio quemado", tiende a sugerir la manera de sacrificio en que esta acción ocurrió. La palabra *Shoah* (hebreo), un término Bíblico que significa un desastre total, es el equivalente en hebreo moderno al *Holocausto*.

### **Judenrat (judenrate)**

Los Consejos de los Judíos dentro de las comunidades y los ghetto organizados por los nazis para implementar sus instrucciones.

### **Judenrein (alemán)**

Limpio de Judíos, nombrando áreas donde todos los judíos fueron deportados o eliminados.

### **Justos entre Naciones**

Término que aplica a aquellos personas no judías, que al riesgo de sus propias vidas, han salvado judíos de la persecución nazi.

### **Identificación Judía**

Un distintivo signo que los judíos debían portar con carácter obligatorio en la Alemania nazi y en los territorios conquistados. Tenía la forma de una estrella de David, con seis puntas, de color amarilla y con la palabra *Jude* en el centro, escrito en color negro.

### **Kapo (alemán)**

Supervisor y líder de un grupo de prisioneros. Podía ser de los mismos rangos de los prisioneros o de los rangos de las guardias. Si eran de los rangos de los prisioneros, vivían con ellos, pero tenían un régimen de vida privilegiado.

### **Kristallnacht (alemán)**

La noche de los Cristales Rotos: un programa lanzado e inspirado por los nazis entre 9-10 de noviembre de 1938. En el territorio de Alemania y Austria hacia todas las sinagogas y los negocios Judíos fueron los cuales fueron vandalizados, robados y quemados. Más de 35.000 hombres Judíos fueron enviados a los campos de concentración. La excusa de esta acción fue el asesinato de Ernst von Rath, en París, por un joven judío (Grynspan H.), cuyos padres fueron arrestados por los nazis.

### **Lidice**



Pueblo minero en Checoslovaquia, con una población de 700 habitantes. En represalia por el asesinato de Reinhardt Heydrich, los nazi liquidaron el pueblo en 1942. Fusilaron a los hombres, deportaron a los niños y a las mujeres a los campos de concentración, demolieron sus construcciones y borraron sus nombres de los mapas. Después de la guerra, un nuevo pueblo fue construido cerca del viejo; un Monumento Memorial y un Parque fueron erigidos.

### **Lodz**

Ciudad en el este de Polonia (renombrado Litzmannstadt por los nazis) donde el primer gran ghetto fue organizado en abril de 1940. En septiembre de 1941 la población del ghetto era de 144.000, en una superficie de menos de 6 km. cuadrados (5.8 personas por cuarto) en octubre de 1941, 20.000 Judíos de Austria, Alemania y del Protectorado de Bohemia y Moravia fueron enviados al ghetto de Lodz. Los deportados desde Lodz en junio-julio 1942 fueron enviados al campo de exterminio de Chelmo. En agosto-septiembre de 1944 el ghetto fue liquidado y los últimos 60.000 Judíos enviados a Auschwitz.

### **Majdenek**

Campo de matanzas en masa del Este de Polonia. Al principio un campo de trabajo forzado para los polacos y los prisioneros de guerra rusos, fue remodelado en un campo de la muerte con cámaras de gas para los judíos. Fue liberado por los rusos en julio de 1944, no antes de que más de 250.000 hombres, mujeres y niños perdieran sus vidas.

### **Mauthausen**

Un campo para hombres, abierto en agosto de 1938, cerca de Linz, en el Norte de Austria. Mauthausen fue clasificado por la SS como un campo de alta severidad. Las condiciones de vidas eran brutales, tomando en cuenta los estandartes de un campo de concentración. Cerca de 100.000 prisioneros de varias nacionalidades fueron torturados hasta la muerte; los que quedaron fueron liberados por las tropas norteamericanas en mayo de 1945.

### **Mein Kampf (alemán)**

El libro autobiográfico (Mi Lucha) escrito por Hitler durante su tiempo en la prisión de la fortaleza de Landsberg después del "Pucho de la Cerveza", en 1923. En este libro, Hitler propone sus ideas, creencias y planes para el futuro de Alemania. Todo, inclusive su política exterior es penetrada por sus ideas raciales. Los Alemanes que pertenecen a la raza superior Aria, tiene el derecho a un "espacio vital" (lebensraum) en el Este, que estaba habitado por la raza inferior de los Eslavos. En todo el libro acusa a los judíos por ser la fuente del mal, los igualan a los bolcheviques y al mismo tiempo con el capitalismo internacional. Desafortunadamente, aquellos que leyeron el libro (excepto los admiradores) no la tomaron en cuenta y lo consideraron como las locuras de un maníaco.

### **Mengele, Joseph (1911-1978?)**

Médico SS en Auschwitz, notorio por sus experimentos pseudo-médicos, en especial en gemelos y gitanos. Estaba seleccionando los nuevos legados, sólo apuntando a la derecha o a la izquierda, separando así a los que trabajarán y a los que no. Los más débiles y los enfermos eran enviados directamente a las cámaras de gas, después que todos sus bienes, maletas e inclusive sus últimos vestidos eran reciclados y revendidos en Alemania. Después de la Guerra, pasó algún tiempo en un campo de la Cruz Roja británica, pero desapareció, pasó a la clandestinidad y escapó a Argentina, y más tarde a Paraguay, donde se nacionalizó en 1959. Fue cazado por Interpol, por el Mossad Israelí y por Simón Wiesenthal. En 1986 su cuerpo fue hallado en Embu, Brasil.

### **Musselmann (alemán)**

Palabra propia a un campo de concentración que describe un prisionero que renunció a su lucha por la vida.

### **Nuremberg, Leyes de**

Dos importantes leyes fueron instituidas en 1935 durante la convención del partido nazi, en Nuremberg. La primera, la Ley del Ciudadano del Reich, despojaba a los judíos de su ciudadanía alemana y sus derechos civiles. La segunda la Ley de Protección de la Sangre Alemana y del Honor, puso fuera de la ley los matrimonios entre Judíos y no Judíos, prohibía el empleo de mujeres alemanas por los Judíos y enarbolar la bandera alemana. Muchos reglamentos fueron agregados a las dos importantes leyes, que dieron el piso necesario a la eliminación de todas las personalidades judías de la vida social, política y económica alemana. Las Leyes de Nuremberg establecieron con rigurosidad los estandartes de las definiciones de judío, basados en la conexión de la sangre. Así, muchos alemanes de mezclada historia ancestral, llamados "mischlinge", eran blancos de la discriminación antisemita en la eventualidad de tener un gran pariente Judío.

### **Partisanos**

Tropas irregulares que luchaban una guerra de guerrillas, detrás de las líneas enemigas. Durante la guerra, este término fue aplicado a todos los luchadores de la resistencia en los países ocupados por los nazis.

### **Protocolo de los Sabios de Zion**

Una importante pieza de propaganda antisemita, elaborada a principios de siglo por miembros de la Policía Secreta Rusa. Esencialmente adaptado de una tira cómica francesa del siglo XIX en contra del Emperador Napoleón III, sustituyendo líderes judíos, el Protocolo mantenía que los judíos planeaban el dominio mundial a través de luchas entre cristianos, corrompiendo la moral cristiana e intentando de destrozarse la vida política y económica occidental. Tenía más popularidad después de la Primera Guerra Mundial ya que fue traducida a varios idiomas y alimentó el antisemitismo en Francia, Alemania, Inglaterra y EE.UU. Desde mucho tiempo repudiado como una mentira y una farsa, el libro fue reimpresso varias veces y distribuido por los neonazi y otros grupos comprometidos con la destrucción del Estado de Israel.

### **SA (abreviatura de Sturmabteilung)**

Organizadas en 1921, tropas de asalto en la primera época del partido nazi.

### **Schindler, Oskar (1908-1972)**

Hombre de negocios alemán, nacido el 28 de abril de 1908 en una familia Católica en Zwittau, en la región de Sedetenland (Checoslovaquia anexada) que durante la guerra, a través de negocios con la industria alemana de guerra pudo mantener una fábrica en que laboraban, en excelentes condiciones judíos, del campo de concentración de Cracovia. Cuando la orden de evacuación del campo llega en 1944 y los judíos debían ser enviados a Auschwitz, con su propia fortuna compró a más de 1200 prisioneros al comandante del campo Plaszow, Capt. Amón Goeth, y los transfirió, junto a su fábrica a la región natal de Moravia. Todos sus trabajadores, conocidos como *SchindlerJudgen* sobrevivieron la guerra y se establecieron en todo el mundo. Oskar escapó de la persecución soviética a Argentina. Estuvo siempre en contacto con sus ex trabajadores, que los ayudaron y honraron en sus últimos años de vida. Murió en Fráncfort, el 9 de octubre de 1974 pero fue exhumado y enterado en Jerusalén, en la sección cristiana. Tiene su lugar en Yad Vashem junto a los Justos entre Naciones, como uno de las figuras importantes de no Judíos que ayudaron a la salvación de vidas judías. Fue el héroe de la famosa película de Steven Spielberg, *La lista de Schindler*, galardonada con 11 premios Oscar.

### **Selección**

El nombre del proceso de escoger a víctimas para las cámaras de gas en los campos nazi, separándolos de los considerados aptos para trabajar.

### **Solución Final**

El nombre código para el plan de la matanza de los judíos europeos "La Solución final para la cuestión judía". A partir de diciembre de 1941, los judíos fueron arrestados, concentrados y enviados a los campos de exterminio en el Este. El programa fue maquillado como un esfuerzo de colonización de los vastos espacios en el Este de Europa.

### **Sobibor**

Campo de exterminio en el distrito de Lubin, en el este de Polonia. Sobibor se abrió en mayo de 1942 y cerró un día después de la rebelión de los prisioneros Judíos, el 14 de octubre 1943. Como mínimo, 250.000 judíos fueron asesinados allí.

### **SS**

Abreviación, usualmente escrita con dos símbolos de flechas de Schutzstaffel (Unidades Defensivas de Protección). Originalmente organizadas como unidades de protección personal de Hitler, la SS fue transformada en una organización gigante por Heinrich Himmler. Con varias unidades asignadas al campo de batalla, la organización SS es mejor conocida como la que instrumentó y ejecutó la destrucción de los Judíos europeos.

### **St. Luis**

Un barco a vapor, St. Luis fue un barco de refugiados que dejó Hamburgo en la primavera del 1939, con destino a Cuba. Cuando el barco llega, sólo 22 de los 1.128 refugiados fueron permitidos a desembarcar. Inicialmente, ningún país, inclusive EE.UU. quería aceptar la carga. El barco finalmente regresa a Europa donde la mayoría de los refugiados desembarcaron en Inglaterra, Holanda, Francia y Bélgica.

### **Struma**

Nombre del barco cargado con 769 refugiados judíos que salieron de Rumania en 1941. Le fue rechazado el permiso (su derecho natural) de bajar en Palestina (por los ingleses) o en Turquía (debido a la influencia inglesa en la región). Fue remolcado en el Mar Negro, donde naufragó en Febrero de 1942, con la pérdida de todos los pasajeros, con excepción de uno.

**Der Sturmer (el atacante, en alemán)**

Una revista semanal antisemita, fundada y editada por Julius Streicher, publicada en Nuremberg entre 1923 y 1945.

**Terezin (checo) Theresienstadt (alemán)**

Establecido al principio de 1942, cerca de Praga, como un ghetto modelo. Terezin no fue una sección cerrada de una ciudad, pero fue un fuerte militar austríaco del siglo XVIII. Llegó al concepto de ciudad Judía, con gobierno y guardias de SS. Cuando empezó las deportaciones de los judíos de Europa Central a los campos de exterminio en la primavera del 1942, varios grupos fueron al principio excluidos: inválidos, miembros de los matrimonios mixtos y sus niños, judíos prominentes y con conexiones. Estos fueron enviados al ghetto de Terezin. Llegaron después Judíos Jóvenes del Protectorado, y más tarde judíos prominentes de Dinamarca y Holanda. Sus grandes barracas servían de dormitorios comunes. Tenían oficinas, talleres y cocinas comunales. Los nazis usaron Terezin para un plan de decepción de la opinión pública mundial. Ellos toleraban una vida cultural, teatro, música, lecturas y artes. Esto podía ser mostrado a los oficiales de esa Cruz Roja Internacional. Terezin fue sólo una estación en el largo camino a las cámaras de gas. Aproximadamente 88.000 fueron deportados a los campos de la muerte en el Este. En Abril de 1945, sólo 17.000 prisioneros quedaron en Terezin que se unieron a otros 14.000 prisioneros Judíos de los campos de concentración que estaban cerca del avance de las tropas Aliadas. Fue liberado por el Ejército Rojo, en 08 de Mayo de 1945.

