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We have never even had a word for it until now. But one has been recently coined by a noted Polish scholar and attorney, Prof. Raphael Lemkin, now on the faculty of Duke University. He has devised the term genocide out of the ancient Greek word geron (race, tribe) and the Latin cide (killing).
"Genocide," he says in a volume, Axis Rule in Occupied Europe recently published by the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, "is directed against the national group as an entity, and the actions involved are directed against individuals, not in their individual capacity, but as members of the national group." Thus Jews were gassed at Birkenau and Aryan Poles and Russians and Slovenes were otherwise butchered, not for any crime or any resistance to Axis authority but because the Nazis wished to exterminate the ethnic groups to which they belonged.

"Generally speaking," says Professor Lemkin, "genocide does not necessarily mean the immediate destruction of a nation, except when accomplished by mass killings of all members of a nation. It is intended rather to signify a coordinated plan of different actions aiming at the destruction of essential foundations of the life of national groups, with the aim of annihilating the groups themselves." In this sense the Germans have committed genocide in virtually all the countries of Europe which they occupied. They have struck deliberately at the culture, language, religious and political institutions and at the economic existence of the peoples they conquered—all with a view to undermining their national identity and weakening them, physically and morally, so that they would become subservient to German rule.

As long ago as 1933 Professor Lemkin proposed the recognition of genocide as a crime under international law. Had his proposal been adopted, Sir Cecil Hurst and his United Nations War Crimes Commission would not now be so hard put to it to determine the guilt of Nazi oppressors. Furthermore, as Professor Lemkin puts it, "the adoption of the principles of universal repression as adapted to genocide by countries which belong now to the group of belligerents or neutrals, respectively, would likewise bind those latter countries to punish the war criminals engaged in genocide or to extradite them to the countries in which these crimes were committed." One of the vital steps in the punishment of war guilt, he believes, is to secure international agreement now on the outlawing of genocide. If such an agreement is reached, neutrals will feel no violation of their sovereignty in the demand that perpetrators of this crime be handed over to justice. And the execution of justice will be given a firm legal foundation.
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Regardless of the number involved, American people are fully prepared to believe atrocities have taken place, as witnessed by their vote on the question:

"Do you believe stories that Germans have murdered many people in concentration camps are true or not true?"

**Guesses Wrong**

The institution put this question to all people who think Gallup mass murder stories are true:

"Nobody knows, of course how many may have been murdered, but what would be your best guess?"

The range follows:

100,000 or less 27%
100,000 to 200,000 6
200,000 to 1,000,000 1
1,000,000 or more 8
5,000,000 or 6,000,000 0
6,000,000 or more 4
Unwilling to guess 25

The survey found some difference of opinion by sections as to the truth of the atrocity stories, but no important difference. Sectional figures:

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The country is virtually unanimous in thinking harsh punishment should be handed out to Germans. The largest number figured execution of the guilty—for deaths, gas chambers, by hanging, electrocution or firing squads.
Horrors Beyond Belief

Even though no one can longer doubt the enormity of the Nazi crimes against millions of conquered Europeans, the recent report of the war refugee board—composed of three members of the president's cabinet—reveals outrages of such magnitude that the human mind is unable fully to comprehend them.

This report is official and distributed by the government through the OWI. Through its 60 pages runs a steady line of crimes—torture, starvation, beating, murder. The number of victims put to death in two camps alone—Auschwitz (Oswiecim) and Birkenau in Poland is estimated at 1,765,000 in two years. The victims were from many countries—Jews and gentiles alike.

There is little use in detailing the tortures, the slaughter in the gas chambers, the death before firing squads, because one's mind becomes numb in the face of such brutality. No refinement of cruelty was left unexplored. For instance:

"A week before the gasning, that is to say on Mar. 1, 1944, everyone in the Camp group in the camp had been asked to inform his relatives about his well-being. The letters had to be sent by Mar. 25 to 26, and they were requested to ask for food parcels."

These mass murders are going on at an accelerated rate right now—according to the best information in the hands of the war refugee board. They cannot be stopped through threats, for that has been tried repeatedly. No promise of retribution can even slow up the killers for they are bent on exterminating as many thousand victims as possible, before Nazi Germany goes down. The Nazis reason that the more they kill, the weaker their neighbors will be.

But the Germans are miscalculating one thing—at least we hope they are. Our knowledge of their unnumbered victims must, surely, strengthen our determination to forge a Europe, and a world, in which Germany can never again repeat these crimes or even harm thousandth of them.
THE WEIGHT OF EVIDENCE

ATROCITY STORIES

SOFT PEACE for GERMANY
For Future Reference

The war refugee board, made up of three inter-
net members, has issued what some describe as
the most shocking document ever made public by
a United States government agency.

The document is an official report on German
atrocities which have caused the deaths of millions
of innocent civilians—men, women, and children
—dead or living, all over Europe.

The report reveals that 5,000 Jews were gassed
to death at Birkenau, Poland, alone between April
1942 and April 1944. Figures are given for other
extermination camps, and the document, signed
by Secretaries Hull, Hull and Morgenthau, says
that all reports were verified and checked
before the information was made public. The stories
of refugees who had escaped from concentration
camps were the sources of data on the German
cruelties.

The report adds that conditions similar to those charged by the Russian
government, the statements of which were con-
formed by American and British correspondents
and diplomatic service members, French, Dutch
and Belgian sources have made like claims.

Based on evidence of German guilt, other
governments already are forgetting any possi-
bility that Germans in the postwar era can sub-
stantiate allegations that the atrocities stories are
part of Allied propaganda. In fact, the strong
evidence now being accumulated may even be a
means of convincing Germans of the extent to
which their leaders went with the support of large
numbers of the rank and file.

The United States report and those from other
sources indicate clearly that German policy has
for years been the deaths of millions of persons
for no other reason than their race, their political
beliefs or because they happened to be citizens
who are not. This is the kind of policy which
can only be made to stop the German government
without the help of the native population. The case
of wholesale murder against democracy is a strong
one.
War Crimes

Rearm Lags

From the New York Times
WASHINGTON, Nov. 30—Rep. Emanuel Celler (D. N. Y.) wants to know what is the matter with the War Crimes Commission which has been sitting in London for more than a year. He thinks it is high time that the commission get down to the business of inquiring into the charges of Nazi atrocities.

"The Commission, according to Mr. Celler, has accomplished so little that it could be placed in a small capsule."

"What kind of a businees is this? Reports come in from time to time that it is entangled in the maze of jurisdiction, responsible for, or procedure."

It is dangerous for the world to forget, the representative believes, "that, after two years of deliberation, in which thousands of cases were examined, the Commission was permitted to declare that, for lack of evidence, hundreds of others were trying to begin all over again to plot one's fate for the world's tribulation..."

Mr. Celler commended John W. Peck, director of the War Crimes Board here, for recently releasing the report of two young Russian Jews and a Polish officer on the German extermination camps. His name, however, that of the Commission was "hesitant in even Washington official circles" to permit publication of the report.

Nobert C. Peck, chief of the American section of the Commission, has, according to his statement, "the full support of the full support of the authorities," but he said that the Commission was "hesitant in even Washington official circles" to permit publication of the report.

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Refugee Board Reports

Stories of German and Japanese atrocities have been numerous since the beginning of the war—indeed even before. But few of them reach in horror and ghastly detail the report recently filed by the War Refugees Board in Washington. Many earlier atrocities, coming from individuals, none of whom were highly prepossessed, might be seriously questioned as to accuracy. But the W.R.B. made up of three members of President Roosevelt's cabinet, apparently tried to ferret out facts, and to base findings strictly upon those facts.

The result is almost unbelievable. Certainly it is the most discouraging document to have come out of the war to date, for it indicates that all humanitarian progress which civilization has made through the centuries has been lost, in a single generation, under Nazi doctrines.

While victims of German gas chamber murders were mostly Jews, thousands of Aryans also were said to have been put to death for their opposition to the Nazi regime. Victims were driven into death rooms by the thousands. Their bodies were burned and ashes used as fertilizer on German farms, according to the findings of the board. A total of 1,500,000 Jews were cremated at Birkenau alone in two years— at the rate of more than 2,000 a day. For some strange, ghastly reason, card index records are said to have been kept of every execution— a record which, if it can be captured intact by Allied soldiers, should constitute irrefutable evidence in the punishment of this unexampled crime of war.

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What We Think

ATROCITIES AND CREDIBILITY

Once the phrase "atrocity story" meant a tale of cruelty that was made up, often out of whole cloth, to stimulate hatred of the enemy and to produce a higher pitch of warfare. In the period following World War I a number of the atrocity stories current during that conflict were shown to have been false, and for this reason there has been some tendency to doubt some of the most horrible tales of this war.

This week, however, has seen the publication of the most careful documentation of Nazi bestiality, in the report of the President's commission on war refugees. Three leading cabinet members vouch for these detailed accounts of the mass slaughter of hundreds of thousands of refugees in prison camps in Poland.

This week also, in Jacksonville, Dr. Pierre Lecomte de Noye gave graphic verification to even the most terrible stories which have come out of occupied France. In short, there are none of the atrocity stories which cannot be believed, for they are the logical outcome of the Nazi philosophy.
German Atrocities

The pertinent observative is made editorially by The Portland Oregonian that Americans for calling how German atrocity stories in World War I later were dismissed as "propaganda", have little reason now to disbelief similar reports in this conflict.

Citing a war refugee board summary that "It is a fact beyond denial that the Germans have deliberately and systematically murdered millions of innocent civilians—Jews and Christians alike—all over Europe," the Oregonian concludes:

One sympathizes somewhat with those whose sensibility is so acute, whose faith in innate decency so firmly established, that even when certified proof is provided they yet are incredulous. Sunday American war correspondents have testified in their dispatches that they were disbelieving what they had heard—but that the evidence of their own eyes made of them horrified converts to the opinion that no crime is too cruel or base for the Nazis. It is well attested that the Germans in Poland fertilized their gardens with the ashes of their victims, who were slain by the tens of thousands, and that corpses of this human ash were shipped to the farmers of the fatherland. This time no pretext avails us for disbelief. The German criminals did not trouble themselves to conceal the mass murders for the identical reason which prompted them to these unparalleled crimes. The Germans were confident of victory, and believed that, as victors, they could not be brought to account.

Harking back to the atrocity stories of the first world war, and to the dismissal of them as mere allied propaganda, one cannot but ask oneself whether, since these recent diabolical excesses are verified, there might not have been something of merit in the 1918 indictment. The question is fully warranted. If we choose to deal with the German war criminals of the present conflict as with those of the first world war, no doubt the indictment will again be dismissed—for that time we left it to the Germans themselves. On the German plea of wanting to manifest sovereignty the maximal allies permitted German courts to try German war criminals. The results, as might have been expected, were farcical. In the extreme, and presently we came to accept atrocity stories as hateful propaganda that it were best to forget; if so we were deceived. It is with no satisfaction that we avert ourselves nothing of that sort will happen this time. The Nazi leaders are aware of this. It is their primary reason for fighting to the last ditch.
Grim Accounting

The horror of the trail of the Nazi monstrosity will never be forgotten, as were similar stories after the last war.

Well-documented and heart-breaking are the figures being set down as a history of men gone mad. The War Refugees Board has just released a report showing where and when millions of Europeans, Jews and Christians, have been murdered. Victims were were killed in cold-blood, by no means in instances excusable as part of warfare.