**Testigos de Jehová**

Una secta religiosa, originalmente de EE.UU. Y organizada por Charles Taze Russell. Los testigos basan sus creencias en la *Biblia* y no tienen ministros oficiales. Reconociendo sólo al Reino de Dios, los testigos rehúsan saludar la bandera, portar armas en guerras y participar en el Gobierno. Esta doctrina los condujo a un conflicto abierto con el Nacional Socialismo. Ellos fueron considerados enemigos del estado y fueron perseguidos sin fin.

**Treblinka**

Campo de exterminio en el norte de Polonia. Establecido en mayo de 1942, a lo largo de la vía férrea Varsovia-Bialystok, 870.000 personas fueron asesinadas allá. El campo operó hasta el invierno de 1943, cuando los alemanes destrozaron todo el campo e intentaron de maquillar el lugar de todos sus crímenes.

**Umschlagplatz (alemán)**

Punto de recolección. Era una plaza en el ghetto de Varsovia, donde los judíos estaban reunidos para ser deportados a Treblinka.

**Varsovia, Ghetto**

Establecido en Noviembre de 1940, el ghetto que estaba encerrado por una pared, tenía aprox. 500.000 judíos. 45.000 murieron sólo en 1941 por la falta de espacio vital, trabajo forzado, falta de medidas sanitarias, hambre y enfermedades. Desde el 19 de abril hasta el 16 de mayo, una revuelta en contra de los alemanes fue conducida por Mordehay Anielewicz, cuando los nazis comandados por el Gen. Jurgen Stroop, intentaron de erradicar el ghetto y deportar a su población a Treblinka. La insurrección fue la primera de una población civil en Europa, durante la ocupación.

**Wiesenthal, Simon (1908-2005)**

Arquitecto Judío, de origen austríaco, sobreviviente famoso del Holocausto que dedicó su vida (desde el fin de la guerra), a procurar evidencias para el enjuiciamiento de los criminales nazis.

**Wannsee, Conferencia (20 de enero de 1942)**

Lugar cerca de Berlín, en un suburbio de la ciudad, donde fue organizada la Conferencia de Wannsee con el propósito de discutir y organizar la Solución Final. Fue atendida por muchos oficiales de alto rango nazi, inclusive por Reyhard Heydrich y Adolf Eichmann

**Wallemborg, Raúl (1912-19??)**

Diplomático Sueco, que en 1944 viajó a Hungría con la misión de salvar el máximo número de judíos posibles, entregándoles papeles de identidad suecos, pasaportes y visas. Es reconocido por la salvación de por lo menos 30.000 personas. Después de la liberación de Budapest por las tropas soviéticas, fue misteriosamente tomado en custodia por los rusos y su paradero sigue siendo desconocido hasta el presente.

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## “CONSPIRACY” | Una película de HBO que describe “tiempos sin decencia”

“Nunca, en la historia humana, tan pocos decidieron la muerte de tantos, en tan corto tiempo” | (Hedi Enghelberg)

“Tiempos sin decencia y el punto de partida de la Solución Final”

En Wannsee, un elegante y tranquilo suburbio de Berlín, bajo un mandato emitido por la oficina del Reichsmarschall Göring, quince personalidades, representantes del mediano y alto rango del poder alemán, del partido nazi, del Ministerio de Exteriores, Justicia, GESTAPO, SS, SD, del Gobierno General y del nuevo Gobierno Polaco, estaban reunidos para resolver, de una vez por todas un problema logístico.

El anfitrión, fue el teniente general de la SS Reinhard Heydrich, jefe de la oficina de seguridad del Reich (SD) y protector de Bohemia y Moravia. El encuentro, casi olvidado en las páginas de la historia, tuvo lugar en una elegante residencia expropiada a un judío enviado a un campo de concentración.

La enigmática reunión no está casi documentado en los archivos históricos de la Segunda Guerra, pero sus consecuencias fueron fatales para la suerte de los Judíos Europeos (una sola transcripción quedo archivada y perdida hasta que fue encontrada y fue la base del guion cinematográfico).

Pero en sus manos estaba el destino y la vida de millones de seres humanos, prisioneros de la máquina de guerra alemana. Nunca tan pocos decidieron la muerte de tantos, en tan corto tiempo.

El periodo 1933-1945 fue muy trágico, no solo para Europa, para una larga porción de la población humana a escala planetaria. En 1942 la guerra todavía no estaba decidida: los alemanes estaban a las puertas de Moscú, parados pero no vencidos. En noviembre de 1941 Stalin estaba contemplando la idea de pedir un armisticio con los nazis.

En el Atlántico, los Aliados estaban sangrando más de 1.000.000 de toneladas métricas de logísticas y cientos de barcos hundidos mensualmente, pérdidas causadas solo por los ataques de unas pocas docenas de U-boats. EE.UU. acababa de entrar en guerra con Japón y los poderes del Eje, después de sufrir una desastrosa perdida en la sede de la Flota del Pacifico, en Pearl Harbor (07.12.1941).

Los judíos empezaron a ser exterminados desde 1933. Pero no muchos estaban prestando atención: ni los mismos alemanes ni las otras naciones, que se llaman “civilizadas”. Todavía menos les interesaba la suerte de esta gente. Una total ignorancia e indiferencia. Pero todo se transformó en una política de estado después de esta reunión que duró apenas dos horas y decidió la suerte de 11.000.000 de judíos caídos, sin su voluntad, bajo la esfera de poder proyectada por la Alemania nazi. 6.000.000 serían ejecutados y el resto, 5.000.000, se salvaron porque la guerra terminó.

En una Europa convulsionada, los alemanes resolvieron poner las bases de su maquinaria destructora de seres humanos en país, que posiblemente, era más antisemita que la misma Alemania: Polonia. Un oscuro e aislado cruce de vías férreas es hoy el sinónimo de la muerte organizada e institucionalizada, del sufrimiento y de un total barbarismo: **Auschwitz**. En este país, denunciar a un judío tenía como premio un pan o un kilogramo de azúcar. Con las fronteras de Europa cerrada a la inmigración, del lado oeste, con la Unión Soviética en

guerra del otro lado este, con Italia bajo fascismo y varios países nórdicos ya ocupados, los judíos estaban en el medio.

Esta reunión en Wannsee no ha sido muy publicitada. Más bien se mantuvo en una total discreción. Ningún documento de la reunión ha sido guardado, salvo una copia de uno de los participantes que escapó de la destrucción, perdido en el inmenso archivo del Ministerio de Justicia de Alemania. La orden de Heydrich, endosado por su ayudante (Eichmann), fue de destruir todas las huellas de este encuentro. Como decía Eichmann: "esta reunión no está convocada". Pero sus consecuencias y conclusiones fueron fatales para 6.000.000 de judíos.

Sin duda alguna la orden emana de Hitler. Con un verdadero estilo mafioso, Hitler dio la orden verbal a Göring, que la pasó de igual manera a Heydrich, para su ejecución final. El término empleado, en alemán era **Endlösung**: que se puede traducir como la **solución deseada** o **solución final**.

**"Por medio de la presente te estoy comisionando** (de Göring a Heydrich) **para arreglar todos los preparativos con respeto a una solución final del problema Judío en todos aquellos territorios de Europa que están bajo la influencia Alemana"**. Esta directiva fue enviada a Heydrich el 31 de julio de 1941, cuando los escuadrones móviles de la muerte, los Einsatzgruppen estaban trabajando al 100% de eficiencia en el territorio soviético ocupado. (Einsatzgruppen asesinaron en fusilamientos colectivos a más de 750.000 judíos polacos y rusos en Rusia Oriental).

Nada escrito. Para que más tarde no tenga nadie que lamentar, negar o afirmar que sabían y que no actuaron para parar esto...

Sorpresivo, casi todos los 15 presentes en la Conferencia de Wannsee van a sobrevivir la guerra: con excepción de Heydrich que será asesinado por dos nacionales checos, entrenados en Inglaterra que en una operación comando, lo hirieron de muerte (primavera del 1942) y de un representante del Ministerio de Justicia que murió en un bombardeo, en Berlín, en 1944. Varios sirvieron términos en las prisiones alemanas, después de la guerra. Unos vivieron hasta 1984. Uno solo fue acusado y ejecutado en la horca por crímenes contra el pueblo polaco.

Esta reunión que selló el destino de la cultura Judía en Europa, esta descrita con un remarcable profesionalismo en una película de HBO: **Conspiración**. \*

Una cultura Judía en Europa de más de 2.000 años casi llega a su fin. Mil años más pasaran y la Humanidad se recordara del Holocausto Judío y de la vergüenza de Alemania, que en este periodo de la historia, simplemente no ha tenido ninguna decencia.

**Les recomiendo esta excelente película de HBO. Para las personas que desean entender mejor la historia de la Segunda Guerra, la gran tragedia del Pueblo Judío, la destrucción y desaparición de toda una Cultura, y para los que desean aprender más del Holocausto Judío.**

La conferencia de Wannsee marcó el principio del fin de la presencia Judía en Europa, la trágica y sin sentido muerte de 6 millones de Judíos, sin fin de sufrimientos y al mismo momento, el principio de un proceso que culminó con el establecimiento del Estado Moderno de Israel.

Al final, cuando la película está marcada por el lento sonido de la diáfana música de Schubert (Adagio, String Quintet en C), uno se pregunta: ¿que acaba de pasar aquí? Después de la reunión de los participantes, todos doctores, abogados y militares de carrera, educados en universidades de prestigio, que acaba de sellar el destino de millones de seres humanos y de una cultura milenaria, si fueron los mismos alemanes que causaron la más grande tragedia humana de la historia, los mismos alemanes que dieron a Schubert\*\*, a Goethe, Schiller, Mozart, Beethoven y otros titanes del arte y ciencias.

Es que una barbarie de tan dimensión continental y tan bien estructurada "se acepta" más fácil (perdonen la expresión...) de un pueblo inculto y brutal, pero no de un pueblo educado y refinado, que ha dado tantos genios....

Cualquier pueblo podía implementar lo que Nazis hicieron entre 1933-1945 y causar este genocidio. Otras matanzas a otra escala en comparación con el Holocausto ocurrieron en otros países: Yugoslavia, Ruanda, Sudan, Camboya, Rumania, Francia, Hungría, Polonia, Los Países Bálticos, Rusia de los Zares, España de Isabela la Católica, durante los Cruzados... Pero nadie va aceptar y perdonar lo que el pueblo de Alemania hizo....

La película está eventos reales y basados en los únicos juegos de documentos auténticos de la reunión, encontrados después de la Guerra. **Kenneth Branagh** gana un premio Emmy para su actuación del General Reinhard Heydrich. **Loren Mandel** gana también un Emmy para el guion de la película, de esta increíble reunión de solo 2 horas.

La música de la película es la famosa partitura del String Quintet en C | Adagio de Franz Schubert\*\* - D.956

\* **OFFICIAL NOTE**: On 20 January 1942 Nazi officials met in the resort of Wannsee east of Berlin where they devised the Final Solution, and this has traditionally been taken by historians as the beginning of "FINAL SOLUTION, the Nazis' extermination campaign.

\*\* Schubert, Nacido en Austria en 1797, Muerto 1828

CONSPIRACY CD cover, con permiso de HBO & BBC

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## MÚNICH | Causa y Efecto. La controversial película de Steven Spielberg.

En mi oficina de Caracas tengo un poster full size de la **The Schindler List**. Considero la película de Spielberg, como una de las mejores cinco de toda la historia del cine y la mejor sobre el Holocausto Judío. Visite la tumba de Oskar Schindler en Jerusalén, y he visto el árbol sembrado en su nombre en la avenida principal del Museo Yad Vashem. Personalmente considero a Oskar Schindler como una gran figura histórica.