Great Britain follows this grim recital with a report that one-third of all the homes in the United Kingdom have been wrecked by Nazi bombs. Almost 750,000 men, women and children are the casualties.

From our safety on this side of the oceans — a safety another war would find sadly decreased — we can only imagine the sufferings of others less fortunate.

We must marvel at the spirit which has kept fighting the Nazi scourge at any opportunity. The British, for example, under even as they were, have produced 102,000 planes, 8,000 tanks and 4.5 million tons of shipping.
GERMANY'S FENDISH CRUELTY

WHAT finds the Nazi era? What horror and brutality they have inflicted upon millions of helpless human beings! Men, women and children—not soldiers, but civilians—have been slaughtered literally by dozens, ruthlessly exterminated in an orgy of blood lust as systematic as it is heartless.

Accounts of German bestiality are not new. They have been coming out of Europe for years. The stories have been almost incredible. Such wanton cruelty is human too much for the minds of civilized people to comprehend.

Yet these reports are true. Of that there can be no doubt. The evidence is too overwhelming, too well authenticated by eyewitness accounts, to permit of any lingering shadow of suspicion that they are "atrocities propaganda."

The American people now have confirmation of German terrorism and wholesale slaughter from an official agency of the United States government itself. The War Refugee Board, composed of three members of the President's Cabinet, has made public a report setting forth that in two years approximately 2,000,000 persons were put to death at two German concentration camps—only two of a number of atrocious mass execution centers operated in Germany and in German-occupied countries.

This is the first time that our government has made an official report on these German atrocities. How many millions more have been murdered in other concentration centers can only be conjectured. But of the reasonable accuracy of the 2,000,000 total given in the camps at Auschwitz and Buchenwald the War Refugee Board is convinced.

"It is a fact beyond denial that the Germans have deliberately and systematically murdered millions of innocent civilians—Jews and Christians alike—all over Europe," the report states. "This campaign of terror and brutality, unprecedented in all history, even war, commits us all.

The Germans have employed various methods of torturing and killing their civilians. Their greatest mass executions, however, have evidently been carried out by means of gas chambers into which their victims are herded. After they have been put to death by gas, which is said to take about three minutes, their bodies are disposed of in crematoriums, near the gas chambers.

This shocking report has raised the issues in Congress for relentless punishment of the Germans responsible for these acts. Members of the Senate and the House are more appalled than ever by imposing these terms severe enough to keep Germany from ever again committing such crimes, and on the death penalty for those Nazi who are tried and found guilty of atrocities in this war. There is no sentiment in Congress for retaliation in kind, however.

We believe that the temper of Congress in this regard is that of the American people in general. Americans could not be so unmindful as to want to do to the Germans what they have done to their victims. But this country will be strongly determined upon meting out stern justice to the Nazi barbarians.
Nazi Record of Wholesale Murder

Indictment of Whole German People

The record of the Nazi regime in war and in peace has made the world fully aware of the barroom of its character and of the extent to which it employs the expedients of inhumanity in its scheme of world conquest.

To those familiar with the story of Lidice, with the horrors of Lublin, with the whole appalling history of cruelty and quaffment, it would seem as nothing more could be added that might deepen further the infamy of the German people. This purpose has been accomplished, however, by the report of the War Refugee Board on the German campaign of "extermination and torture."

Indictment of a whole people, traditionally difficult to achieve without the danger of injustice, is accomplished by this rigidly factual document, which brings more vividly to the mind of the world the perils in which civilization has been placed by this iniquity of Nazi domination of Europe, also the sufferings endured by millions.

When one reviews mentally the careers of the tyrants of history, the men whose names and regimes are black with every conceivable crime against decency and honor, the board's appraisal of the Hitlerian era commands thoughtful consideration as the time for judgment approaches.

It is described as a "campaign of terror and brutality which is unparalleled in all history and which even now continues unabated" as a part of a German campaign to subjugate the free peoples of the world. The indictment is carefully documented. It is a narrative of murder, practiced systematically and scientifically against Jews and Christians alike, men and women of every race, including Germans, and often for no particular reason.

A case in point, that at Birkenau, according to the information gathered by the board, 1,769,000 Jews were killed by gas between April 1942 and April 1944. Execution, extermination, starvation, and the encouragement of virulent disease in prison compounds also have had their places in the fiendish Nazi scheme of human destruction. This report does not present the German in a new light. It serves merely to enrich a little more deeply the picture of the enemy developed by the record over the years.

In addition, however, this report serves the practical purpose of fixing guilt and of determining where the punishment must fall. The crime of these tragic years is the crime of the German nation, which has debased itself to such a degree that it has become the willing instrument through which sadistic leaders have visited horror upon a continent.
Nazi Brutality

Always, in wartime, there are atrocity stories. A quarter of a century ago the world was shocked by reports of the cruelty of the Huns, and in the light of history some of these tales have proved false. But this time, apparently beyond the shadow of a doubt, the Germans have been carrying out mass murder and torture in a manner which will shame civilized nations for generations to come.

Three members of the President's Cabinet—Secretaries Hull, Morgenthau, and Stimson, as the War Refugee Board—have released detailed reports of bestial cruelty and murder in German extermination camps. In an official document, the board said it had "every reason to believe that these reports present a true picture of the frightful happenings in these camps."

Apparently, extermination camps in Poland are the worst, with the slaughter of Jews and Christians alike developed to a deadly science. According to eyewitness accounts, more than a million and a half Jews were gassed and their bodies cremated at Birkenau alone within a two-year period. Aryans are seldom gassed, it is stated, but are accorded the "special treatment" of being shot instead.

Having grown hardened thru the Nazi school of brutality, thousands of German soldiers participated in these crimes—men in the ranks, as well as officers. And when the Allies capture these war criminals, they usually shoot their shoulders and say they were only obeying orders.

Comparatively, the Germans are more civilized than the Japs when on the battlefield, for they observe some of the traditions of honorable warfare and the Japs have no scruples of any kind. But when they deal with helpless people whom they can herd about like cattle, the Nazi-trained Germans indulge in practices which reach the lowest depths of degradation. Their crimes are enormous, in character and in their wholesale scope, and some day the German people must pay for them.
Two Way Murder

One of the most frightful documents of this war has just been issued by the War Refugee Board and deals with the subject of atrocities. Far from presenting the whole, horrible picture but thoroughly checked to establish the authenticity of its statements, it declares that 1,765,000 Jews have been put to death in one Polish execution camp alone. The figures were supplied by witnesses who escaped.

So incredible is this report it could readily be subject to doubt were the German atrocity stories of the last war which in many instances proved to be sheer propaganda except that the War Refugee Board is not made up of propaganda specialists but men of highest responsibility to the American public, namely, the secretaries of State; the Treasury and of War.

The contents of their report point to a grisly duty the United Nations must perform after the war, the punishment of the criminals who conceived and carried out these mass killings designed to leave Germany supreme in manpower whether she won or lost the war.

It is not enough to look for the single leaders of this mass murder plan and execute them. The search must be thorough. The men who ordered the mass killings and the men who carried them out must all be taken and punished. Only one punishment is possible—death.

There is no redempion to be exacted from them, no way to make them pay for their crimes adequate to fit the case. They must be lined up and shot.

It is not the Gestapo, whom Himmler is trying to whip into guerrillas to fight that will prolong the unhappiness of Europe but these Himmler executioners, who, whatever they may have been, are now and always will be, less than brutes, unfit to live even in criminal society, where some rules govern.

One cannot kill 1,765,000 innocent people and remain sane or self-controlled. Death will not pay for their crimes but it will rid the world of their contamination.

It is the beauty of fate that the Nazis, who designed this plan to usher themselves into supreme supremacy whether or not they won the war, will be the losers anyway, for they have failed in their efforts to increase their own birthrate as those of neighbor nations (i.e. from 20 births per 1,000 population to 16.8 per 1,000 in 1942, a decrease of 25 per cent in two years).

What it will be at the end of the war is difficult to imagine. German men are almost all in the army and the youth who would have been the fathers of tomorrow's generation, are nursing the battle line today to perpetuate the regime responsible for their deaths.

Hitler's program of decimation has now caught up with his own people.
The Oregonian - November 28, 1944

Certified Atrocity Records

There may be some few Americans whose closed first minds to proof of German atrocities in this war, remembering that many such stories, though of milder heitl<liness, which circulated in World War I, were afterward discounted as "propaganda." Now the United States government has certified many reports of the hideous Nazi prison camps in Poland, the murder factories, the mass incinerators. In short, there should be no least disposition to disbelieve any narrative of German barbarism. Said the war refugee board in summary:

It is a fact beyond denial that the Germans were deliberately and systematically murdered millions of innocent civilians - Jews and Christians alike - all over Europe.

One sympathizes somewhat with those whose sensitivity is so acute, whose faith in innate decency is so firmly engendered, that even when certified proof is provided they yet are incredulous. Sunday American war correspondents have testified to their dispatches that they were disheartened to believe what they had heard - but that the evidence of their own eyes made of them horrified converts to the opinion that no crime is too cruel or base for the Nazis. It is well established that the Germans in Poland fertilized their gardens with the ashes of their victims, who were slain by the tens of thousands, and that carloads of this human ash were shipped to the farmers of the fatherland. This time no protest avails us for disabled. The German criminals did not trouble themselves to conceal the methods of their crimes, but in the interest of the identical reason which prompted them to them unparalleled crimes. The Germans were confident of victory, and believed that, as victors, they could not be brought to account.

Harking back to the atrocity stories of the First World War, and to the dismissal of these as mere Allied propaganda, one cannot but ask oneself whether, since these recent diabolical excesses are verified, there might not have been something of merit in the 1914 judgment. The question is fully warranted. If we choose to deal with the German war criminals of the present conflict as with those of the first world war, no doubt the indictment will again be dismissed for that time we left it to the Germans themselves. On the German plea of wishing to manifest sovereignty the wavish allies permitted German courts to try German war criminals. The result, as might have been expected, were farcical in the extreme, and presently we came to accept atrocities stories as hateful propaganda that it were best to forget as soon as possible. It is with something of grim satisfaction that we realize ourselves nothing of that sort will in part this time. The Nazi leaders are aware of this. It is their primary reason for fighting to the last ditch.
Hard Peace for Fiends

Reports of atrocities have circulated all over the world, and for that reason we refer to the atrocities of the German forces committed by the Japanese in both China and elsewhere in the world. It has now been accepted by the Japanese that they have committed acts of atrocity on a scale that has not been equaled in any other war in history. In the First World War, the Germans were trying to destroy the people of their own country and to show them how to do it. They have been accused of committing atrocities on a scale that has not been equaled in any other war in history. In the Second World War, the Germans have been accused of committing atrocities on a scale that has not been equaled in any other war in history.

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Hard Peace for Fiends

Hopes of a peaceful settlement are being expressed in the United Nations and the United States. However, it must be remembered that the war is not yet over and that the United Nations may not be able to conclude a peace treaty unless the United States and the United Kingdom agree. It is not clear whether the United States will be able to agree to a peace treaty with the United Kingdom, but it is possible that the United States will be able to agree to a peace treaty with the United Kingdom if the United Kingdom agrees to pay reparations to the United States. It is also possible that the United Kingdom will be able to agree to a peace treaty with the United States if the United States agrees to pay reparations to the United Kingdom. It is not clear whether the United Kingdom will be able to agree to a peace treaty with the United States, but it is possible that the United Kingdom will be able to agree to a peace treaty with the United States if the United States agrees to pay reparations to the United Kingdom.
The Slaughter Report

To normal Americans it is inconceivable that any nation professing to civilization should be guilty of the colossal barbarities of the Nazis as detailed in the official report just made public by the state, war and treasury departments on the basis of two years' investigation. Earlier unofficial reports of the huge death plant operated by the Germans in Birkenau, Poland, were received with a certain measure of skepticism; "atrocities" were a propaganda feature of the first world war, and the advent of peace disproved many of the allegations against the enemy. In the present report, however, there is the conviction of truth, supported by circumstantial details.

One estimate of the number of German victims is 1,765,000. The report flatly states: "It is a fact beyond denial that the Germans have deliberately and systematically murdered millions of innocent civilians—Jews and Christians alike—all over Europe." The favorite device for mass slaughter was a gas plant, in which victims were jammed by hundreds or thousands, to be exterminated by the release of cyanide gas or some similar lethal poison. Following execution, the bodies were burned and the residue used for fertilizer.

Exemplifying the cold cruelty of the Nazi leaders is the report's reference to the "dedication" of the gas slaughter house and crematorium at Birkenau:

"Prominent guests from Bialystok were present at the inauguration of the first crematorium in March, 1943. The 'program' consisted of the gassing and burning of 3,000 Cracow Jews. The guests, both officers and civilians, were extremely satisfied with the results and the special peephole fitted into the door of the gas chamber was in constant use."

Horrified as the world was at the mass slaughters of Lodz and Dachau, these outrages had some extenuation in the flare-up of vengeance. The gas house and crematory horrors, however, were deliberately and methodically perpetrated, not on impulse but as part of a plan of general extermination.

Reactions to this report in America and other allied nations may be deemed for a much harder pace than that previously contemplated. Neither military nor civil efforts of course can impose adequate punishment for the leaders responsible for this revolting atrocity. A nation tolerating such leadership can hardly expect to be welcomed back to the civilized world without proven atonement.
GERMAN CULTURE

During war it has been a custom for Germans to encourage the dissemination of fake reports about their people of being falsely accused of atrocities against the enemy in order to promote hatred and build a determination to sacrifice in order to advance victory.

After the war, it has been admitted there was much exaggeration. However, in this new type of conflict originated and carried on by Germany, the list of barbarities, unmotivated acts and horrible atrocities is fully authenticated and nothing in all history, even in the Dark Ages, has been as inhuman.

The United States War Refugee Board, connected with the Executive Department, has issued a report of happenings at two prison camps in Poland, one at Birkenau and the other at Oswiecim, that are beyond description in baseness. Two of the witnesses are two young Slovakians who escaped in April of this year after being in the camp for two years and the other is a Polish major, the only survivor of a group with which he was taken to the camp at Auschwitz. The Refugee Board 'has every reason to believe that these reports present a true picture of the frightful events in these camps and is making the report public in the firm conviction that they should be read and understood by all Americans.'

It has been estimated that 1,000,000 persons were killed in three years at Lublin, Poland, execution area, and evidence is that 1,900,000 have been murdered in Birkenau in two years. Most of those slaughtered were Jews, but also included prisoners of war and political offenders from Germany, Poland, Holland, Greece, France, Belgium, Yugoslavia, Italy, Norway, Lithuania, Bohemia, Moravia, Austria and Slovakia.

This makes a total of over 5,500,000 known to have been tortured, starved, beaten, abused and then killed in just three prison camps from which reliable reports have been obtained. How many more millions have been beaten to death, shot and destroyed in some hideous manner throughout the vast portion of Europe that have been in the hands of the Nazis for so many years?

The details of the events are hideous. Victims were brought long distances piled in trucks or jammed in freight cars. Men, women, children, sometimes whole families together. Often thousands were marched directly to gas chambers where they were murdered with cyanide. Others were kept in barracks for months in misery, with disease ending their suffering for many before they were executed. A few were shot, then others were hanged and others were hanged.

A typical account of soap, ordered to strip them of all clothes and were marched into buildings that appeared to be offices. The structures were filled, the doors were closed and cyanide bombs were dropped through apertures in the roofs. It was all over soon and many other prisoners were given the task of carrying out the bodies, placing them on carts that proceeded on rails to crematories where they were burned. Many who were ill or were dying were not gassed first, but were deposited directly into the furnaces.

When the sick occupied infirmary beds, too long they were given fatal injections. Some of the unfortunate, unable to stand the horrors, managed to secure entrance to the hospital so they would be killed by the nurses and would avoid the gas chamber trials. Many others found permanent relief by clipping against high-pressured wire fences and being electrocuted, or by rushing into prohibited zones and being killed by the machine guns of guards on watch day and night.

The heroism of the helpless millions who escaped their fearful fate is a marvel of history. Often thousands of young folks, knowing they were being led to the gas deaths, sang lustily along the way, as if to impress upon the Nazis that while they could mutilate and massacre their bodies, they could not conquer their spirits. One contingent of women, upon being released from the ghastly camp and stripped of garments and robbed of any jewelry they might possess, managed to carry on a brief, futile resistance. A girl managed to yank a revolver from the holster of a guard, shot him three times and thus encouraged her companions to rebel and strive to escape. Of course they all were killed at once.

It is recorded that prominent guests from Berlin attended the operation. With all the commoners were Jewish, some of whom had been brought there by the SS as a prelude to the destruction of their race. No one knows how many more millions have been murdered. Some estimate have been made on the size of the population in Germany and many others of the government with the approval of the mass murder, and a measure of the suffering of the Jews.

Many Germans must have been infected with the stench of the crematories and it is in a stench that will remain with Germans indefinitely. We do not know of anything they can do to remove it.
Atrocities

In 1914 a flood of German atrocity stories was spread on the unsuspecting Allied and neutral world. The world believed the stories. Later, most of them were exposed as exaggerations and, in many cases, deliberate frauds and fakes.

After that experience the world became cynical. When the new war came on, there was a disposition to be skeptical. It was as the case of the boy who cried "Wolf!" For previous months when an appreciation of the true facts of German brutality under Hitler might have helped America make up its mind as to its proper role in the war, these facts were butting their heads against the wall of skepticism raised up by the falsifying of the atrocity stories of World War I.

At last, however, the evidence against the Germans began to accumulate and finally it broke down the wall of blindness which had blinded many of the American people. Now, with the report of the government commission investigating atrocities in Poland, published yesterday, the last brick has toppled in the wall of disbelief. We know now from the unimpeachable testimony of the horrors which the Germans this time have looted against the world. The evidence will have its weight when the guilty go into the courtroom after the war and when the victorious peoples are debating the terms of the peace.
A Ghastly Report

The nauseating details of German brutality toward Jews and Aryans who had earned their disfavor, may be accepted as authentic. They are vouched for by the War Refugee Board named by the President to study the situation inside the Reich and its occupied lands, and they comprise eyewitness accounts of wholesale murder and torture that exceeded in numbers anything the world has ever heard of previously.

Millions of helpless persons have been gassed and otherwise executed in Nazi death camps. Does it give a shudder to Nazi mentality to hear that on one occasion when 2000 Jews were to be gassed in a new-fangled chamber, the event was made a ceremony attended by high military officers and civilians from Berlin who witnessed the killing through peepholes which left nothing to the imagination?

The formal report on German torture and extermination methods has, of course, an immediate value in relation to the War Bond drive. Doubtless it was timed to impress the American people with the hideousness of the Nazi war machine which our armed forces are now engaged. Certainly it should arouse in every breast an anger that can be best expressed by the buying of more bonds and by a determination that there shall be no letup in the production of everything our needs require to defeat such an enemy.

But whatever may be the immediate purpose of the revelations, the stark fact is that here is certified proof of Nazi cruelty which will not be forgotten when the peace terms are under consideration.
"And put in every honest hand a whip
To lash the recalcitrant through the world..."

You can buy a whip for $1.00 at Cordell Hull does not put his name to this propaganda. Henry F. Stimson isn't a man for politico-undemocratic propaganda.

When these men sign a report of the War Department about wholesale torture, it is in German extermination camps there is no need of keeping fingers crossed over as most of us have become accustomed to do about wartime atrocities stories.

"The board," these two cabinet officers declare, "has every reason to believe that the reports present a true picture of the frightful happenings in these camps..."

By "frightful" they mean subjecting old men, women and children to every brutality that makes them sick—and then killing them at last, selectively, deliberately and systematically, wholesale, thousand, millions, none guilty of anything but having been born of a wrong race or in a wrong place.

"Frightful!" they mean making the wholesale torture and murder of the weak, the defenseless, the helpless, a cold philosophy to practice. You can buy a better whip for $2.00.

These German leaders and philosophers who have posted of visibility and manliness, of the degeneracy of the manly American people and the great whiteness of the American Navy, tell us now what they mean by "frightful!"

They do not mean the meekness that make men weak, and encourage inoffensiveness to challenge through all the institutions of living. They do not mean the manliness that has a surplus of the troubled and weak. They mean only a half-mansize—half of the other half all beet, all Horatio, all German killing machines.

You can buy a whip still better what for $2.00!"
A Million Murders

The civilized world has stood aghast at the repeated resorting to mass murder by the Nazis. The bestiality, calculated cruelty and fiendish inventiveness of the Hitlemites in executing innocent men, women and children are such as to almost defy one's powers of comprehension. But in case after case, authenticated information confirms the Nazi program of the mass extermination. The greater part of Nazi fury has been directed against helpless Jews, although the innocents of many lands and peoples were among the victims.

Shocking therefore and revolting as are the details in the report of the War Refugee Board, three members of President Roosevelt's cabinet, telling of the murder of one million prisoners in Nazi prison camps, the document does not surprise the outside world. What it does is to confirm previous reports and again highlights a story of torture, barbarity and murder that cries to heaven for vengeance and will make Hitlerism, Nazism and Aryanism foul and hated labels as long as civilization endures.

The War Refugee report is an additional, urgent reason, if any were needed, to show the necessity of crushing Hitlerism, uprooting the Nazi system in Germany, bringing the war criminals to justice, and taking such steps as are essential to wipe out a system which could have sponsored such bestial and fiendish crimes. At the same time it points up the desperate need of providing asylum for those who have survived the long nightmare of Nazi persecution and now need the sunlight of security and the warmth of human kindness.
German People Must Be Re-Civilized

As we study the report of the War Refugee Board, issued last Saturday, giving a detailed account of the bestial cruelty and murder of millions of innocent civilians—Jews and Christians alike—at concentration camps in Germany and German-occupied territory, we must refer to our opinion that Germany will have to be occupied for many years after peace comes if the people are to be brought back to principles of decent civilization.

The reports of such inhuman behavior are by no means new, but this latest report, coming from the War Refugee Board, whose members are Secretary of State Cordell Hull, Secretary of the Treasury Henry Morgenthau and Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson, is the result of more than a year of investigation and study by agents throughout occupied Europe, so that the facts—horrible as they are—can be taken for granted.

They show clearly that for several generations the people of Germany have been taught the doctrines of inhuman cruelty that activate Hitler, Himmler and others of the leading Nazi gangsters. Punishment of these leaders alone will not be enough to bring about a change that is needed to safeguard civilization from another outbreak of inhuman cruelty such as horrified the world since Hitler gained control of Germany.