Escribí una crítica sobre **Saving Private Ryan**. Excelente, de todos los puntos de vista, y correcta en reflejar el dolor de los padres que han perdido 3 hijos en la guerra, de los soldados muertos en la búsqueda y en la defensa de un puente de una perdida, pero importante (del punto de vista táctico) aldea francesa de Normandía. Es fatalmente triste morir en una tarde soleada, a solo minutos de ser salvado. (Vean el Expreso del Coronel Von Ryan, con Frank Sinatra...) de nuevo Spielberg se lució perfectamente, teniendo el máximo de puntaje, como un 6 en baile sobre hielo y 10 en gimnástica artística.

En **The Terminal**, cada vez que veo la película, tengo los ojos húmedos, por el delgado drama de un ciudadano quedado sin esperanza entre en mundo de la legalidad y del humano. De nuevo Spielberg entrego los que debía entregar: una película de calidad mundial.

Pero he visto "**Múnich**" y me tomo más de dos semanas poder escribir algo.

Leí unas 20 críticas sobre las películas, cada una más complicada que la otra. Destaco una característica común de todos: no saben cómo interpretar el mensaje de la película. Hay un problema: no es una historia del dominio público, al que se refiere al papel de la legendaria agencia de espías israelíes, el Mossad.

La otra mitad de la historia es clara: el masacre de los deportistas israelíes en la Olimpiada de Múnich, Alemania Federal, de 1972 (14 meses más tarde, la Guerra de Yom Kippur transformara para siempre el mapa geopolítico del Medio Oriente).

Muchos en los medios de comunicación no saben cómo reaccionar acerca de esta película y que "título" (title) ponerla, en el sentido de la interpretación de la misma. Steven Spielberg, a su vez, respondió a las preguntas de los reporteros y a las críticas suscitadas en la Comunidad Judía de EEUU, declarando que "si fuera necesario, estaría dispuesto a morir tanto por EEUU como para Israel". (Declaraciones hechas al semanario *Del Spiegel*)

Como siempre en mis críticas, no le voy a contar la película, solo voy a dejar unos puntos más en claro (esta vez):

- Es una película semi-histórica, con la única cierta verdad: en septiembre de 1972, terroristas palestinos, de una manera muy cruel asesinan a 11 atletas israelíes, miembros del equipo olímpico de Israel, durante la Olimpiada de Verano en Múnich.
- La película y su director se están tomando **la tarea muy difícil** de atraer la atención (addressing concerns) del espectador no solo sobre la ética de terrorismo, del asesinato político, pero la ética de la respuesta anti-terrorista por igual
- La película es una adaptación del libro *Venganza (Vengeance)* de George Jonas. Los guionistas son Tony Kushner y Eric Roth: que describe la acción de venganza de un equipos de 5 operativos del Mossad, de un lado al otro de Europa, contra 11 palestinos involucrados en el asesinato de los atletas israelíes.
- "Múnich" es controversial hasta para los israelíes que pueden ver aquí la licencia artística que se ha tomado Spielberg sobre la respuesta oficial israelí y la supuesta actuación del equipo de operativos del Mossad, que está basada en muy pocos documentos reales.
- El carácter de Avner Kauffman, el personaje principal, interpretado por el emergente actor Eric Bana, está basado en Yuval Aviv, un hombre que dice que fue parte del equipo del Mossad que hizo la cacería.
- La película y el mismo proyecto tiene una pesada carga política, dado que a diario tenemos ataques suicidas palestinos (en la Intifada Palestina tenemos más de 1.000 víctimas civiles israelíes y 3.000 palestinas), la situación en Irak y las tensiones del Golfo Pérsico.
- Todos los personajes palestinos, inclusive los que están involucrados a diario en la planificación y ejecución de los ataques terroristas, están muy bien costurados y hasta tienen unas dimensiones humanas.
- Golda Meir, por más que tiene una corta aparición, ofrece la justificación de la venganza israelí: "vamos olvidar de paz por un momento, debemos estar fuertes" ("forget peace for now, we have to be strong...")
- El episodio del asesinato de los atletas judíos, en el aeropuerto alemán, esta al final de la película, con la intención de justificar la acción de venganza del equipo de operativo del Mossad. Es básico principio de causa y efecto esta aplicado en este proyecto.

- Tomando este punto en consideración, desde los años 50, estamos observando una respuesta a una respuesta, como una espiral infinita de terrorismo, parecida a la estructura del ADN.
- Spielberg estaba algo como obsesionado con este proyecto y declaro que hizo esta película como un tributo a los atletas israelíes que perdieron su vida en este acto de terrorismo palestino.
- ¿Ha hecho Spielberg de estas muertes (los deportistas judíos) una cosa trivial?
- La cinematografía de Janusz Kaminski, que ha trabajado con Spielberg en muchos proyectos renombrados, es fina, elegante, con muchos elementos propios de los años 70 (retro/disco), oscura, pero no negra (noire) y con detalles perturbadores de los asesinados de ambos lados, palestinos e israelí.
- La película se acerca más bien al estilo de cine europeo, al francés en particular, que al estilo propio de Hollywood.
- La película dura 167 minutos, esta con un rating R, y producida por Universal Pictures y DreamWorks Pictures.

Según el crítico Kirk Honeycutt, "Spielberg está entrando en el terreno de Costas-Gavras" con una película provocativa, inquisitiva, lleva de contenido político, con ramificaciones morales y políticas, sobre el terrorismo mundial, en sus formas más brutales.

Al principio de los años 70, el terrorismo en general y el palestino en particular está haciendo su aparición en el ámbito mundial en la forma más brutal, junto a sus "franquicias locales" como de las guerrillas urbanas alemanes de Badden–Meincoff, el Ejército Rojo de Japón, Los irlandeses, Los Vascos, Septiembre Negro, Fatah, y el Chacal.

El único país que entonces estaba a la vanguardia de la lucha anti-terrorista mundial era Israel. Su soledad duro hasta 11 de Septiembre del 2001. Hoy en día, sus conocimientos están buscados por todas las agencias de todos los estados y hasta las técnicas anti-terroristas que se aplican en los aeropuertos americanos y del mundo libre, son de inspiración israelí.

Hay que conocer bien la historia de los dos pueblos, israelí y palestino que están involucrados en este trágico episodio de resonancia mundial, por ser hecho en frente de las cámaras y con tantos testigos.

El mundo del alrededor, como siempre, es a veces frío, impasible, tímido en actuaciones, con una tendencia de respetar las tendencias políticas e históricas de cada país.

Solo un israelí, un judío, un palestino podrá entender mejor esta drama que está abierta desde 1947, y que solo la voluntad política de nuevos líderes podrá sanar. Para los otros espectadores, es solo otra película de suspenso, intriga y acción sobre de la venganza y respuesta israelí al asesinato con fines políticos de los ferrositas palestinos.

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## IMPRESIONES DE UN MUSEO

Hace varias semanas leí en un diario de Caracas acerca de la inauguración de la Biblioteca Subterránea de Berlín, construida bajo un proyecto del artista israelí Micha Ullman, en el mismo lugar donde en el fatídico año 1933 AD, los estudiantes alemanes, actuando después del discurso por radio del entonces ministro de Propaganda y de siniestro nombre, Frederick Goebbels, quemaron los libros de los más auténticos escritores de la época y de la cultura moderna.

Pero lo que más me atrajo la atención fue la coincidencia de la inscripción en la placa que marca este triste lugar, escrita por el poeta Heinrich Heine: "Donde se queman los libros al final se queman también los seres humanos"

La misma inscripción que aparece en el piso 4 del nuevo moderno, impresionante y triste Museo Memorial del Holocausto de Estados Unidos. De esta vista al museo quiero dejar constancia de las cosas más interesantes:

Entrando en el museo te entregan un pasaporte que es la identificación y la historia de una víctima real del Holocausto y que te acompañan a través del recorrido: a mí me tocó el número 15516321, la de Moshe Goldberg (Z"L), un comerciante de madera de Odessa. Un hombre de familia, casado con tres hijos en las manos de las tropas SS, por el simple motivo de ser judío (el otro museo es el Yad Vashem, en Jerusalén), empieza en el piso 4 del edificio con historia de la vida antes del Holocausto, narrando todos los episodios; documenta los factores que han contribuido y han participado en los eventos de una Europa sin equilibrio social y político después de la primera gran guerra, así como los primeros momentos de la aparición del Partido Nacional Socialista Alemán (el partido nazi, que empezó con 50 miembros...).

Hasta la derrota alemana en la II Guerra Mundial y el período de los años hasta 1945, poniendo en evidencia el trágico destino de los seis millones de judíos asesinados y de los otros 23 millones de víctimas inocentes, que fue la gran locura de esta guerra.

En cada piso hay computadoras y televisores con “touch screen” en que se pueden ver, consultar, escuchar y chequear los eventos del piso visitado, con documentos de archivos militares, películas fotos y videos producidos en especial para el Museo, que normalmente no estaban al alcance del público en general. Puse énfasis en ver cuál fue la actitud de la mayoría de los países involucrados en la guerra, con respecto al problema de los refugiados y emigrantes judíos.

Me impresionó que después de la conferencia de Evian, en 1938, había sólo dos países que aceptaron emigrantes: **Costa Rica y Holanda**; los demás alegaban problemas sociales internos, crisis económica, miedo a la influencia alemana, o sencillamente ignoraban la seriedad de la situación peligrosa en la cual se encontraba la minoría de origen judío de Alemania y de los territorios y los países bajo su esfera de influencia política y militar, y que después del 1° de septiembre de 1939 (la invasión de Polonia y la fecha inicial oficial del comienzo de la II Guerra Mundial), fueron conquistados por el Wehrmacht alemán.

Vi la historia de los barcos Milwaukee y San Louis, que zarparon de Bélgica con los últimos refugiados con visas vigentes para América, en julio-agosto de 1939, con destino a Cuba y que fueron rechazados en la entrada de La Habana. Después de semanas en el barco, suicidios, angustia y desesperación, regresaron a una Bélgica ya ocupada u a un último destino: (Osviecim, Polonia) Auschwitz el nombre oficial SS – Vernichtungslager Auschwitz: Campo de Exterminación, y que se transformó en las más formidable fábrica de tragedias humanas de la historia universal. Léase muerte en las cámaras de gas o un tiro en la nuca.

Vi como un papel con un sello significaba la vida o la muerte: una visa de salida de Alemania o Austria (o Polonia; Checoslovaquia, Hungría, Yugoslavia...) y que tan pocos países que ahora se erigen como defensor de la libertad, comercio sin fronteras, respeto a los derechos humanos, etcétera.

Para los habitantes de un país como Venezuela es difícil pensar que algo semejante y tan sencillo como en un sello en un pasaporte significaba vida.

Vi en el museo cómo se empezó la construcción del complejo de campos de concentración en Auschwitz I y Auschwitz II (donde se estima que 10.000 asesinatos diarios era una cifra conservadora para la capacidad del Vernichtungslager Auschwitz II), a pocos kilómetros de otro famoso campo: Birkenau, cerca de lo que era un cruce importante de trenes y carreteras este-oeste, el Ost-Bahn; algo ilógico, nunca fueron bombardeados. Alguna operación militar pudiera hacer más lento la operación de los campos y el envío de trenes con deportados hacia el mismo destino: **la muerte**.

Entre tantos bombardeos fracasados, como fueron los de Ploiesti, Rumania, en 1943 y 1944, en que se perdieron más de 50% de los aviones y de las tripulaciones (lo daños en la refinería de Ploiesti y Prahova fueron reparados por los alemanes en menos de 2 semanas...) se pudo haber bombardeado la estación de trenes de Auschwitz I y II, entre 1939 y 1945...