The only cure for this condition is the education of the next two generations of the German people along the line of decency as the civilized world understands it, and this should begin as soon as Germany surrenders unconditionally and the United Nations take over the country. For this reason we repeat our proposal of last year, dyling the Nazi atrocities on helpless Polish and Russian women and children, that Germany be policed by the United Nations for fifty years to come.
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Murder of 1,765,000 by Nazis In Polish Camp Bared by U.S.

Government Report Calls Atrocities 'Revoltling and Diabolical' as Gassings Exceed Record of Lublin Death Factory

Washington, Nov. 27. — In the first detailed report by a United States government agency on the extermination of Jews by the Germans, the War Relief Board yesterday revealed the scale of atrocities committed. The reports of these atrocities of gas chambers in the northeastern part of the western Polish region are the best evidence of Nazi atrocities.

The report states that at least 1,765,000 Jews were killed by the Nazis in the Lublin district alone. This total includes those who were killed in the gas chambers, those who died of starvation, disease, and violence, and those who were forced to work in slave labor camps.

The reports also state that the Nazis used the so-called "Jewish labor camps" as a cover for the extermination of Jews. These camps were located in various parts of the Lublin region and were used as a means of rounding up Jews for transport to concentration camps.

The reports further state that the Nazis used a variety of methods to exterminate Jews, including gassings, shootings, and forced labor. The gas chambers were used to kill Jews by gas as well as by carbon monoxide poisoning.

The report concludes that the extermination of Jews was a systematic and well-planned effort by the Nazis, and that the reports of atrocities are only the tip of the iceberg. The full extent of the Nazi atrocities is likely to be much greater than what has been revealed so far.
The room was filled with smoke, and the walls were lined with wooden panels. The gas masks were removed, and the room was filled with the smell of burned flesh.

"The men were herded into a narrow corridor, and then into a room with gas masks on. They were then led to a room where they were forced to stand and wait for their turn.

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The horror of German atrocities is emphasized anew and given official verification in the release by the War Refugee Board, composed of Secretaries Hull, Stimson and Morgenthau, of the stories of three survivors of the Nazi concentration camps at Auschwitz and Birkenau, in Poland.

The Nazi plan, as this newspaper was one of the first to point out, has been nothing less than a cold-blooded and calculated program of mass murder—the extinction of whole peoples—unmatched in the history of the world.

The punishment of the Nazi criminals becomes one of the greatest tasks facing the allied authorities, and, if fully accomplished and carried through to final justice for the guilty, would constitute as great a contribution toward the future peace of the world as anything that could be done.

Now, while vast areas are being liberated, is the time to gather the evidence to avenge the greatest infamy of all time. NOW, while the crime is fresh and before the Nazis have had an opportunity to "go underground."

We suggest that America has two men eminently qualified for this job of grand scale detective work. Why not delegate J. Edgar Hoover, head of the FBI, or Brig. Gen. William F. O'Dwyer, Brooklyn district attorney on leave, or both, to ferret out and prepare the indictments against a gang of human rats whose bestialites tax the credence of the civilized mind?

The experience of Mr. Hoover in smothering sabotage and tracking down saboteurs here, and if Gen. O'Dwyer in wiping out the infamous Murder, Inc., and doing splendid Army exposures of graft, certainly fit them for the biggest, and most vital, police assignment of history.
This Is Our Enemy: Murderer of the Helpless

There is nothing new about Nazi-perpetrated mass-murder. From the death factories of Maidaneck to the martyred villages of Lodzin and Distomo we have examples in plenty of the German mania for wholesale execution of innocent and helpless civilians.

But it has taken the first official U.S. Government report on German atrocities, presenting in 25,000 harrowing words eye-witness accounts of Nazi cruelty in the extermination camps of Auschwitz and Birkensau, to demonstrate the frightful extremes to which this madness has been carried.

To the two camps were brought whole families of Jews and others rooted from their homes all over occupied Europe and sentenced to death for the crime, of being unwanted in Hitler's New Order. At Birkensau alone nearly 2,000,000 Jews have been gassed to death.

The members of the Board who sponsor this report, Secretary of State Hull, Secretary of War Stimson and Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau, have made it public "in the firm conviction that it should be read and understood by every American."

They are right in that conviction. Every American should read the report and digest its meaning so as to understand more clearly the enemy we face in the Germans. There is a disposition in some circles at times to make a sharp distinction between the Germans and the Japs, to picture the former as savages but as part of our own civilization and culture and deserving therefore a more sympathetic treatment.

Such pro-German propaganda fails to recognize that the test of this way of life then, when it comes time to talk of peace settlements, forget them.
ATROCITY REPORT
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Death Penalty Demanded for Germans Guilty in Mass Murders

Washington, Nov. 27—(AP)—Demands were made in Congress today for punishment of Germans guilty of what a cabinet committee calls the systematic murder of millions of innocent European civilians.

In both Senate and House areas in measured calls for peace terms severe enough to keep the Nazis from ever again committing crimes of atrocity and for the death penalty for those tried and found guilty of them in this war.

Representative Bloom (D-NY), chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, and Senator Johnston (D-Colo) declared that Germany shouldn't be allowed to get away with a single gun. They said the peace machinery should include the means of meting out punishment to Nazis responsible for war crimes.

Representative Nystrom (D-Minn), chairman of the Select Committee to Investigate the War Refuge Board, on a 25,000-word report released over the weekend by the War Refuge Board. Named by President Roosevelt to try to arrange the rescue of victims of enemy persecution, its members are Secretary of State Hull, Secretary of War Stimson, and Secretary of Treasury Mellon.

Systematic Murder:—"It is a fact beyond denial," they said in a statement accompanying the document, "that the German forces deliberately and systematically murdered millions of innocent civilians—Jews and Christians alike—all over Europe.

This campaign of terror and brutality, which is represented in all history, which has now continued unabated, is part of the German plan to subjugate the free people of the world.

The report embraces two eyewitness descriptions of brutality and slaughter by those Nazis who escaped German extermination camps in Poland. The accounts were prepared independently. But they agreed that more than 12,000,000 Jews from several European nations were gassed and cremated at Birkenau in two years.

Names of the three men were identified in their report as: 1. Romanos, 2. Shaz, 3. Sholostin. These are three Slovakian men who kept camp records, estimated two years of killings at Birkenau at 1,365,000. It told of the cremation of people in cubicles too small to let them sit upright or lie down, of a special gassing and cremation plant put in use against vermin.

The second account, by an Aryan Polish major, said prisoners were used for direct transplant, artificial insemination of women and experimental sterilization by X-ray.

Representative Celot (D-NY), called the stories "authentic revelations of such horror and barbarism as the world has never before known."
Communist Extermination Camps

This section discusses the role of the Communist party in Chinese history and politics. It highlights the significance of the party's influence and the impact of its policies on society. The text mentions key events, such as the establishment of the People's Republic of China, and discusses the contributions and challenges faced by the Communist party in shaping the country's development.

The text also touches upon the historical context of China, including the impact of the Cultural Revolution and the shift from Mao Zedong's leadership to邓小平's. It explores how these events have shaped contemporary China and its relationship with the international community.

The analysis of the Communist party's role is deeply rooted in its ideological foundation and its strategic approach to governance. The text examines the party's strategies and policies, such as the Four Modernizations and the current Belt and Road Initiative, and how they have influenced China's economic growth and global engagement.

The document concludes by emphasizing the enduring impact of the Communist party on China's development and the ongoing debates surrounding its role in the country's future.
Monstrous Nazi Crimes

Civilization is ashamed, humanity is sickened, by the new evidence on German man-murder methods just disclosed by the War Nuremberg Board.

For the first time, an agency of the American Government presents a detailed report of the scientifically organized slaughter houses whereby the Germans exterminate their so-called racial inferiors. Added to previous reports by Russian, Polish, Czech, Greek, Dutch, French and other governments' official agents, the picture is indeed, as the WNB says, that of a "campaign of terror and brutality which is unprecedented in all history." It is a picture that the board, composed of Secretaries Hull, Morgenthau and Stimson, considers authentic, for its statement says:

It is a fact beyond denial that the Germans have deliberately and systematically murdered millions of innocent civilians—Jews and Christians alike—all over Europe.

In civilized times at least, war has been waged between bodies of soldiers. The Nazis wage war in its crudest form against civilians, not in the heat of battle, not in desperation, but as an icy calculated policy of reducing populations so that Germany, whether it wins or loses the war, shall attain superiority of numbers.

The gas chamber, the firing squad, starvation, brutal beatings, torture—all these are weapons used methodically in the carrying out of German policy. The policy has been laid down many times by Hitler. Thus, on Jan. 31, 1933, he said that if war came, the result would be "the annihilation of the Jewish race in Europe." And not the Jews alone, for as long ago as 1927 he had said, "It is either you or I, life or death, either extermination or survival." And in 1928: "If men wish to live, they are forced to kill others."

So murder of helpless and unoffending civilians, of whatever nationality or religion, becomes a fixed part of Nazi methods. Its use is a festal occasion, for one of the most ghastly sections of the new report tells how "prominent guests from Berlin were present" when a slaughterhouse in Poland was inaugurated, and watched with satisfaction the gassing and burning of 6000 Jews from Cracow.

A monstrous and protracted crime has been exposed to the eyes of the world. Dare anyone in the Allied countries now, in the face of such fratricide, preach a tempering policy and a "soft peace" in the settlement with Germany?
Congress Calls for Action on Germany's Atrocities

Washington, Nov. 27 (AP) - Congress erupted today with demands for relentless punishment of Germany's guilt of what a Cabinet committee calls the systemic murder of millions of innocent European civilians.

In both Senate and House arose a measured call for peace terms severe enough to keep the Nazis from ever again committing crimes of atrocity and for the death penalty for those tried and found guilty of them in this war.

Chairman Bloom (D-N.Y.) of the House Foreign Affairs Committee and Sen. Johnson (D-Colo.) declared that Germany shouldn't be allowed to keep a single uncommitted soldier.

In a joint statement, they said the peace machinery should include the means of checking out punishment to those responsible for war murders.
Inescapable Justice

A Gaunt the background of the war itself and the great slaughter of the battlefields, the mass extermination practiced by the Nazis falls to attain full significance. When murdered innocents are spoken of in millions, the mind already conditioned by loss of the circle of family and friends is slow to grasp the enormity of this deliberate butchering.

All the more reason, then, to choose the Sabbath to deal with new reports which the War Refugee Board has released "in the firm conviction that they should be read and understood by all Americans." The spirit of charity growing from worship is a help to understanding—first, of the sufferings involved, and then of the need to explore and know the nature of the people capable of causing it.

There are two reports, described as having been prepared independently but being almost precisely parallel, and they concern life in Nazi camps at Auschwitz and Birkenau in Southwestern Poland. One was made by two young Slovakian Jews who had clerical posts at Birkenau for two years, the other by a non-Jewish Polish major. Each report estimated that from April, 1942, until April, this year, more than a million and a half Jews were gassed and their bodies cremated at Birkenau alone.

The War Refugee Board, composed of Secretaries Hull, Stimson and Morgenthau, withheld the names of the men, all escapees, whose stories helped to enforce the "fact beyond denial that the Germans have deliberately and systematically murdered millions of innocent civilians—Jews and Christians alike—all over Europe."