La historia de los campos de exterminio y de todas las Aktion de los SS es tan irreal en términos morales que uno se pregunta y no se puede responder cómo en el medio de una desesperada guerra, el nacionalsocialismo alemán podía dedicar miles de hombres, los recursos de valiosas vías férreas un enorme volumen de espacio de carga, técnicas costosas de ingeniería, un margen fatal de los I y D científicos, una fantástica máquina burocrática, arsenales enteros de armas automáticas, cantidades sin límites de municiones, materias primas estratégicas, toda una infraestructura para un propósito que no tenía ningún valor militar o económico, y sólo para satisfacer un motivo psicológico y propagandístico.

Vi cómo los rusos avanzaron más rápido en el frente militar del este y llegaron a salvar más vidas en Auschwitz, Sobibor, Belzek, Chelmo, Birkenau, Treblinka, Plaszow, que entre los otros campos de concentración cerca de la zona de operaciones militares del oeste.

Entre el tercer piso y el segundo piso sientes el olor de los miles de zapatos que las víctimas entregaban antes de ir a las cámaras de gas... Es el momento en el cual puedes casi tocar y mezclarte con este momento histórico, tocarlo, visualizarlo y sentirlo con toda de la fuerza de las cosas reales...

En los vidrios de todos los pasillos están grabados los nombres de las ciudades de donde fueron evacuados judíos, polacos, alemanes, rusos, yugoslavos, franceses, holandeses... víctimas con nombres y apellidos de los campos de concentración de Polonia, Alemania, Hungría, Austria...

Entre las partes interesantes e inéditas está la pared – **Wall of Remembrance** - con las fotos y los relatos de aquellas “personas que arriesgaron sus vidas” para salvar otras vidas humanas. Juntos y gracias a sus acciones, debido a los cargos específicos –embajadores, cónsules, industriales, o simplemente, por solidaridad humana-, pudieron salvar más vidas que muchos países que otorgaron un porcentaje ínfimo de visas (comparado con el inmenso número de las víctimas).

Ahí están también (Herr Direktor) **Oskar Schindler** (One of The Righteous People), el Sudetendeutsch, el que salvó más vidas judías de las cámaras de gas de Auschwitz-Birkenau que ninguna otra persona durante la II Guerra Mundial... y muchos otros: y como dice un verso talmúdico: “Aquel que salva una vida, salva el mundo entero”.



Visitar el Museo es una experiencia única: triste e impresionante. Sólo mayores de 16 años son admitidos. Los voluntarios que trabajan en el Museo tienen de una manera u otra una conexión con las tragedias que pasaron hace medio siglo en la “civilizada” Europa.

Cómo pudo el poeta Heine ser tan actual e introspectivo con respecto a su pueblo, una de las más “estructuradas y cultas” sociedades de la vieja Europa, cuna de la civilización que todos conocemos e intentamos copiar, cien años antes que se cometieran atrocidades de tal magnitud y que están grabados en las enciclopedias del mundo como el período más violento, oscuro y trágico de la historia escrita de la humanidad.

Escribí estos párrafos por la impresión que me causó la advertencia de Heinrich Heine, por las impresiones que sentí visitando el **Museo del Holocausto de Estados Unidos** y por las grandes tragedias, genocidios y pérdida de vidas que hay todavía en el mundo en que vivimos.

**Nota:** Qué conclusiones debemos tomar del atentado terrorista con una bomba colocada por los neonazi en un edificio federal en Oklahoma City, con un saldo superior a 150 muertos y más de 400 heridos? ¿Qué ejemplo más apocalíptico que la matanza de los humus por parte del ejército tutsi, vencedor en la contienda civil Ruanda, en el campo de refugiados de Kobeho, con un saldo de 8.000 muertos? Y todo esto por espacio de dos semanas, en el año 1995.

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**LA SEGUNDA REVOLUCION JUDÍA** | En 1997 se cumple 50 años de la histórica reunión del Consejo de Seguridad de la Naciones Unidas, que en Noviembre de 1947 anuló el Mandato Británico y adoptó la Partición de Palestina...esta decisión viene como consecuencia histórica y los hechos iniciados en estas tierras más de 2.000 años antes...

**Revolución** (Del lat.revolutio,-onis.)f. Acción y efecto de revolver o revolverse. 2. **Cambio violento en las instituciones políticas de una nación.** 3. Por ext., inquietud, alboroto, sedición.4..... | Diccionario de la lengua española, tomo II, Madrid, 1984

El aumento de la tensión en Palestina, la opinión pública americana anti-británica ( por impedir las inmigraciones...ver caso **Exodus**, en julio 1947) y con vista al problema moral del holocausto judío causado por los nazi en la Segunda Guerra Mundial, los sufrimientos de los refugiados judíos que intentaban de emigrar a Palestina , la nueva política y diplomacia de las Organizaciones Sionistas, penurias económicas domesticas (en Inglaterra) y el rápido deterioro de la situación en India (que en junio hizo entrega del gobierno con un año de anticipación ), han convencido en 1947 al Gobierno

Laborista del Primer Ministro Atlee y a Ernest Bevin, Secretario de Exteriores, que no hay otra alternativa al retiro británico de Palestina. El 2 de Abril de 1947, el Gobierno Británico dirigió una demanda al Secretario General de las Naciones Unidas para la convocación de una Asamblea Especial con el propósito de considerar el futuro del Mandato Británico en Palestina. La Asamblea Especial, en base al requerimiento británico, nombro una Comisión de Investigación del problema palestino.

Tanto el Foreign Office (Min. De Exteriores Británico) como su rival, el Colonial Office (Ministerio de las Colonias) no sabían cuál es la manera más adecuadas a entregar el mandato británico en Palestina. Nunca evaluaron con exactitud las consecuencias del retiro británico y el curso que los eventos tomaran...El Colonial Office pensaba que no va ver guerra...Bevin pensaba que será una guerra limitada y que los Árabes serán favorecidos...

En los Estados Unidos y en la Agencia Judía, basado en la política británica se pensaba que el retiro británico sería seguido por la apertura de las hostilidades y que toda la geografía y la política de la región serían decididas en los campos de batalla y no en la Reunión Especial de las Naciones Unidas en New York. Como los Árabes pensaban igual, casi una coalición Británico-Árabe empezó a formarse, tanto en el Consejo de Seguridad, en las Naciones Unidad, y en Palestina en particular y en la zona de Medio Oriente en general.

Los judíos de Palestina estaban de nuevo solos en contra del Imperio Británico y del mundo árabe en general. La segunda revolución judía empezó en Noviembre de 1947, después de la votación de la partición de Palestina y se termina con los Armisticios firmados en la isla de Rhode, en 1949... Por segunda vez en 2000 años, los judíos tienen su Estado Independiente: Israel.

Sin entrar en los detalles históricos de los 2000 años que han precedido este evento, quiero más bien puntualizar varias ideas: Los judíos y el pueblo de Israel tienen todos los derechos sobre las antiguas tierras de Canaán, territorio situado entre el Mar Mediterráneo al oeste, el río Jordán al este, el Egipto al sur y Phenicia y Aram (la Siria de hoy) al norte, donde se establecieron cerca del año 1200 BC, conducido allá por el excepcional hombre que fue **Moisés**.

El territorio se conoce como Palestina, del griego “hombres invasores del mar”, dado a los filistinos, marinos que se quedaron en el territorio que es hoy Gaza y que fueron conquistados por los Israelitas. Los dos reinados de Israel en el norte y de Judía en el sur, tienen más de tres mil años desde su fundación. La ciudad-fortaleza de Jerusalén fue conquistada por el Rey David a las tribus del Canaán (Próximo Oriente, entre Mar Mediterráneo y el rio Jodan) y declarada capital de su reinado de Israel, hace más de 2000 años atrás. La ciudad en si cumplió 3.000 años de existencia.

El conflicto árabe-israelí empezó como un conflicto anglo-israelí, por una rebelión de la colonia judía en Palestina, no por destrozar al Imperio Británico, pero debido a condiciones intolerables para los judíos, por los derechos a libre inmigración, compra de tierra, autodeterminación y libertad política.

La indecisión inglesa del Gobierno de Atlee y de su Ministro de Exteriores Bevin contribuyeron en una gran parte a la polarización de las fuerzas en Palestina, en dos bandos: israelí y árabe. Los ingleses estaban tan equivocados en su política de seguir en Palestina, que todavía en Mayo 15, de 1948, la fecha de la terminación del Mandato Británico pensaban que esto será solo un repliegue táctico y que la situación estratégica en el Medio Oriente estaba muy segura en las manos de su Ejército Imperial: 500.000 soldados estacionados en Europa, África y Palestina, en Egipto, Trans-Jordania, en Irak en Sudan, en la Zona del Canal de Suez, etc.: en solo muy pocos años, todas estas posiciones estratégicas serán perdidas por siempre y la influencia británica en la zona reducida a cero.

La política británica, según la máxima latina de "divide et impera" ha causado no solo la caída del Imperio, pero también problemas en los países donde había una presencia colonial inglesa y la intolerancia de los respectivos pueblos hacia la Corona Británica en otras zonas del Mundo: en Medio Oriente, en el Golfo Pérsico, en Asia Central, en África, Burma, etc.

El nuevo Imperio quedaría con casi solo las islas británicas y los problemas domésticos nunca arreglados: Inglaterra, después del supremo esfuerzo en contra de los alemanes y japoneses) de la Segunda Guerra Mundial, sería reducida (como Francia y Japón) desde una fuerza mundial de primer rango, en una potencia de segunda, en comparación con los poderes emergentes de Estados Unidos y (ex) Unión Soviética. Nunca podría proyectar su fuerza como lo hacía antes de 1939.....

Se puede comparar el Imperio Romano y el Imperio Británico: los dos estaban al principio de un largo proceso de desintegración, pero en el apogeo de su desarrollo social, político y económico, cuando las guerras judías han comenzado.

La falta de visión inglesa, de una política concreta y la persistencia de imponer una "Pax Inglesa", la fragilidad, falta de legitimidad y poca base popular de los gobiernos Árabes de este periodo, asesinatos políticos, revueltas populares y poco coraje político, junto a presiones internacionales han hecho que las conversaciones de Rodees, en 1949, no terminaran con la firma de un acuerdo de Paz, y de solo con un Armisticio, cosa que complicó de una manera muy grave todos los problemas del Medio Oriente, y en especial el nuevo conflicto árabe - israelí. Las cosas no se hicieron bien desde el principio y ahora la región sufre graves convulsiones políticas y sociales.

El conflicto en Palestina fue consecuencia de la voluntad de tres personalidades: **Stalin**, que deseaba que los ingleses asumieran las responsabilidades en la zona y prevenir la entrada de los americanos, (más bien ayudando a la creación de Israel) del **King Abdala**, que deseaba a Jerusalén, como contrapartida a la pérdida de Meca y Medina y que la zona (Palestina) sería libre de otras fuerzas Árabes y **David Ben Gurrión**, que deseaba la creación del Estado de Israel, dentro de fronteras seguras, paz con los vecinos Árabes y el control absoluto de Jerusalén.

Palestina - Palestina Romana - fue la consecuencia del fracaso de la rebelión judía en **Judea (Israel)**, en contra del poder mandatario Romano, conducida por Bar Kochba, en el año 132-135 AD. Fracasaron en contra de los romanos, porque Roma consideraba una victoria judía como amenaza seria para la existencia misma del Imperio. La segunda revolución Judía ha tenido éxito porque los británicos pensaban que una victoria judía no sería una amenaza para su Imperio.

Palestina, como denominación de una región y provincia del Imperio Romano y más tardes del Imperio Otomano e Imperio Británico, terminó de existir a consecuencia de una victoriosa segunda rebelión - revolución judía, mil ochocientos trece años más tarde, con la creación del Estado moderno de Israel, el 15 de mayo de 1948.

Es posible que la idea de dos estados, Palestina e Israel, que coexisten en paz y respeto mutuo sea una utopía del siglo XXI y/o una realidad. Solo las personas que viven en estas tierras deben decidir sus destinos.

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**LOS CAMPOS SUIZOS** | Los Judíos se recuerdan de los campos de trabajo forzado Suizos. La dura y desconocida cara de un "refugio" de la persecución Nazis.

### THE JEWS REMEMBER THE WWII SWISS LABOR CAMPS

Manfred Alexander tenía 21 años de edad en 1941 cuando, con su prometida y su madre, entraron en Suiza desde Francia. Allí, él dice, una pesadilla empezó.

La familia fue de inmediato separada por la Policía de Frontera Suiza. Alexander fue primero encarcelado y después transferido a un campo de trabajo forzado. **"Fui metido en una cárcel con asesinos"** Sr. Alexander

sé recuerda de su casa en New Gardens, en Queens. **“Después fui enviado en campos donde ellos (los suizos) nos pusieron en uniforme rayados y trabajamos desde la madrugada hasta la noche en los campos agrícolas. Un guardia golpeaba a la gente. Ellos que intentaban de escapar fueron buscados con perros, que se comían a los que agarraban”.**

Sr. Alexander dijo que “la crueldad” era una virtud esperada de los guardias, y ellos que no la tenía en el campo, fueron cambiados.

El episodio del Sr. Alexander es parte de una historia con poca publicidad, de los campos de trabajo Suizos, donde miles de refugiados Judíos que fueron recibidos durante la Segunda Guerra Mundial, fueron utilizados como mano de obra esclava en las fábricas que producían material de guerra, vendido después al Ejército Alemán.

Su historia hace relieve en “The Unwanted Guests: Swiss Forced Labor Camps 1940-1944”, un reporte que Alan Morris prepara para el Centro Simon Wiesenthal. Dice que más de 22.000 refugiados Judíos en Suiza fueron guardados en barracas sin calefacción, forzados a dormir en la paja y condiciones miserables. Los hombres trabajaban en los campos, selvas y fábricas; las mujeres y las niñas limpiaban las casas de los oficiales Suizos.

El “fact” (hecho) que los Suizos permitieron a ingresar docenas de miles de refugiados Judíos y que rechazaron a mucho más, es muy conocido. Pero la manera que trataron este refugiados y como los pusieron a trabajar como esclavos en campos de concentración fue eclipsada por las atrocidades Nazi de los campos de la muerte y debido, también, al continuo esfuerzo de las autoridades Suizas de cultivar una versión limpia y sin tinte de su actuación en la Guerra.

Dr. Schom dice que examino los libros de enseñanza Suizos no encontró ninguna mención de los campos de trabajo forzados. “Los Suizos, en las escuelas públicas, enseñan a sus hijos de su heroísmo en aceptar a los refugiados Judíos. Los Suizos no son honestos con ellos mismos con referencia a los horrores que pasaron estos refugiados”.

En enero de 1998, en Los Angeles, varios sobrevivientes de los campos Suizos visitaron el Centro S. Wiesenthal durante una jornada dedicada al tema de la restitución de los bienes Judíos confiscados por los Nazi y dejaron constancia de las golpizas, mal tratamiento y los abusos que reinaba en los campos. Un residente de Los Angeles, guardando su anonimato, describió su trabajo y de los 15 niños en el campo Laguna. Durante toda la Guerra, ellos limpiaron uniformes de oficiales Suizos y de varios casos de molestia sexual por parte de los soldados Suizos.

Dr. Schom, historiador, organizo una lista de 62 campos, incluido Lugano; investigo los Archivos Suizos y Franceses y puso junto detalles de las condiciones de vida en los campos.

La difícil vida en los campos tenía una explicación, dijo a su tiempo Dr. Heirinch Rothmond, un Oficial del Ministerio de Justicia y Policía, durante la Guerra: “dejarlos sufrir en los campos por más que se puede; así ellos, por si mismos, pedirán permiso de ida; dejarlos ver que Suiza no es un paraíso y que, los que piensa en venir, serán desanimados”.

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**LA BÓVEDA DE HITLER |** Los ejércitos Nazis alemanes incurrieron en el botín de guerra más grande de la historia de la humanidad, porque también la Segunda Guerra fue la guerra más grande de la historia.

Saquearon Europa sin piedad y sin miedo, entre 1939 hasta 1945. Según cálculos conservadores el botín fue superior a \$7.000.000.000 (siete mil millones de dólares) en bienes y obras de arte, en Polonia, Francia y otros países.

De los bancos belgas, holandés y otros el botín recogido fue de \$6,000,000 (seis mil millones de dólares-oro). Los principales socios en la limpieza de estos metales y fondos fueron España, Suecia y en especial Suiza, con más de \$3000.000.000, (tres mil millones de dólares). Al final de la guerra se recuperaron solo \$566.000.000,00 (quinientos sesenta y seis millones de dólares).

Después de fuertes presiones, para evitar una condena judicial americana y el boicot internacional, los bancos suizos accedieron a pagar y devolver solo \$1.250.000.000,00 (mil doscientos cincuenta millones de dólares) de sus depósitos durmientes, cuales dueños, en su gran mayoría (más de 95%) fueron asesinados en los campos de concentración y trabajo nazi.

(NA-HE) Extractos del libro **“Suiza, el oro y los muertos”** de Jean Ziegler (Seuil)

Sin los bancos suizos, que lavaban el oro robado por el Reich y lo proveía de divisas negociable, sin las armas, las municiones y el material de precisión producidos por la industria suiza, Hitler no hubiera podido conducir sus guerras de agresión. Esta es la idea central del libro del sociólogo **Jean Ziegler**, que a la luz de las últimas informaciones relevadas por las investigaciones, conduce a un tremendo requisitorio en contra de la actitud de los bancos y de las autoridades federales durante la Segunda Guerra mundial.

## I. La Cooperación

Suiza escapo de la Segunda Guerra mundial gracias al favor de su complicidad energética, ingeniosa y organizada con el Tercer Reich. Desde 1940 hasta 1945 la economía suiza fue muy integrada al espacio económico de la Gran Alemania. Nunca Hitler, inclusive en los momentos de sus más grandes victorias militares, no pudo asegurar la independencia de Alemania frente al mercado mundial. Inclusive con las conquistas de ricas regiones en materias primas de Europa, del Medio Oriente y de los Balcanes, su industria militar y de armamento continuo depender de compras efectuadas fuera del territorio controlado por Alemania.

Estamos hablando no solo de metales especiales indispensables para la industria militar como magnesio, tungsteno y cromo, pero también del simple mineral de hierro, del cual la misma industria alemana de armamento sufría de una insuficiencia estructural. Durante toda la guerra, los agentes de compras alemanes fueron a la "caza" del mineral de hierro, importado 40% de Suecia. Los diamantes para las maquinas cortadoras de precisión venían de Sur América. El Reich compraba enormes cantidades de petróleo en Rumania y su aluminio en África y Asia.

Pero, comprando en el mercado mundial se debe cumplir con sus condiciones de ventas del momento. Hitler no podía pagar emitiendo de Reichsmark (marco imperial, su moneda nacional\*). Debía pagar en divisas, y más, en oro. Entonces, para hacer la guerra, el Führer necesitaba de un banquero por encima de cualquier duda, fiable y neutro. Hitler no tenía más divisas y solo un poco de oro cuando invadió Polonia (1-ro de Septiembre de 1939\*). De repente, el gran bandido, encuentra dinero. Con la conquista del Benelux (Bélgica y Holanda \*), Noruega, y otros países pacíficos y florecientes del punto de vista económico, de repente aparece el dinero del botín de guerra agarrado.

Ahora necesito que este dinero sea "**lavado**" por un cómplice sin sospecha, encargado de introducirlo en el mercado mundial, bajo una etiqueta neutra. Vale igual para los dientes de oro arrancados de las víctimas de los campos de concentración bajo el mando del SS, de las cadenas y los anillos robados a los deportados y en general para todos los bienes extorsionados en toda Europa, por el auto nombrados "comandos de protección de divisas". El mercado financiero suizo se encargara de todas estas "nobles" tareas. Los tiburones de las finanzas, en Zúrich, Bale y Berna fueron los testaferros y los "lavadores" del stock de oro robado a los bancos centrales de Polonia, Checoslovaquia, Bélgica, Holanda, Lituania, Luxemburgo, Letonia, Albania, Noruega..... Fueron ellos que financiaron las querrás de conquistas de Hitler...

Otra cosa por considerar: Hitler estaba prácticamente en bancarrota después del ataque a Polonia. El Reich, que lanzo sus tropas el Oeste, estaban al borde de la quiebra. Era una dictadura casi al fin de la ruina financiera, pero que ostentaba, por su poder militar, a la opinión pública de las democracias occidentales. Al momento que ella pretendía dominar el mundo, estaba al final de sus recursos...

## ¿Cuál fue el destino del oro robado?

Una parte pasó a ser propiedad del Banco nacional suizo, que cambiara el oro alemán por francos suizos. Estos francos suizos fueron utilizados por los emisarios del nazi para negociar en el mercado mundial. El franco suizo fue durante la guerra la única moneda negociable en todo el mundo. Los altos funcionarios del Banco nacional también aceptaban el "oro alemán", como pago de las exportaciones de Suiza hacia Alemania. El simple hecho que las exportaciones de armas y productos industriales suizos hacia el Reich, fueron hechos, en una grande parte, a crédito, muestra muy bien que no se necesitaba del robo del oro en primer lugar. Los Suizos otorgaron a Hitler millones (de francos suizos) de créditos, bajo el nombre de "compensación". En 1945, los alemanes tenían una deuda con Suiza por más de **mil millones de francos suizos**.

Con la otra parte del oro robado, la Banca nacional suizo funcionaba como taquilla de cambio - más exacto, como "**maquina lavadora**" de oro. Un gran número de asociados de negocios no querían aceptar el "oro alemán". Ningún proveedor tenía pagos vencidos. La relación con Suiza era de máxima y vital importancia para el Reich. Largas filas de camiones del transportaban los "lingotes alemanes" hasta el bunker de Berna. Los compradores alemanes recibían los francos suizos. Los portugueses entregaban el tungsteno en Berlín y compraban con los francos suizos el oro depositado en Berna.....

La máquina de lavado de Berna funcionaba con un extremo profesionalismo. **Los "blanqueadores" sabían la proveniencia del oro**. Pero siempre han podido conservar la máscara de "banqueros neutros".

Damos un ejemplo: los protocolos de la reunión del directorio de 18 de junio 1942 dan cuenta de una intervención del director general Paúl Rossy. Un cargamento comprometido llega: la ReichBank envió lingotes con el sello de origen de Estados Unidos de Norte América y de Francia. Eran los lingotes que los Alemanes

robaron en Holanda. El Banco central de Holanda compro este oro, legalmente, antes de la guerra a Washington y a París, y los incluyo en sus reservas.

Rossy está inquieto: según las instrucciones de FUNU (el presidente de ReichBank), este oro robado por los nazi en Holanda, debe ser transferido, por intermedio de Suiza a Portugal. Con el oro "blanqueado" en Berna, el Reich comprara a Lisboa un nuevo cargamento de tungsteno, necesitado de urgencia. Pero una parte del oro robado portaba la marca de origen americana y francesa. Lisboa estaba llena de agentes aliados. Había un riesgo que los Aliados descubren el tráfico de Berna y reclamen el oro volado como su pertenencia. Rossy estaba espantado por la idea de las repercusiones que podían tener: que la Banca nacional suiza compraba el oro robado a sus amigos de Berlín, contra millones de francos suizos. ¡El blanqueador de oro no quería correr un riesgo tan grande a su banco!

En consecuencia, Rossy propone a sus colegas de refundir de inmediato, a Berna, la parte de oro holandés con las marcas de proveniencia americana y francesa y marcarlos con la marca suiza. (Como fue hecho en realidad...)

En resumen: desde 1939 hasta 1945, fueron depositados en su bunker de oro de Berna lingote, monedas, y paletas por un valor mayor de **1.7 mil millones de francos suizos**. Se debe agregar una cantidad indeterminada de oro robado, que fue vendido o depositado por los SS o sus agentes, directo en cuentas de sociedades fiduciarias, bancos privados, etc.

## II. La calidad Suiza

El 09 de agosto de 1940, a pena un mes y medio de la invasión de Francia por los nazi, la Confederación firmo con Hitler el más importante de sus convenios comerciales.