Writing 25,000 words of detail, the Jews and the Pole told that camp buildings were divided into cubicles "too narrow for a man to lie stretched out and not high enough for him to sit upright," that working conditions were so bad the daily mortality was 20 to 35 out of a group of 200; that overseers beat working prisoners to death without provocation. They told of the establishment of a "shocking building" that "served no other purpose than as an assembly center for death candidates. All prisoners incapable of working were sent there. . . . Twice weekly, the camp doctor indicated the number of prisoners who were to be gassed and burned. Those 'selected' were loaded into trains and brought to the birch forest. Those still alive upon arrival were gassed in a big barrack erected near the trench used for burning the bodies."

It was related that a "special squad" of prisoners forced to do the gassing and burning "were always filthy, destitute, half wild and extraordinarily brutal and ruthless. It was not uncommon to see one of them kill another. This was considered by the others a sensation, a change."

For the inauguration of a modern crematorium at Birkenau in March, 1943, prominent Berliners traveled to the camp. Eight thousand Cracow Jews were gassed and burned for the edification of those Germans who looked into the gas chamber through a peephole.

The gas chamber's walls are "crammed with simulated entries to shower rooms to mislead the victims," who are given fresh air and sound. They are jammed in, "after which SS men with gas masks climb on the roof, open the trap and shake down a preparation in powder form out of tin cans . . . . It is presumed that this is a cyanide mixture of some sort which turns into gas at a certain temperature. After three minutes, everyone in the chamber is dead."

This would seem to surpass the understandings of all normal people, but understanding—and justice—there must be. Justice will very much take care of itself, however.

The degradation to which those responsible subject themselves can amount in the end to self-destruction. Our hope must be that the unspeakably monstrous practice represents the will of only a wholly degraded minority.
The Inside Story of Mass Murdering By Nazis

Escapees give detailed accounts of the gassing and cremating of 1,765,000 Jews at Birkenau

FROM AN OFFICIAL PUBLICATION OF THE WAR REFUGEE BOARD

There were 64 of us. After a walk of about 20 minutes with our heavy packs, we had arrived at the main gate of Birkenau, the concentration camp of Auschwitz. We were there at least half an hour before sunrise, and had no luggage on us. However, the camp was well guarded, and we were met by a large number of men in uniform, who directed us to a small building.

There's No Such Place

"Actually, there is no such place as Auschwitz. It is a name given by the Nazis to a place in Poland where they have collected all the Jews from all over Europe. The camp is called Birkenau because of the huge bamboo grove located near the camp."

The prisoners' actual living quarters.

Mrs. Jones, the American Red Cross delegate, arrived at Birkenau with 50 other members of her delegation on May 1, 1944. She was impressed by the conditions prevailing there. They were treated with respect and kindness, and were allowed to work on the farm. The prisoners did not complain about their treatment, but expressed their gratitude for the food and clothing they received.

Accounts Coincide

The two accounts were prepared independently, and they coincide exactly with each other, and with the testimony of other eyewitnesses. The two documents were sent to the War Refugee Board, which is preparing an official report on the subject. The report will be issued in the near future.

Controls Other Camps

"Auschwitz is a concentration camp for political prisoners, under German auspices, and was established in May 1940. The camp is divided into two sections: the main camp and the sub-camps."

The buildings were made of brick and had no windows. The prisoners were housed in barracks and were not allowed to have personal possessions. The food was provided by the camp authorities and was inadequate for the number of prisoners. The camp was surrounded by a high fence with barbed wire and guarded by armed soldiers.

3 Minutes—Then Death

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High-voltage wires surrounded the death camp at Lublin, as they do at Auschwitz, Birkenau and other Nazi extermination camps. The electrically charged wires were used to kill prisoners by electrocution.

**Human Guinea Pigs**

Human guinea pigs were used in Nazi medical experiments at Auschwitz and other camps. The victims were subjected to a variety of inhumane treatments, including starvation, forced labor, and medical experiments. The exact number of people who died as a result of these experiments is unknown, but it is estimated to be in the hundreds or thousands.

**Escape Practically Impossible**

Escape from the camp was nearly impossible. The barbed wire fence was electrified, and the guard towers were equipped with searchlights and machine guns. The prisoners were watched constantly by armed guards.

**Crematoria Take Over**

The crematoria were used to cremate the bodies of hundreds of thousands of people, including prisoners, Jews, Romani (Gypsy) people, and others deemed to be enemies of the state. The bodies were burned in large furnaces, and the ashes were later used to create fertilizers.
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCH CONCERNING THE WAR REFUGEE BOARD'S REPORT ON NAZI ATROCITIES WAS CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING NEWSPAPERS:

NOVEMBER 26, 1944
Baltimore Sun
Washington Star
New York Journal & American
Columbia (South Carolina) State
Madison (Wisconsin) Capital Times
Bridgeport (Connecticut) Post
Huntington (West Virginia) Herald-Advertiser
Macon (Georgia) Telegram-News
Buffalo (New York) Courier-Express
Detroit News
Jacksonville (Florida) Times-Union
Providence (Rhode Island) Journal
Roanoke (Virginia) Times
Nashville Tennessean
Rochester (New York) Democrat & Chronicle
Raleigh (North Carolina) News & Observer
St. Louis Globe-Democrat
Worcester (Massachusetts) Telegram
Greensboro (North Carolina) News

NOVEMBER 27, 1944
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette
WASHINGTON, Nov. 25—The U.S. government tonight charged in strong and bitter language that the Germans "have deliberately and systematically murdered millions of innocent civilians—Jews and Christians alike—all over Europe."

In the first statement by the United States on European atrocities in this war, President Roosevelt's War Refugee Board declared: "This campaign of terror and brutality, which is unprecedented in all history and which even now continues unabated, is part of the German plan to subjugate the free people of the world."

Atrocities Recognized

Not since the publication of the report of the Joint Army-Navy report last Jan. 27, in which this government reported that the Japanese "bloodlessly starved and mercilessly murdered" more than 5,000 American soldiers in the Philippines, had such denunciatory language been used against any nation. In this case, however, no Americans were involved.

According to the report, the first time that the United States officially recognized European atrocity stories, the Moscow conference last November the three Allied nations—United States, Great Britain and Russia—warned Germany that all war criminals would be brought to trial in the locality in which the crime was committed.
FOR RELEASE:

Sunday, November 26, 1944

Following is the text of a statement made by Peter H. Bergson, Chairman of the Hebrew Committee of National Liberation, at a press conference Saturday, November 25, 1944, concerning the punishment of Germany for war crimes committed against the Hebrew people, and Hebrew participation on the United Nations War Crimes Commission charged with this task.

The War Refugee Board has released, for publication on Sunday, November 26, a detailed report containing evidence of the unspeakable atrocities systematically committed in the two extermination camps set up in Oswiecim and Birkenau, in German-occupied Poland. Men of various religions and nationalities were the victims of these atrocities, but, as was known before and as is again confirmed by this report, the main victims were Hebrews.

It is exceedingly difficult for me to discuss this report. I could hardly gather the strength to read it through, but I believe that the War Refugee Board should be highly commended for bringing these monstrous activities of Germany to the attention of the American people in full detail.

It is in connection with the publication of this first detailed report of the atrocities issued on the authority of an agency of the United States Government, that the Hebrew Committee of National Liberation wishes to raise a question which can no longer be delayed. This question concerns the inexplicable abstention of the governments of the United Nations from taking any measure that would effectively interfere with this slaughter of a whole people or that would, at least, make it clear that those guilty of the slaughter will be punished.

There is a widespread impression that a joint agency of the United Nations, known as the United Nations War Crimes Commission, is sitting in London and is assembling data that would make possible to bring to just trial the people who participated in these enormities. This impression is totally erroneous. The truth is that the War Crimes Commission, under the interpretation placed upon its terms of reference by the Chairman of that Commission, Sir Cecil Horder, has refused to take into consideration any acts committed against persons other than nationals of the United Nations. The truth is, further, that despite all efforts, none of the governments of the major powers among the United Nations has instructed its representative on the War Crimes Commission to broaden its activities so as to include crimes committed against Stateless persons and persons who are or were subjects of the Axis nations.
In the case of the Hebrews slaughtered by the Germans, a great many were subjects of the Axis nations. In the course of the war, most of them were deprived of their citizenship by the governments of those nations. They have thereby become stateless in name, after having been stateless in effect for quite some time. Others among those slaughtered Hebrews have been stateless all along.

The consistent refusal of the War Crimes Commission to take into consideration crimes committed against those persons, the consistent refusal of the major United Nations to instruct the War Crimes Commission to change its stand, amount, in the circumstances, to a declaration that crimes against such people are of no concern to the United Nations and, as far as they are concerned, may remain unpunished. It amounts to a declaration that people who committed these crimes are not regarded by the United Nations as war criminals and, as far as the United Nations are concerned, may go scot free and continue in the post-war world preaching the doctrine which they have been practising in concentration camps and in innumerable other charnel houses. This attitude amounts to proclaiming that a Jew may not be tortured or killed if he happens to be a citizen of one of the United Nations, but that his life is considered of no value if he is a stateless Jew—a Hebrew.

Against this cold-blooded and cynical refusal to include the crimes committed against well over a million Hebrews and Hebrews who had held the citizenship of the Axis nations, the Hebrew Committee of National Liberation raises its voice in vehement protest.

This attitude may have resulted in many cases from a lack of attention given to this issue. It is a product of thoughtlessness rather than of cruelty. This is why we hereby draw public attention to the issue and its implications.

One implication is the stake which, whether it realizes it or not, the world has in a just solution of this problem. In 1933 the Germans began their butchery of Hebrews who were Axis subjects. The world shut its ears to warnings that the butchery was not going to stop with Hebrews. Today millions of the best youths of many nations are dead because this warning was not heeded and the activity of the German murderers was not curbed before it spread. No feel duty bound to sound another warning today. The German nation—murderers have created a precedent which carries in it all the threats of neo-barbarism in which nations will try not merely to subjugate other nations and conquer their territory, but in which nations will endeavor to bring about the extermination of entire segments of populations. If humanity and civilization are to survive, this system must be eradicated at its source. Leaving unpunished crimes of this kind on the pretext that they were committed only against Hebrews would seem to leave in existence a free zone for crime and extermination. Within this free zone the philosophy of barbarism would continue to feed itself on its own excitation and make the coming peace only an exaltation which is sure to be followed by another war, just as surely as the present war followed the last.

Another implication concerns the moral issue involved in it tolerability or is it not that the United Nations men their hands of the wholesale murder of the kind described in the report being published by the War Refugee Board? This, and this alone, is the moral question involved. Attempt are being made to disguise this moral issue by raising objections allegedly springing from respect for international law. It is suggested in some quarters that the United Nations are
entopped from assuming jurisdiction over these murders on the ground that they concern people who did not have a right to the protection of the United Nations during their lifetime.

It is difficult to conceive that this objection is made in good faith. Intervention in the treatment of persecuted stateless individuals in foreign countries and even in the treatment of members of persecuted minority groups is a well established procedure in international law. It was practised in numerous cases by the United States, by the British Empire, by Russia and by other nations of the western world, even in time of peace. More reason why such intervention and consequent jurisdiction be practised in times of war. At the basis of such intervention there always lay the assumption that the systematic and large-scale extermination or persecution of human beings sins against the elementary precepts of humanity and that civilized nations have a right and a moral obligation to prevent their occurrence.