**Uno de los grandes mitos de la retórica oficial propagada desde hace cincuenta años, fue que la re orientación radical del flujo de las exportaciones suizas obedeció en este verano de 1940, a una contracción objetiva del mercado: Francia estaba vencida, Suiza encarcelada, las exportaciones para los Aliados eran materialmente imposibles. Es falso.** Había una presión alemana, pero los comerciantes helvéticos actuaban de una manera autónoma.

¿Qué paso? El 22 de junio fue firmado el armisticio entre Petain y Hitler. Fue seguido de inmediato por un otro entre Petain y Mussolini. Tres días más tardes, el presidente de la Confederación, Marcel Pilet-Golaz, pronunciaba su tristemente célebre discurso: la palabra de orden, estaba de "adaptarse" al Reich.

Ofensiva victoriosa de Hitler en el Oeste, convenció a la clase dirigente suiza del todo-poder militar, político e ideológico de los bandidos en camisa negra. La victoria final de Adolfo Hitler no estaba en la duda. Europa se encontraba bajo una dominación nueva e única, y que estará allá para durar. Los comerciantes eligieron aliarse al victorioso...

Para Hitler los fabricantes de armas suizas fueron en particular muy importantes. Suiza es campeón mundial en mecánica de precisión. Los aparatos de visión de los cañones helvéticos, la precisión de las ametralladoras y de los morteros, los cañones suizos antiaéreos con tiro rápido fueron (y quedaron) los mejores del mundo. Hitler compro docenas de miles..... El entrenamiento de los artilleros (del ejército y del SS) se hizo bajo supervisión suiza. La industria de armamento suiza tenía todavía otra ventaja: producía en territorio neutro, y no fue bombardeada por los Aliados.

La más fuerte - de lejos - entre las fábricas de armas del país, y una de las más grandes del mundo, pertenecía a un hijo de emigrantes de Wurtemberg: Emil Burhle. Sus talleres estaban en su mayoría situados a Zurich-Oerlikon. Sus negocios con el Reich le rindieron ganancias considerables. Entre 1939 hasta 1945, sus entradas oficiales pasaron de 6.5 a 56 millones de francos suizos y su fortuna de 8.5 a 170 millones.

Del verano de 1940 hasta la primavera de 1945 el grupo Burhle, fue casi exclusivamente al servicio de Hitler. Desde 1941 empleaba 3.761 de personas, más de tres veces que al principio de la guerra. Al principio Burhle Oerlikon fabricaba cortadoras, fresadoras, tornos y otras máquinas. Después de la invasión de Polonia se transformó en fabricante de armamento, y en 1940, las armas y las municiones representaban 95% de su producción...

En enero de 1945, el presidente Roosevelt estaba escribiendo al presidente de la Confederación, von Steiger: "Sería una cosa terrible para la conciencia, para toda la Suiza amante de la libertad, darse cuenta que su país ha frenado de alguna manera los esfuerzos de otros países amantes de la libertad para eliminar del mundo un infame tirano..... Me expreso en estos términos, porque cada día que la guerra se prolonga, se paga con las vidas de un cierto número de mis compatriotas ".

En Londres, el ministro de exteriores Anthony Eden convoco el representante de Suiza y le dijo: "cada franco de material de guerra enviado por Suiza a Alemania prolonga la guerra....."

Al principio del año 1945, Hitler tenía todavía más de 10 millones de soldados de los cuales 750.000 en unidades operacionales. Tenía 290 divisiones, 10 veces más que el 10 de mayo de 1940 (fecha de la invasión de Francia\*). Pero la agonía del Reich comenzaba.....

El régimen de Berna comienza a dudar que su política fuera la buena.... Decide, el 16 de febrero de 1945, de congelar las cuentas alemanas en Suiza. El ministro de Finanzas de la Confederación intercambia con la gerencia del Banco nacional cartas muy duras. El gobierno se despierta. Ordena una investigación oficial de los

stocks de oro y otros débitos depositados por el nazi en las bóvedas de los bancos suizos. Después del congelamiento de las cuentas alemanas, el 2 de marzo de 1945 es decretada la prohibición de toda transacción en moneda extranjera.

El 8 de marzo de 1945, el gobierno firma con los Aliados un tratado, el Acuerdo Currie, según el nombre del jefe de la delegación aliada, Loughlin Currie. Los contratantes son USA, Francia, Inglaterra y Suiza. El gobierno de Berna promete tomar acción en identificar las cuentas alemanas y de no comprar más oro de Alemania. Ironía de la historia: el 6 de abril, llega a Berna el último cargamento de oro proveniente de Berlín, escoltado por los agentes de Hitler.

¿La Suiza ha capitulado? Negativo. El gobierno de Berna se declara espontáneo listo para bloquear en las bóvedas de los banco suizos todo este cargamento y de las otras cuentas del Reich Pero no se da cuenta de las consecuencias. Esto equivale - que horror- a una violación de la sacrosanta neutralidad.

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El jueves, 22 de mayo de 1997, el gobierno federal helvético reconoció oficialmente que al comerciar en los años 40 tanto con los países del Eje como con los Aliados, Suiza “velo por sus intereses”, pero, “incurrió en negocios dudosos de los que no dependía su supervivencia”. | El Universal, 22.05.1997/Efe \*

**Las cuentas Judías (polacas) en Suiza:** cuando Berna y Varsovia se entienden a la espalda de las víctimas.

Es a los finales del 1996, cuando como consecuencia de la revelaciones hechas por la comisión bancaria del Senado americano y del estudio encomendado por el gobierno suizo a los investigadores de historia Peter Hug y Mark Perrenoud, que se revelaron las cláusulas secretas del acuerdo bilateral de compensación firmado en 1949 entre Berna y Varsovia.

**Explicación |** Los comunistas polacos acaban de nacionalizar las empresas, las bancas, los bienes, las explotaciones agrícolas y otras posesiones helvéticas, por un valor de aprox. 53 millones de francos suizos. Polonia, que tenía interés en tener buenas relaciones (créditos de desarrollo, etc.) con el mercado bancario de Zúrich, quería compensar a los suizos, empresas y personas privadas, pero debido a la devastación de la guerra, el país no tenía ninguna divisa.

Al tratado oficial entre los dos Estados, fue agregado un protocolo secreto: el gobierno de suizo se ofreció a proceder a la liquidación de las cuentas bancaria polacas “**sin movimientos**”, que pertenecidas a los judíos polacos; y Berna se comprometía a girar estas cuentas a Polonia - en divisas convertibles. Según los términos del protocolo secreto, estos francos suizos, lingotes, acciones y otros bienes depositados en las cuentas bancarias judías (polacos) deben ser transferidas al Banco Central de Varsovia. **El protocolo estipulaba que los bienes deben ser puestos a la disposición de los herederos de los titulares de las cuentas.**

Polonia, por otra parte, se comprometía en el mismo protocolo (compuesto en si por cartas secretas intercambiadas entre las dos delegaciones) a compensar en divisas, el valor de los bienes suizos nacionalizados y expropiados. En concreto, estas compensaciones fueron pagadas por Polonia con débitos de la cuenta titulada **N**, que la Banca Nacional suizo abrió para este fin en la sede central del Banco Nacional de Polonia. Suiza liquida las cuentas judías “sin herederos” en Suiza, envía el dinero a Varsovia, **pero olvidando de enviar la lista de los nombres de los titulares de las cuentas.** El dinero, bajo estas condiciones, no puede ser restituido a los descendentes del genocidio nazi (1).

En cambio, Suiza no olvida de enviar una lista detallada y precisa de todos los ciudadanos suizos expropiados por el régimen de Varsovia, que tienen ahora derecho a compensaciones. Todo marcha sobre ruedas, en el más alto secreto y con una perfecta eficacia. Bajo el orden de la Confederación, los bancos privados suizos liquidan, **en total ilegalidad** las cuentas (judías) polacas..... y los dirigentes comunistas de Varsovia reenvían el dinero (junto con entregas de bienes) de inmediato, con el fin de compensar a los ciudadanos suizos expropiados.....

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“La historia se venga de quienes rehúsan aprender sus lecciones”. | **Shalom Rosenfeld**

**¡El Holocausto debe ser recordado, por siempre!** | Días atrás, al final de una reunión de trabajo con unos clientes, tomando una taza de café, uno de ellos me preguntó: ¿porqué Ustedes, los judíos, deben recordar siempre algo tan triste como el Holocausto?

Al principio, en una fracción de segundo, analice la sinceridad de la pregunta. Solo después que estaba seguro que fue una pregunta sincera, generada por la curiosidad y por saber las razones intrínsecas (de los judíos) que están detrás de esta actitud, le respondí:

- Primero porque fue una aberración de la mente humana, a un grado y a una escala internacional nunca antes visto en la historia escrita de la humanidad y que nunca se debe dejar a fomentarse dentro del orden mundial. Nunca se debe olvidar tan barbarie....

- Porque los que generaron e hicieron tan acto (Holocausto) deben siempre ser apuntados. Pasarán mil años y el pueblo alemán y sus aliados de la WWII tendrán sobre su frente la marca de los asesinos. Igual la justicia debe llevarse a cabo con los generadores del genocidio yugoslavo y al régimen fundamentalista - terroristas talibanes.

- Porque nunca se puede repetir con ningún pueblo de nuestra planeta. Sin embargo, a pequeñas escalas, se repitió en nuestra época contemporánea en África, en Ruanda y en la misma "Europa Civilizada", en Irak, en Bosnia y Yugoslavia.

- Porque se debe recordar para las que las nuevas generaciones aprenden de esta página oscura de la historia mundial y del pueblo Judío en particular. Igual, se debe recordar la memoria de los asesinados y tener un profundo respeto por los pocos miles de sobrevivientes, que todavía están vivos.

- Porque no importa el grado de cultura del pueblo dominante, esto (el Holocausto o algún genocidio) se puede repetir: los alemanes fueron considerados el pueblo más culto y civilizado de Europa, pero sin embargo, con una mezcla de indoctrinación (indoctrinación), propaganda, religión y visión apocalíptica, fueron capaces de tal atrocidad. Por el contrario, en África, los tutsi y los hutus, con el mínimo de civilización posible, todavía en una sociedad feudal, solo con palos y machetes, en una verdadera batalla tribal, han dado muerte a más de un millón de seres humanos.

- Porque la ideología política puede matar: la ideología de la superioridad de la raza arriana - nazi que fue la inspiradora del Holocausto europeo, lo del Pol Pot en Camboya, la de la limpieza étnica en Yugoslavia y África.

- Porque la nueva amenaza de la intolerancia religiosa y la interpretación torcida de los fundamentalistas, pueden lavar miles de cerebros y desembocar en cualquier momento en un nuevo genocidio.

- Porque las nuevas armas de destrucción masiva, atómicas, químicas y bacteriológicas hacen que con una minúscula logística se pueden dispersar agentes mortales para que las vidas de miles y millones de seres humanos inocentes corren máximo peligro. Combina esto con la determinación de inmolarse propia a unas religiones y tenemos una mezcla explosiva y muy difícil de detener.

- Porque por 4 décadas después de la Segunda Guerra, se creyó que algo así, como la matanza de millones de inocentes seres humanos atrapados dentro de una conflagración mundial, o dentro de algún territorio hostil, es irrepetible.

Estamos equivocados; hoy más que nunca, la matanza en masa de inocentes, el genocidio sectario, está de nuevo en el tapete político y social de nuestra perturbada planeta.

Solo con una muy enérgica y total acción militar, seguido por una solución política, se puede regresar a un mundo más pacífico, libre del último flagelo descubierto por el inventivo ser humano: el terror.

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## ¡Las Matanzas Deben Terminar!

### THE KILLING(S) MUST STOP!

**The conference in Durban thrust the point home again that, when it comes to the Jews, most of the world - with the noble exception of the US - is hypocritical, cowardly, and blind. But a mere 60 years after the Holocaust, should this really come as much of a surprise?**

Alrededor del año 313 AD, el emperador romano Constantino | (272-337) tuvo una visión antes de una difícil batalla, viendo una cruz en el cielo. Eventualmente ganó la batalla y desde entonces se convertía a la fe cristiana, legalizó la religión cristiana, por el edicto de Milán, la franquicia religiosa más buscada del momento. Fue el mismo que fundó la ciudad de Bizancio (Estambul), llamando entonces, "Nova Roma"

Esta religión (la Iglesia de Jesús, El Nazareno) que solo días atrás era totalmente prohibida, fue decretada la religión oficial del Imperio. El imperio y su hábil emperador necesitaban una constitución, un cemento para unir y homogenizar a los subidos, que practicaban más de una docena de religiones diferentes. El inmenso poderío y alcance del Imperio ha hecho que una fe oscura y prohibida sea la ley que domina la vida.