Since this is the case, the refusal of the United Nations to include the perpetrators of such crimes in any scheme for punishment of crimes against humanity committed by the Axis nations during the present war cannot be justified on the ground that the acts in question have not hitherto been regarded as war crimes. It is true that no specific punishment has been proclaimed as applicable to such crimes; previous to their commission, and that no specific tribunal has been given jurisdiction over such crimes before they have occurred. But this is equally true of all crimes over which the United Nations, acting through the War Crimes Commission or otherwise, are ready to assume jurisdiction. With the sole and narrow exception of crimes foreseen under the Hague Conventions, the War Crimes Commission is taking cognizance of cruelties committed by the Axis on the sole and sufficient ground that the conscience of civilized mankind considers them to be crimes. Unless it is desired to emphasize, for the guidance of some future Himmler, that exterminating Hebrews is no crime in the conscience of mankind, it is inconceivable that the exception which has been made will be allowed to stand.

The issue, therefore, is not one between morality and far-sighted statesmanship on the one hand and international law on the other. No valid objection can be raised under international law to a course of action which is so obviously dictated by both morality and statesmanship. The objection can proceed from two sources only: indiscrimination or bad will,

This issue is being submitted hereby to the people of America, the standard bearers of decency and true justice, in the hope that they will raise their voice and influence their government, as well as other governments concerned, to instruct the War Crimes Commission that a German who tortured and killed Hebrew men, women and children coming from Berlin, Budapest, Bucharest, Rome, or Sofia, is no less a war criminal than had he tortured and killed non-Jews, women and children coming from Moscow, Paris, Warsaw, Brussels or Amsterdam.

There is another point to which attention is drawn herewith.

The extermination of the Hebrews by Germany was not directed against citizens of particular countries. It was directed against Jews as such. Some of the Jews who found their death in the ghettos described in the report being published by the War Refugee Board were more or less wholeheartedly represented by the dominions of their respective countries on the War Crimes Commission.
But who will represent those Jews who did not have the status of citizenship in one of the United Nations and who nevertheless suffered horrible death to the number of over one million? Who will represent the Hebrews? It is because they were and are unrepresented that the thoughtless injustice against which we are compelled to protest publicly today could have occurred. No one thought of them because no one represented them.

We, therefore, believe it only fair and proper that the Hebrew people as such be given representation on the War Crimes Commission and thus be accorded the chance, equal to all other victims of Axis cruelty, to see to it that the guilty be punished. It is a travesty upon justice that the War Crimes Commission should include representatives of all nations against whom atrocities were committed except the one nation against which more atrocities were committed than on all the others combined.

There is a third point to which attention may be drawn at this juncture, because it too illustrates the injustice resulting from the Hebrew people's being recognized by the Axis only but not by the decent peoples of the world. Time after time leaders of the United Nations gave warning to the Axis Powers against using poison gas, declaring that should poison gas be used against any of the Allies, retaliation would be practiced against Germany. For a long time it has been known that Germany had consistently used poison gas against the Hebrew people. The report now being published by the War Refugee Board again confirms this fact. The report states that well over a million Hebrews were murdered by poison gas. The Hebrew Committee of National Liberation has on numerous occasions in the past drawn the attention of the Government of the United States and the Government of Great Britain in repeated communications that the warning which was given to Germany against the use of poison gas be specifically extended to cover the use of poison gas against Hebrews. We feel constrained to express our deep regret that no action has been taken on these proposals, and confidently hope that the publication of the present governmental report on the use of poison gas will be followed by an appropriate warning, and unless effective, appropriate action will be taken against the Germans.

The Hebrew Committee of National Liberation is therefore following:

- Instructing the representatives of the governments of the United Nations concerned:

  1. That they issue a joint declaration proclaiming that crimes committed against Hebrews in Europe, irrespective of the territory on which the crime was committed or the citizenship or lack of citizenship of the victim at the time of death, be considered as a war crime and punished as such.

  2. That the governments of the United Nations concerned instruct their representatives on the War Crimes Commission to see to it that the above mentioned declaration is put into effect.
5: That representatives of the Hebrew people be given membership on the War Crimes Commission and that temporarily, until such time as a Hebrew national sovereignty be re-established, the Hebrew Committee of National Liberation be authorized to constitute the Hebrew representation on the War Crimes Commission.
1,765,000 Jews Gassed At Polish Prison Camp

Slaughterhouse Ashes Used for Fertilizer

By ROBERT L. MYLER
Washington, Nov. 26—(UP)
"Those remaining, about 3,000, were immediately gassed and burned in the usual manner."

The curious fact is that a reek from the camps is causing the Germans to change their methods of burning the bodies. The smoke is now being directed into a chimney to avoid the stench.

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Reveling and Diabolical:

Nazi 'Death- Factories' Story
Told by War Refugee Board

TI. S. Cabinet Group Publishes Report
Of Millions Massacred in Polish Camps

By TED LEWIS

Hair-raising details of German mass atrocities were made public by the War Refugee Board through the White House last night, as proof that campaign of Nazi terror throughout death-factories in subjugated Europe is frightful and brutal beyond belief of the civilized world.

The report of the board gave the first American official statement of truth to the world of evidence witness النصر of the mass massacre in Poland, which have been of Russian origin.

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1,765,000 Jews
Killed With Gas
At German Camp

By HUGH MORROW

WASHINGTON, Nov. 23.—President Roosevelt’s War
Refugee Board today told the most incredibly shocking story
of the war, in the first official report by the United States
Government on German atrocities.

It was a story which made even the Japanese atrocities
in the Philippines, even the Soviet Government’s tales of the
Nazi mass-murder factories of Maidanik, pale by comparison.

It was a story told in too much too exact detail to have been
imagined, to have been made up, to have been exaggerated.

No one who has read the full report can possibly dismiss it as
propaganda.

“The board has every reason to believe that these reports
present a true picture,” the report stated.

The report is based upon the
reports of two young Slovaks
ian Jews who escaped in April,
1944, after spending two years in
the Nazi concentration camp at
Auschwitz and Birkenau in
southwestern Poland, and upon
the experiences of a non-Jewish
Polish major, the only survivor
of a group of 60 men imprisoned
neargether.

The report told this story:

1. That 1,765,000 Jews were
killed at Birkenau in
November, 1942, and
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**Jewish Militarists Arrested in Haifa**

**JERUSALEM, Nov. 25 (A.P.).** An official statement announced that 16 persons known or suspected to be members of a national military organization were arrested in two police raids at the Palestine port of Haifa today. The organization involved was not identified by name. However the Stern gang, a group of extreme Jewish nationalists, has been under investigation since the assassination of Lord Moyne, British Minister of State resident in the Middle East, in Cairo Nov. 6.
NAZI BRUTALITY TOLD BY 3 WHO ESCAPED CAMPS

Nearly Two Million Reported Gassed.

ATROCITY PICTURES. There have been many reports of German atrocities, some of which have been verified. At Lublin, Poland, for instance, reports were permitted in American residence and are photographs of some of the Tulsa pictures up for publication. No pictures were released to correspondents the secret story released today by the war refugee board.

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Arocity Pictures From Polish Camp

The Chicago Daily Tribune
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The newsreel pictures, which were shown in the Polish capital, indicated that the Germans were busy in the death camp of Lublin. Lublin is a city in Poland, where thousands of Jews were killed in the Holocaust. The pictures showed the conditions in the camp, including the use of crematoria to dispose of the bodies.

The camp was located near the city of Lublin, and it was one of the largest concentration camps in Poland. It was used primarily to hold Jews who were considered to be enemies of the state, and it was considered to be a major center of anti-Semitism. The camp was known for its brutality and its use of forced labor, and it was a major source of income for the German occupiers.

The pictures showed the camp as it was on the day of its liberation, with thousands of bodies lying on the ground. The camp had been abandoned by the Germans, and it was left to the mercy of the elements. The bodies were left to decompose, and they were a testament to the horrors of the Holocaust.

The pictures were shown in the Polish capital as a way of reminding the people of the horrors that had been committed in the camp. The pictures were a stark reminder of the past, and they served as a reminder of the importance of never forgetting the lessons of the Holocaust.
The injections," said the mock names of German prisoners who were to be executed in the political section who were condemned to death. Apart from this, there were some prisoners who were to be used for experiments. The first of 60 and the second of 80 prisoners of young and strong youths between the ages of 18 and 30 were put to death on the grounds that they were orphans and could not be considered in the camp as full-fledged workers.

"Racial considerations played an important role. An assay was made to see if there were any serious illness that could result in death by infection, whereas those who were not infected were eliminated from the experiment. Many of these were about this method and applied for admission as a medical candidate or to work in the hospital where they said they would have better chances of survival."

The camp was surrounded by two rows of electrified fences with guards posted in towers mounting machine guns and searchlights. The bodies of prisoners killed in attempts to escape were displayed in the camp with a placard reading "Here I Am." Those captured alive were hanged in view of the prisoners.

The Polish major said the treatment of the men was such that a young and robust Jew could be expected to last not more than four weeks. The three escaped prisoners told little about a mysterious biological laboratory which they said the Germans operated at Auschwitz. "Here," said the Pole, "studies of prisoners by X-rays, treatment of prisoners, artificial sterilization of women, as well as the purpose of blood transfusion were carried on. Male and female prisoners, especially Jews, served as guinea pigs for these experiments. This block was completely isolated from the rest of the camp as far as news from it reached us only very seldom."
Germans Slaughter Innocent Millions

WASHINGTON, Nov. 29.—The War Refugee Board, in what was regarded as the most shocking document ever issued by a United States government agency, made public Saturday an official report as German atrocities that have caused the deaths of "millions of innocent" Jews and Christians alike— "all over Europe."

The "revolting and diabolical German atrocities at two camps that were virtually slaughterhouses were described as a "campaign of terror and brutality" which was "undermined in all history and which even now continues unabated and is part of the German plan to subjugate the free peoples of the world."

Both camps are in southeastern Poland. Although Riga was the main slaughterhouse, Auschwitz produced its share of murders, too. Jews generally were gassed, or died with injections of phenol in the heart. Non-Jews usually were shot.

"Finally, only the aged, weak and ill were murdered. Those able to work were permitted to work—until they became ill. A prisoner was considered fit only if he were a Jew in a camp, or given a heart injection of carbonic acid."

Prisoners Are "Guinea Pigs"

Jews from all over occupied Europe were transported to the two extermination camps in the hundreds of thousands. A Polish major described a "holocaust institute" where German doctors performed biological experiments with "male and female prisoners, especially Jews."

Here," the major's report said, "sterilization by X-ray treatment, artificial insemination of women, as well as experiments on blood transfusion were carried on."

At first these "selected" fat death were taken in Riga and Auschwitz and buried in a nearby brick forest. They were packed into rooms under the impression they were to be given the bath en masse. The rooms were then sealed, and SS men blew hydrocyanic gas through ventilation openings.

It soon became necessary, in order to kill efficiently by carbon monoxide poisoning, to construct special gassing chambers and crematoriums. A new way of gassing was devised. The shower bath fixture was turned into the room made into a gas room. The doors were then sealed. The SS men blew hydrocyanic gas through ventilation openings, and SS men turned on the gas. The doors were sealed."

SS Men Are Executioners

After the report continues, "there is a short period, probably a few minutes, after which the men are taken by gas masks, placed in the room, and after which the gas is turned on, opening the doors and allowing the gas to escape through the ventilation openings."

The German guards are the men in the room. They are the men who push the bodies through the gassing chamber and then throw them into the incinerator. The report says, "It was a matter of routine for the SS men to carry on this work for hours at a time."

The Germans practiced the installation of poison by forcing Jews to step on gas masks and smokeless tobacco of these kinds. These "special squad" prisoners became "extraordinarily
The 20,000 word indictment of Germany was assembled by the WHI as one of the agencies under the executive office of President Roosevelt. The board consists of Cordell Hull, secretary of state, Henry Morgenthau, secretary of the treasury, and Henry A. Stimson, secretary of war.

The report is an indictment of the entire German nation, for the board makes clear that the atrocities were directed from Berlin, and that they were German actions which were planned and executed by Germany.

There is no shying out of the final party in the German as being responsible for the horrible deeds described. Nor is there any hint that the thousands of Germans who believed made any protest regarding what the board says is, "the German campaign of extermination and torture."

Survivors Tell Horror Stories

The information contained in the report came from two young Slovakian Jews who escaped in April, 1944, after spending two years in the two German concentration camps, and from a non-Jewish Polish major, the only survivor of a group of 100 men imprisoned at Auschwitz.

The information supplied by these three men, whose names were not made public "in the interests of their own safety," has been checked, rechecked and verified in every way, the board said. Cables to the governments in exile, secret reports from prisoners, and other duplicated areas and by cross-examination of the three men and comparison of their statements.

The report records 79,000 persons, including 20,000 Poles, found dead in areas, 25,000 Jews, 12,000 French, 20,000 Belgians, 20,000 Germans, 20,000 Yugoslavs, Italians and Norwegians, 6,000 Lithuanians, 100,000 Moravians and Austrians, 100,000 Norwegians, 500,000 brought in from various slave camps.

The board disclosed that the young brother of Leon Blum, former premier of France, had been "indiscriminately tortured, strangled and burned" to death at Auschwitz.

The Germans compared with one another, according to the report, in destroying new and more brutal torture for their victims. Women and little children suffered the same fate. No worse than the men. Many of the German atrocities at the death camps and concentration camps were described as being obviously psychiatric cases.

The report reached the world of the late Mr. Hull, ambassador to Soviet Russia, who declared recently during a brief visit to Washington that "German atrocities have not and cannot be exaggerated." The report indicated that no imagination could devise the horrors as appalling and revolting as the crimes perpetrated by the Germans.

The German policy of torture, both physical and mental, was described in the report as having been systematically directed to reduce the morale of the prisoners so that they would not survive even the very thought of escape through hopeless escapes upon rushing guns or high-voltage prison fences.

The report suggests that the Germans may have permitted some prisoners to escape so that they might be hunted down by dogs.

The board eventually assure that many of the atrocities reported during the last two or three years were in the reports of the 300,000 men on whom the report was revised and after the three year period from the German conquests of the Middle Ages.
Nazi 'Murder Camps' Authenticated by U.S.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 25 (AP) — The U.S. Government placed its stamp of authenticity today on reports that the Nazis had tortured and murdered million of allegedly helpless European civilians in efficient extermination factories.

The Polish major said that in March, 1944, he was transported directly from the Montelupich prison in Cracow to Auschwitz, interned, and in a closed truck.

Many tried to escape and others committed suicide by throwing themselves on the high-voltage wires surrounding the camps, the report said. If a melted body was brought back, it was pumped up with a sign: "Here I am." If an escapee was captured alive, he was hanged in the presence of the whole camp.

The witness related that on the opening of the first crematorium in Birkenau in March, 1943, prisoners were invited to "witness" a "program" consisting of the gasping and burning of 3,000 Cracow Jews. The guards watched the whole process through "special peepholes.

Death in a gas chamber took place minutes after the report was explained, and was brought about by shutting down into the sealed room a cyanide mixture that turned to gas.

Other tales of atrocities by the Nazis include dipping a Rabbi's head into a barrel and then drenching him because he was late for a roll call, tying the prisoners to sign "concert parties" during which the guards beat them, commanding unterled men who were exhausted exercising in freezing temperatures.
"Unbelievable" Story of Nazi Bestiality Told in Official Book
U. S. Cabinet Group Publishes Report
Of Millions Massacred in 'Slave' Nations

By HAL FOYNT

The Nazi's systematic murder of civilians of subjugated countries is described with details of bestiality, by those who escaped concentration camps in southwestern Poland.

Their story is told in a 2,500-word report issued yesterday by the War Refugee Board. The report, conducted by Secretary Hull, is presented as a preface to the Board's Polish crematoria report for the year 1942 to April 1945 and lists the Board's assessment of the number of 1,743,500 Jews systematically murdered in Auschwitz, notoroues for its gas chambers and crematoria.

Two years after the end of the War Repting, Poland, 1,788,000 Jews were killed. The figures of 1942 to April 1945 include those who died in camps during the Nazi occupation and those who were able to escape. The Board estimates that 800,000 Jews were killed in the camps during the war, and that 900,000 were killed after the War.

"The Board's every reaction according to the report, is described as 'shocking' and 'revolting' by the Board's spokesmen. The report states that the Board's estimate of the number of Jews killed in the camps is based on information received from various sources, including the United States Department of State, the United Nations, and the International Red Cross.

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Many Killed in Experiments

One of the Slovaks reported that "a great many died as a result of these experiments." The Slovakian, in telling of the deaths of 4,000 in a September 1943 convoy of Polish Jews families, said 21 twins were left alive, while the others were subjected to various medical tests. The book contains numerous names of German prisoners wounded who might be brought to trial when the war is ended. It also contains names of prisoners who sometimes could their hopes in humanity and in serving in capacities that would be called prisons in an American penal institute.

All in all, it's a horrible, revealing story published by the Government. But the War Refugee Board, consisting of three Cabinet members, said it made the public "in the firm conviction that they should be read and understood by all Americans."
Death Camps’ Horror Told in U.S. Report

25,000 Word Document Tells of Murder by the Million in Polish Extermination Centers

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The war refugee board—members of President Roosevelt’s cabinet—sponsored Saturday a 25,000 word detailed report on brutal cruelty and murder by the million in German extermination camps.

Bill the board, comprising Secretary of the Treasury, Morgenthau, and Secretary of Commerce, Willkie, the report public in the form of a statement that they should be understood by all Americans.

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U. S. Board Releases Eyewitness Accounts of Horror

Washington, Nov. 29.—The U. S. War Department has released the 29th instalment of a series of reports on the conditions of Nazi prisoners of war and the methods of treatment by the Nazi authorities. The reports are based on eyewitness accounts of prisoners of war and are compiled by the U. S. Board of War, which has been established for the purpose of investigating and reporting on the treatment of prisoners of war by the Nazi authorities.

The reports describe the conditions of prisoners of war in various camps throughout Germany, Poland, and other countries occupied by the Nazi forces. The reports state that the prisoners are subjected to brutal and inhumane treatment, including starvation, forced labor, and torture. The reports also state that many prisoners have died as a result of the conditions in the camps.

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A tin can labeled "Cyclon-B" was used against vermin, which is manufactured by a Hamburg concern. It is presumed that this is a chloropicrin blown into gas at a certain temperature. "After 3 minutes, everyone in the chamber is dead." The bodies are then taken out and burned. On principle, only Jews are gassed; Aryans are usually given special treatment by shooting.

"Guest" Ward Gassing
"Prominent guests from Berlin were present at the inauguration of the first crematorium in March, 1943. The program consisted of gassing and burning of 8,000 Cracow Jews. The guests, both officers and civilians, were extremely satisfied with the results, and the special peephole fitted into the door of the gas chamber was in constant use.

There is a "block recorder" who keeps the prisoners' fates. "His work is one of great responsibility and he has to keep his ledgers with painful exactitude as the index cards only indicate the number but not the names of the prisoners; errors are fatal. "For instance, if the recorder has noted down a death by mistake, and that often occurs with the unusual high mortality—the discrepancy is simply straightened out by killing the bearer of the corresponding number."

The report by the Polish association stated that prisoners were used for experiments in sterilization by X-ray, artificial insufflation of nitrogen, as well as blood transfusions.
U. S. Board Bares Atrocity-Details Told by Witnesses at Polish Camps

By JOHN H. CRIDER

WASHINGTON, Nov. 21.-In the following table, the Polish press, estimated that about 1,500,000 Jews were killed in the gas chambers at Treblinka (Birenbaum) and Chełmno (Auschwitz) in southwestern Poland, that transcended the horrors of Lublin.

The accounts were verified by the WBR.

While at Lublin, 1,400,000 persons were said to have been killed in three years, 1,000,000 to 1,385,000 persons were murdered in the torture chambers of Birenbaum, from April, 1942, to April, 1944, according to those Government- sponsored reports. Many hundreds of other deaths by phenol injections and starvation, shooting, etc., also are recorded.

"It is a fact beyond denial that the Germans have deliberately and systematically murdered millions of innocent civilians-Jews and Christians alike-all over Europe," the WBR declared.

"This campaign of terror and brutality, which is unrepresented in all history and which can never be nullified, is part of the German plan to extirpate the free peoples of the world," it added.

The courageous and diametrical character of the German atrocities will be difficult to believe by those who think of that "peaceful" country, the report stated, "that the Government of Poland and of other nations have evidence, which clearly substantiates this fact.

In the report, the nature of the reports was public, the WBR said.

"The board has every reason to believe that these reports present a true picture of the frightful happenings in those camps. It is making public the reports in the first instance, they should be read and understood by all Americans." The report of the situations which exterminated victims were burned at Treblinka in the two-year period at 5,000,000 to 7,000,000, in the (the)

west, then they are carried into the gas chambers; people there is of course, only standing room.

To compress this crowd into the narrow space, there are often forced to make those already by the far, three, and close them together.

When everybody is inside the heavy doors are closed. Then there is a short pause, presumably to allow the room temperature to rise to a certain level, after which SS men with gas masks come to the roost upon the trap, and shake down a preparation in powder form of Zyklon B, for use against rats, which is manufactured by a Hamburg company.

General Lasta Three Minutes

It is presumed that this is a poisonous mixture of some sort, which turns into gas at a certain temperature. After the SS men pour it into the chamber the deed is done, as is known to have survived this order, although it was not uncommon to discover signs of life, the primitive measures enjoyed by the Jews.

The chamber is then opened, and the 'special squad' carted the bodies on flat trucks to the furnace room, where the burning takes place. Crematoria III and IV work on nearly the same principle, but their capacity is only half as large. Thus the total capacity of the four chambers was 1,000 per day.

In his independent report the Polish official describes the gassing and burning techniques as follows:

"At present there are four crematoriums in operation at Birkenau, two large ones, I and IV, and two smaller ones, II and III. Those of Types A, B, and C consist of three parts. I and II consist of three parts, I and II consist of four parts, both in the gas chamber, (a) the large room, (b) the large room, (c) the gas chamber, (d) the gas chamber, which brings the body from the furnace room, (e) a row of rooms, which are grouped nine with each other, (f) the room, (g) the room, and (h) the room.