Desde este momento hasta pocos días atrás, millones de judíos han sido asesinados y masacrados en nombre de alguna visión extraña, sueño de algún jerarca laico o religioso, alguien, alguna revelación, algún escrito, orden o simplemente falta de razón.

Cuando la gente nos necesita, somos (los Judíos) los mejores amigos. Cuando la política lo demanda, somos los que deben pagar, los chivos expiatorios.

Después de Constantino, las nuevas autoridades eclesiásticas empezaron a perseguir a los Judíos: oficialmente y encubierto. ¡Como puede ser, si la misma fe de ellos empezó con un revolucionario Judío que quería cambiar normas milenarias de la religión Judía y se puso en rebelión en contra del Imperio Romano!

No hay nada más detrás de esto, pero la matanza de judíos en nombre del revolucionario ejecutado por los soldados romanos, en una colina de Jerusalén hace más de 2001 años, sigue.

Cuando los nobles no podían pagar los préstamos hechos a los banqueros judíos, que financiaban sus fallidas excentricidades, ponían más tributos. El pueblo se levantaba y los judíos pagan con sus vidas. Así fue hasta el año 1000 AD.

Más tarde, alrededor del año 1000-1100 llegaron los cruzados, que en nombre de una idea banal e inofensiva de un papa de turno de Roma, de liberar el Jerusalén del dominio de los musulmanes, empezaron a masacrar cada judío encontrado en el camino hacia la Ciudad Santa. Trescientos años de cruzadas han dejado solo pillaje, miseria, destrucción, asesinatos. Los primeros cruzados, caballeros del honor, dejaron la escena a los bandidos, mercenarios y soldados sin misión.

En la época media, fueron desenterrados de España, con un simple decreto. Mil años de historia Judía en esta tierra de esfumo. Fue como una descarga eléctrica. Nada quedó. Forzados a convertirse al cristianismo, morir o salir de las recientes tierras ganadas a los vencidos Moros. Nuevo destino: Holanda, que decretó la libertad de culto y Alemania, que era un inmenso bosque con miles de caseríos y pequeñas aldeas aisladas.

La matanza sigue en las aldeas alemanas de Europa. De nuevo los judíos son empujados hacia el Este, tierras de grandes extensiones, pobladas por los eslavos. Cientos de miles buscan donde vivir en lo que hoy es Polonia, Hungría, Checoslovaquia, Rusia, Ucrania, Los Países Bálticos.

No podían portar armas, no podían estudiar en las academias y escuelas cristianas hasta el principio del siglo XIX, cuando el Zar Romanos les da este privilegio.

¿Porque nunca se juntaron u organizaron para resistir a los asesinos? ¡Nadie lo sabe!

En nombre de la visión apocalíptica cristiana, millones han sido asesinados. A los mediados del siglo XX, surge Hitler y pone la matanza de los judíos, la total exterminación de unos 11.000.000 de judíos europeos, como una política de estado. Cambio en los textos religiosos apocalípticos el nombre de los infieles con el de los judíos. No estaba solo: tenía una buena maquinaria burocrática, tecnología y la complicidad polaca. 6 millones han muerto antes que sea vencido por los ejércitos Aliados, en una guerra ganada más la logística que al coraje.

Después de milenios y siglos de persecución, tenemos un pequeño pedazo de tierra, totalmente infértil, sin agua, sin riquezas minerales y llena de arena. Allí otros, los palestinos, quieren también vivir, y nos están matando, en nuestra propia casa. ¿Es esto justo? Seguro que no.

Pero el mundo está furrio porque no defendimos. Porque defendemos nuestra propia casa de bandidos armados y terroristas.

1. Quería saber cómo será la reacción francesa si un argelino detona una bomba en el museo de Louvre y matan a 100 franceses y hiere a cientos más.



2. ¿Cómo será la reacción de los ingleses si un irlandés detona una bomba y carga de morteros en el centro de Londres?
3. ¿Que decían y hacían los rusos si un checheno agarrara un autobús en Moscú, lleno de ciudadanos rusos indefensos y los masacra?
4. ¿Que hacían los sauditas y algún miembro de su familia real es asesinado?
5. ¿Que hacían los sauditas y algún miembro de su familia real es asesinado y/o alguna refinería sería sabotada?
6. ¿la reacción turca de algún atentado kurdo en Ankara?

Debe existir una reacción militar y política a estos ataques en contra los civiles. Una explicación a los hechos, una resolución de los actos terroristas debe ser presentada y una rectificación de conducta.

¿Porque la reacción y los actos de propia defensa de ello es justificada y de los israelíes no? Hay doble sentido de alguna ley moral. ¿Hay un doble estándar de entendimiento cuando hablamos de los gentiles y de los judíos?

**¡NO ES JUSTO!** La matanza de Judíos debe cesar y cada pueblo defender lo suyo. Debemos levantar la frente, ver nuestra historia de 5700 años y los últimos 2000 más sangrientos y aprender. Solo con fuerza se puede defender lo suyo.

### The Jerusalén Post (www.jpost.com)

(MK Ran Cohen, Merets, who was in Durban, said Sunday that it was not just a case of the statements at the conference being unbalanced, but that they "almost completely ignore Israel's moral right to exist.")

The speech opens with the traditional Jewish explanation for why God initially created only one man and one woman - to show that all people are brothers and sisters. It then tries to show that it was Judaism who gave the world the ideas of equality and respect for all mankind, after which it discusses the long history of anti-Semitism.

It concludes with a bitter denunciation of the conference, whose "blind hatred for Jews" has betrayed the millions of victims of racism who had hoped the conference would offer them succor, "turning their hopes into a farce."

Israel will also run a public relations campaign accusing the Arab states of "engaging in discrimination and terror" in their attacks on Israel, after Israel "proposed returning all of the territories to the Palestinians." The campaign was devised at a meeting convened by Peres yesterday. It was poisoned to the point where a journalist from the official Jordanian news agency, Petra, told an Israeli "colleague" that "in the end you will all be forced to go back to the countries you came from."

It was poisoned to the point where some of the kippa-wearing Jews at the anti-racism conference preferred to wear hats to cover their kippot, for fear that they, identified as Jews, would be the victims of racism. It was poisoned to the point where it seemed almost every other speaker who took the plenum, whether from Asia, Africa, or South America, had something nasty to say about Israel....)

\*El texto de este artículo fue escrito meses después de los trágicos eventos de 11 de Septiembre de 2001 en New York y Washington, que han sacudido el mundo Occidental y los han despertado al mundo civilizado y tolerante a la amenaza del fundamentalismo religioso y terrorismo mundial. Entonces no me pude imaginar que algo de una dimensión planetaria, como el ataque terrorista, la caída de las World Trade Center y la muerte de más de 3.017 civiles (6.291+ heridos), en suelo americano, pudiera ocurrir en nuestro tiempo. Todo era solo un ejercicio académico. Pero se transformó en una guerra planetaria en contra del terrorismo, para defender nuestro modo de vida y nuestros valores morales.(HE, Noviembre 2001)

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**Antisemitismo Mundial** | La otra cara de la moneda y el boicot económico y político. En los últimos tiempos somos testigos atónitos de un resurgimiento del antisemitismo en varios países del mundo. Después de la Segunda Guerra Mundial y del Holocausto Judío, hemos pensado que nunca esta actitud puede surgir de nuevo, mas, en la virulenta forma que se manifiesta en la actualidad. La memoria política e histórica del mundo y de las naciones era el escudo y la bandera que lo imposibilitaba de levantar cabeza (antisemitismo) de nuevo.

El Imperio Romano, después de tres largas y sangrientas guerras, hizo un solo gran favor al pueblo judío: los esparció en todo el mundo, sentando semillas de la civilización, cultura y la moral Judía en casi cada país del mundo. Relativamente, hoy estamos a salvo. Será imposible que alguna voluntad de un país, gobernante o grupo terrorista, que piensa en erradicar de nuevo al pueblo judío, lo pueda hacer. Nadie tiene la logística y los

medios físicos para llegar a cada una (comunidad) debido a la misma fragmentación de las comunidades judías vivas y prosperas alrededor del mundo.

Parece que el antisemitismo no fue eliminado con el desentierro de los Judíos de España. Que no murió con la derrota de Francia, Alemania y Austria en la Segunda Guerra Mundial. Que sigue viva, decenios más tarde y que no se esfumo después del gobierno de Perón en Argentina.

El antisemitismo pan-árabe-musulmán puede ser entendido porque estamos en estado técnico de guerra con varias naciones árabes-musulmanes y en una guerra abierta con una minoría terrorista del pueblo palestino. **Pero no estamos en guerra con Francia, Argentina, España, Bélgica, Italia, Austria, Alemania, Polonia, Hungría, Chile, Brasil, y otros países donde grupos y organizaciones proyectan el antisemitismo.** En varias de las Ex-Repúblicas Soviéticas, donde sus comunidades judías han sido exterminadas en la Segunda Guerra y después, paulatinamente, han desaparecido, ya no hay antisemitismo local.

Ningún gobierno legalmente constituido (u no), nunca (con excepción a Alemania Nazi y sus satélites durante la Segunda Guerra; debemos mencionar a Japón que no correspondió, en este asunto, con el Tercer Reich) va a reconocer que es antisemita. Solo que sus súbitos tiene libertad de opinión y acción para manifestar su actitud antisemita de diferentes formas, desde pacíficas y pasivas hasta libre agresión, asesinatos y pogromos.

El antisemitismo es como un virus que se puede propagar en la mente de cada persona que interactúa con los agentes del anti-semitismo mundial y local. Este virus debe ser detectado, parado y destrozado. La conferencia sobre el Antisemitismo Global que fue organizada en New York entre 30 de octubre y 1-ro de noviembre por la Anti-Difamación League (ADL) fue un gran paso en la dirección correcta.

Tenemos una nueva tarea. Cada uno de nosotros (We, The People...) puede hacer tres cosas sencillas en contra del antisemitismo:

1. No comprar bienes y servicios de los países que patrocina el antisemitismo, tanto del estado, como de empresas particulares. Les aseguro que podemos vivir al mismo estándar sin comprar perfumes, quesos, ropa, carros y otros bienes hechos en Francia y viajar a Paris. Sin comprar productos hechos en Italia, Bélgica, España, Argentina, Austria, etc. Sus libros de historia deben ser reescritos y la actitud de sus gobernantes debe cambiar antes que el boicot judío a sus productos y sus industrias cese.

2. Ser conscientes de la actitud de los gobernantes y de la población de estos países, denunciar cada acto de antisemitismo y divulgar la verdad detrás de los hechos: en voz alta, clara y sin miedo.

3. Dejar de vivir en estos países. El aporte judío a la cultura y la economía de Francia y Alemania es inmensamente más grande que el aporte galo y alemán a la cultura y vida económica israelí. El mismo caso es con Bélgica, Austria, Argentina, Chile, España, Italia, Suiza y otros.

4. ¿Cuántos laureados del Premio Nobel de origen Judío han vivido y viven en estos países? ¡M u c h o s ! ¡D e m a s i a d o s ! Deportistas, médicos, ingenieros, profesores universitarios, pintores, escritores, compositores, artesanos, constructores, actores, banqueros, trabajadores, científicos, economistas...

Lo que debemos hacer ahora lo debemos hacer ahora. Mañana será tarde. Nadie nos va a defender. Solo nosotros nos debemos defender y luchar con dignidad. Como cada pueblo en la historia. ¡La asimilación **no** es la respuesta!

Nos me van a responder que podremos recibir la ira de estos pueblos. ¡No tengan miedo! En casi 6.000 años de historia hemos recibido la ira de todos los pueblos. Unos (muchos) han desaparecido olvidados en las páginas de la historia, otros siguen.

¿Pero no hemos sufrido la ira de tantos pueblos e imperios: Asirios, Babilón, Egipcios, Imperio Romano, Imperio Español, Imperio Ruso, El Tercer Reich, y ahora el Mundo Musulmán?

¿Puede algo más grave y terrible que **Kristallnacht Pogromo, Aktion Reinhard** (campaña en contra de los Judíos polacos), de los masacres de **Gardelegen, Bialystok, Gasden, Polonia, Minsk, Lomazy, Koskowola, Lukow, Poniatowa, Riga, Uscilung, Warsaw, Lipowa**, de los campos de exterminio de **Auschwitz-Birkenau, Majdanek, Buchenwald, Sobibor, Chelmo, Treblinka, Bobi Yar, Cracovia, Dachau, Belzek, Bergen-Bersen, Sachsenhausen**, los Batallones de la Policía Militar Nazi-**Einsatzgruppen**, y de las marchas de la muerte en **Polonia, Hungría, Rumania, Rusia, Checoslovaquia, Alemania nazi, Austria**, puede pasar más al pueblo Judío?

Si hemos pasado esta prueba, podemos hoy hacer un boicot de los productos y servicios de los países que hoy son antisemitas. Países que ni tienen y no han tenido en sus historias ninguna justificación o causa en contra de los judíos. Porque por donde pasamos traemos solo **prosperidad, cultura y justicia**.

Esta es mi opinión, y puede que no todos estén de acuerdo con ella.

**Nota:** En el 2003, unos empresarios de origen musulmán de Francia han adoptado un método sui-generis de boicot: ver el caso de la Meca Cola, que ha vendido más de 2.000.000 botellas a cliente musulmanes en el país galo. Una respuesta fuerte, dicen ellos, al acoso americano y occidental a su cultura.

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**¡Créanme, Esto Puede Pasar de Nuevo! |** Hace años estaba convencido que un Nuevo Holocausto no era posible. Hoy, a cada momento, estoy convencido que puede pasar de nuevo. Hoy en día el mundo está mucho más lleno de peligros, envuelto en una llamada Cuarta Guerra Mundial en la cual, no solo nosotros (los israelíes), pero los americanos en especial, están involucrados en una lucha y guerra antiterrorista en el ámbito mundial.

Hablando de la situación política, social y militar del Medio Oriente es que por ahora no se avista una solución diplomática. La última iniciativa del grupo de los seis, la llamada, Hoja de Ruta, está destinada fallar, con la ayuda total de Arafat & Co. Sabemos que no hay una solución militar al conflicto, pero los líderes palestinos están leyendo los principios de Clausewitz al revés. Cuando el definió la guerra como una continuación de la política por otros medios, la actual dirigencia Palestina empieza por terrorismo total, para terminar en una solución diplomática. Pero las cosas están más complicadas que las conclusiones de un general prusiano (que ha tenido mucha razón) anclado en las teorías y prácticas europeas del fin de siglo XIX. En el Medio Oriente nada de la filosofía europea aplica. Entre el sol y las arenas del desierto, hay otras leyes.

Debemos dejar en claro varios puntos.

- Para hacer paz, se necesita de dos partes, cada una de ella convencida que no hay otra alternativas al problema común.
- Cuando la gente de una parte actúa con total irrespeto a la vida humana, de los dos lados, no puede existir otro lobo cerebral, en la misma cabeza, que piensa que se puede hacer paz.
- Cuando la destrucción del Estado de Israel es el cemento que une a casi la totalidad de los otros países árabes (hay tres excepciones, Egipto, Jordania y Turquía) y hace que está desviando la mirada de la opinión pública hacia este conflicto en lugar de los problemas internos, convierte este conflicto en una historia sin fin, alimentada con grandes fondos financieros, fundamentalismo y ambiciones políticas.
- ¿Qué harán los gobiernos de más de 75% de los países árabes del mundo, que no tiene gobiernos democráticamente electos, cuando el problema Israelí-Palestino cese? Deben buscar algo con que llenar la mente de sus ciudadanos, si no, estos, se darán cuenta en qué situación humillante y sin esperanzas en que viven, con ingresos entre \$250 y \$570 per cápita; pequeñas revoluciones volcaran sus gobiernos. Ellos necesitan vivo y animado a este conflicto, más de lo que nosotros nos damos cuenta. A espalda de víctimas y muertos israelíes y palestinos.

Europa es falsa y llena de vieja retórica de los gobernantes de turno, clientes a su domestica audiencia. Desde hace cientos de años, los gobiernos de los países que presiona hoy, de una manera muy diplomática, a Israel para la paz, tiene los manos manchados por sangre judía.

¿Porque la política exterior y los intereses financieros de estos países deben influenciar las decisiones estratégicos de Israel?

Desde Rusia de los Zares hacia la Península Ibérica de las conquistas de Isabela la Católica, desde el Mar Báltico hasta las arenas de África, casi todos los europeos, con muy pocas excepciones, no les interesan la seguridad de Israel.

¿Y porque lo debían interesar? Para ellos son relevantes solo los contratos de las empresas árabes y la energía fósil barata, en paz en que la seguridad de los ciudadanos israelíes será imposible de defender. **En este asunto, el Gobierno de Israel debe ser fuerte y velar solo por el bienestar de sus ciudadanos.** Durante el Holocausto, nadie movió algún dedo a parar las matanzas de millones de judíos. Nadie lo hará si hoy empieza uno nuevo.

¡Y tampoco lo debemos esperar! Solo nosotros mismos nos debemos defender de nuestros enemigos. No debemos pedir ayuda a nadie. Debemos ser autosuficientes en la defensa de nuestros derechos de ser y vivir. Desde Madrid y Paris a Moscú, desde Berlín, Roma a Belgrado, nadie tiene la posición moral de presionarnos para hacer paz, cuando pensamos que no está acorde con nuestra seguridad.

Casi 6.000 años de historia reclama nuestro lugar entre las otras naciones. Una religión que fue la base de la cristiana y del Islam. ¡Tantos aportes fundamentales que los judíos han hechos al patrimonio universal de la humanidad!

La creciente sensación y orientación del anti-semitismo mundial, liderado por países como Francia, no tiene ninguna causa natural. ¡Nosotros, los judíos no estamos culpables de los males del mundo de hoy! ¡De ninguno de ellos! Pero acusar a los judíos, en los ojos de los pueblos, a veces ciegos, es la más fácil manera de ser populista y ganar votos.

En algún momento esta absurdidad (el antisemitismo) debe terminar.

Regresando a la situación Israelí-Palestina, la historia nos enseña que después de una guerra, si el criminal y dictatorial gobierno es reemplazado por uno nuevo, con aspiraciones democráticas, las cosas pueden funcionar. Ver el ejemplo de Alemania, Austria, Italia, Japón, Francia, después de la Segunda Guerra Mundial. El de Camboya, en los años 70. Panamá en los 80. Recientemente el gobierno criminal de Yugoslavia que fue reemplazado por uno elegido por el pueblo. Y el más reciente, la derrota del sangriento y brutal Talibán que condujo a su erradicación y a la instalación de una gobierno Interino en Afganistán. El cambio de gobierno en Bagdad, después de la victoria americana en la guerra de Abril-Mayo 2003 que condujo a la eliminación de la

dictadura de Saddam es y será, por un tiempo, la más fuerte señal para las dictaduras y las organizaciones fundamentalistas contemporáneas.

¿Debe esta ser la única solución para que el pueblo palestino pueda tener su propia patria, ver aflorar sus aspiraciones y su talento al lado de un estado seguro y próspero de Israel: dismantelar con la fuerza del Tzahal la actual Autoridad Palestina y dejar que el pueblo elige a sus nuevos líderes naturales, que desean la paz con todo sus almas?

Como están las cosas hoy, con cientos de muertos de ambos lados, no hay otra solución. Nuevos líderes palestinos deben surgir, anclados totalmente en altos valores democráticos y morales. Comprometidos con el futuro de su pueblo y aceptados por la mayoría pacífica del pueblo.

Los palestinos deben dejar de un lado a los “amigos” que envían armas y dinero para los grupos terroristas, y aliarse con los que envían libros, profesores, herramientas, tractores y semillas para una nueva vida y proveen una verdadera educación.

Estoy seguro y confiado que la paz llegara en algún momento a estos dos pueblos, (israelí y palestino) y que su actual conflicto pasara a la historia. ¡Ahora es posible, no están listos para esto! ¡Será más tarde, más tarde!

¿De qué cosas más, unos líderes políticos y religiosos mundiales, nos van acusar entonces, en los ojos de sus pueblos, cuando este proceso terminara?

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## A 70 años de la Segunda Guerra Mundial | Pacto Molotov-

**Ribbentrop** | Moscú, 23 de Agosto 1939. EL 23 DE AGOSTO 1939, SE FIRMO EN MOSCÚ EL FAMOSO Y CONTROVERSIAL PACTO MOLOTOV-RIBBENTROP. La segunda Guerra Mundial empezó ocho días más tarde, el 01-ro de Septiembre del 1939.

El pacto fue acompañado de un protocolo secreto, con planes que detalle la división de Europa, de la misma manera, que Churchill, lo hizo en 1945, después de la Conferencia de Yalta. Churchill no sabía entonces lo que Stalin pacto con Hitler. Churchill le propuso secretamente a Stalin (pensando que su oferta es inédita y nueva) el mismo “arreglo político” que Stalin obtuvo de Hitler: influencia en Rumania, Bulgaria y Hungría + mano libre en los asuntos de los Países/Estados Bálticos.

El pacto Molotov–Ribbentrop, no solamente condijo a la división de Polonia entre Alemania nazi y la URSS, pero le dio a los soviéticos un buffer de 200km de ancho en el Oeste, una parte este de Finlandia, los estados libres de Estonia, Latvia, Lituania, partes de Ucrania y Bielorrusia, junto al el Norte de Rumania.

La beneficiada (inmediata) de este estratégico pacto fue URSS que compro a los alemanes casi dos años de paz, junto con la “nacionalización” de enormes recursos materiales y humanos. El protocolo secreto quedo secreto hasta 1992, a tres años de fuertes presiones públicas y la caída del imperio que fue la URSS.

El pacto es un embarazo público para los soviéticos, una prueba de duplicidad política y un argumento desfavorable y negativo en las relaciones de la entonces URSS con sus vecinos, que antes estaban detrás de la Cortina de Hierro.

Las diferencias ideológicas, políticas, culturales y tecnológicas, condujeron, después de la firma del pacto, no solo a una inmensa colisión entre los grandes imperios, pero a la destrucción total de Europa, a la desaparición de culturas, traumas generacionales y a más de 50+ millones de víctimas humanas.

“El pacto fue la operación más cínica de la Segunda Guerra Mundial” Leopoldo Unger | escritor polaco-belga.

Estamos cumpliendo setenta años (01 Sept.1939-01 Sept. 2009) de esta tremenda guerra. ¿Hemos aprendido algo?

Todavía, operaciones militares, maniobras, documentos, pensamientos estratégicos y tectos están descubiertos en cada instante. En la actualidad, el corriente revisionista esta cada día más fuerte en relevar nuevas dimensiones de esta conflagración mundial. Actuaciones que eran consideradas criminales durante y después de la guerra son consideradas hoy valientes y el reverso, personalidades que fueron consideradas como los que ganaron la guerra, decisiones que entonces fueron consideradas acertadas, son ahora considerados como infamas y erróneas, respectivamente.

“**NO ESTAMOS OPUESTOS A LA GUERRA (ENTRE GERMANIA Y LOS ESTADOS OCCIDENTALES) SI TENDRÁN UNA GUERRA SANGRIENTA Y SERÁN DEBILITADOS.**” Josef Stalin, desde unos de sus discursos en 1939

En realidad, Europa fue destrozada entre dos principales actores, los titanes criminales de este periodo: Hitler y Stalin. Hitler perdió la guerra por ser nazi y criminal. Stalin ganó por ser más astuto y con más recursos materiales y humanos que los nazis.

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