This corresponds to a daily capacity of about 2,000 bodies.

Next to this is a large room which is arranged to give the impression of the entire chamber of a burning establishment. It holds 2,000 people, and apparently there is a similar sitting room on the floor below. From there a door and a few steps lead to the very long and narrow gas chamber. The smoke from the gas chamber is collected in a large chamber. The smoke is extinguished with water in a large chamber. The smoke is extinguished with water in a large chamber. The smoke is extinguished with water in a large chamber. The smoke is extinguished with water in a large chamber. The smoke is extinguished with water in a large chamber.

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A private car containing the gas chamber, which is placed in the hangar, is pulled up to the other, and the gas is allowed to escape into the room.

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for him to be present at those mass executions. On their arrival at the gates, the prisoners were separated by a double barbed-wire fence, men, women and children in small groups, and by age. Each of them was given a small bag of bread. The doors were driven into the barracks until they were completely filled up.

One Bomb Halted It

"Everything was hermetically closed, and specially trained men set off hydrogenre bombs through the ventilation openings. After about ten minutes the doors were opened and a special squad composed exclusively of Jews had to clear away the bodies and pass for a new group of 'victims.'

The crematoria had not all been constructed, although there was a small one in Auschwitz, which, however, was not employed for burning these bodies. Mass graves were dug at that time in which the corpses simply lay.

The continued work of the end of 1942. By this time gaseous by gas was being intensified and there was no more even for such summary burial. Now upon all the bodies of murdered Jews, covered only by a thin layer of earth, were widely dispersed in the surrounding fields causing the soil to become almost entirely through the putrefaction of the bodies, by a special herbicide and, more or less in a circular path.

The small emanating from these fields became intolerable. In the area of 1942 all the remainder of the bodies had to be exhumed and the ground covered over with a thick layer of earth. The putrefaction was to bring the results of the destruction of the people, pour poison over them, and leave it to the elements. The immense quantity of earth that thus was collected was moved away in every direction to be used over the fields where the marauders had found their last rest.

"Purposes for Auschwitz"

It was noted that the executioners did not provide the crematoria with any facilities to handle the bodies until satisfactory conditions became such that this method of disposal had to be abandoned.

In addition to mass executions, the Germans resorted to other methods of extermination, but there is evidence that these were rarely used for the purpose of disposing of individuals. One of these methods was gassing, which was extensively practiced. In cases of extreme overcrowding, prisoners were Platzed in one of the crematoria. The gassing was a brutal and efficient method of killing, which was used to dispose of the bodies of those who were considered "viable." The gassing consisted of saturating the prisoners with a gas mixture, which was usually a combination of carbon dioxide and cyanide. The gas was then allowed to enter the rooms, where it suffocated the prisoners in a matter of minutes. The bodies were then removed and sent to the crematorium for disposal.

The story of the executioner who became a "hero" is told in the testimony of a Polish survivor. "An SS man by the name of Alter, a shoemaker, served the gas chambers. He had taken off the gas masks and seen the people die. His name was Adler, although practically a moron. He was in charge and when the victims were led out, he took charge of the ghastly work, on whom to practice his 'technique.'

"He was a complete sadist, torturing the victims with mental and physical torture before putting them to death."

The accounts of the atrocities and the Polish major mentioned a specific "horrific institution" - the Kaufer, which was located in the area, and where the prisoners were kept. The conditions were extremely inhumane, and the prisoners were subjected to brutal treatment. The Polish major's account, which provided the official report of what went on in the "institute," noted that the prisoners were subjected to various forms of torture and mistreatment.

"Mass sterilizing by X-ray treatment of many of the prisoners, as well as experiments on blood transfusions, were carried out.

The reports mentioned several cases of prisoners who were subjected to these experiments, such as Witold i hadwa, who was subjected to a series of experiments, and a brother, Lech Blum, former French Prisoner.

"Prominent guests from Filmv" were present at the inauguration of the first crematorium in March 1943, the reports said. "The 25-ton gas oven consisted of three main sections, the middle one containing the firebox. The gas oven was made of steel and the middle one containing the firebox was made of concrete. The firebox was constructed of concrete and the middle one containing the firebox was made of metal.
Two Million Slain in Nazi Horror Camps

War Refugee Board Reveals Gas-Cremation Assembly-Line Method

By George Connery

In two years approximately two million persons—most to the entire population of West Virginia—were exterminated at two German concentration camps, according to a detailed report made public Friday by the War Refugee Board, the first such indictment for wholesale murder to be issued under the authorization of this Government.

Six diagrams, sketches and maps in the 24-page report broke through the cemeterias and other installations and illustrated the assembly-line methods that eliminated men, women and children.

The execution total is arrived at mainly through a series of detailed tables giving national composition and estimated size of each convoy as it arrived at the camp areas. Only a percentage of the convoys was counted at the installations, with the bulk sent directly to the gassing chambers. Because consecutive numbers were tattooed on those not immediately executed, it was possible to reach an approximate total for those exterminated.

For one set of gas chambers alone the figure was 7,500,000.

The camps are Auschwitz and Birkenau. In upper Silesia. The period covered is the spring of 1940 to last spring. Millions of Jews and Poles gassed and cremated there. In addition to the reported death toll of 100,000 and other notorious mass execution centers elsewhere in Germany and occupied countries. Any estimate of the one-off total would be a pure guess on the basis of available facts.

"It is a fact beyond denial that the Germans have deliberately and systematically murdered millions of innocent civilians—Jews and Christians alike—all over Europe," declares the board, which functions through the executive office of the President. "This campaign of terror and brutality, unprecedented in all history, even now continues unabated."

Three men who escaped the camps cannot be taken as merely coincident.

"Although it cannot reach for accuracy of every detail in the sensational narrative, the War Refugee Board released it as a reliable summary, it said.

"The board has every reason to believe that these reports present a true picture of the frightful happenings in these camps. It is making the report public in the firm conviction that they would be read and understood by all Americans.

"Entirely Credible"

"It is a testament that all the trustworthy and fragmentary reports hitherto received, and the dates given with regard to transports to various camps agree with official records. These statements, therefore, can be considered as entirely credible."

The three stories, it was learned, were forwarded to the board in Washington by one of its representatives at the American Embassy in Switzerland. Checking the men and their narratives closely, it found that in all important aspects one corroborated another. To send the report back here with the recommendation that they were correct as far as could be ascer-

In Washington, the board was impressed also because the stories were from men actually confined in the camps, where escape is rare.

Although there was a reluctance to publish absolutely stories, in view of the propaganda backlash following the First World War, the board felt it was on firm ground in these reports.

In the document released last night the board explained:

"The War Refugee Board is engaged in a desperate effort to save as many as possible of Hitler's intended victims. To facilitate its work the board has representatives in key spots in Europe. These representatives have visited centers throughout Europe and keep the board fully advised concerning the German campaign of extermination and torture.

Reports Prepared Separately"

"The reports were prepared separately and are reproduced exactly in the form they were received by the War Refugee Board, except for a few deletions necessary for the protection of persons who may still be alive. The figures concerning the size of the Jewish convos and the numbers of men and women admitted—we dare two camps cannot be taken as merely coincident."

One report is based on experi-

ences of two young Slovakian Jews who escaped in April, 1940, after spending two years in this camps at Auschwitz and Birkenau. The second is by a Canadian-born English major, the only survivor of one group imprisoned at Auschwitz. Brutality, starvation and disease were the accepted thing at the camps, the three men declared. For example, at Auschwitz, Jews were forced to dig gravel or work, toil away hours on manual labor. Those who slowed were sent to punishers and were reduced to death by injections.

The three camps give exact and factual descriptions of the extermination processes, which varied from ordinary but relentless brutality to death by gas. Birkenau, which adjoining Auschwitz, has the most elaborate system.

First Buried in Trenches

At first bodies from the gas hall at Birkenau were buried in trenches. This crude step was eliminated after a new modern gassing plant was set up and a ditch was dug for it.

Two large crematoria and two smaller ones were provided. The larger ones were set on fire and the Slovakian Jews follow:

"These are divided into three parts, a furnace room, large hall and gas chamber. A large chimney goes from the furnace room around the walls, which are divided into four chambers, each having four openings. Each takes 250 bodies at once and after an hour or a half, the bodies are completely incinerated. This corresponds to a daily capacity of about 3,000 bodies."

"Next to this is a large reception hall which is armored so as to give the impression of the ante-

room of each of these chambers. It holds 2,000 people and is provided with columns on the floor itself."

"Inside there is a deep and few steps lead down into the wide long and narrow gas chamber. The walls
The Washington Post

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of this chamber are also covered with sandbags and a door is hung on the north wall which can be hermetically closed from the outside. A truck looks from the gas chamber towards the furnace room.

Bednok said Gas Chamber

...This is his description of how the gassing takes place:

"The unfortunate victims are brought into hall B where they are told to undress. To complete the action that they are going to bathe, each person receives a towel and a small piece of soap, issued by two men clad in white coats. Then they are crowded into the gas chamber C by eight guards and then the door is closed. In the crowded room, the heavy doors are closed.

Once in the gas chamber, the temperature is raised to a certain level, and the gas is then allowed to escape from the tank. A earthenware pipe connects the tank to the gas chamber, and the gas is then released into the room.

Once the gas is released, the room is sealed and the temperature is raised to a certain level. This is done to ensure that the gas is evenly distributed throughout the room. After about 15 minutes, the temperature is allowed to return to normal."

The process of gassing is then repeated, and the "special squad" returns the bodies in the truck to the furnace room where the burning takes place. Cremona and four "ultra smaller men" work on exactly the same principle, but their capacity is only half as large. They have a total capacity of 10,000 cremations and gasing plants at Nurnburg amounts to about 6000 daily."

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U.S. Charges Nazis Tortured Millions to Death in Europe

War Refugee Board Says 1,765,000 Jews Were Killed by Gas in One Camp Alone; Witnesses Testimony Gives Details of the Atrocities

By George Polk
WASHINGTON, Nov. 23.—The War Refugee Board, in what was regarded as the most shocking document ever issued by a United States government agency, made public today an official report on German atrocities that had caused the death of "millions of innocent civilians—Jews and Christians alike—all over Europe."

The "revolting and dreadful" German atrocities were described as a "campaign of terror and brutality which is unprecedented in all history and which even now continues unabated and is part of the German plan to subjugate the free peoples of the world."

The 36,000-word indictment of Germany was assembled by the W. H. H. M. as one of the agencies under the executive office of the President of the United States. The board consists of the three highest ranking Cabinet officials—Col. Henry Morgenthau Jr., Secretary of War; Cordell Hull, Secretary of State; and Henry C. U. W. Polk, Secretary of War. John W. Polk is the board's Executive Director.

The report is an indictment of the entire German nation, for the board makes clear that the atrocities were directed from Berlin, and that they were German atrocities which were planned and executed by Germans. There is no indicating that the racial or national hatred of the Gestapo was being responsible for the terrible deeds described. Nor is there any hint that the thousands of German's involved were being forced into committing these crimes.

The information contained in the report came from two young American Jews who escaped in April, 1944, after passing two years in German concentration camps at Aushwitz and Birkenau in southeastern Poland, and from a non-Jewish Polish major, the only survivor of a group of sixty men imprisoned at Aushwitz.

The information supplied by these three men, whose names were not made public in the interest of their own safety, has been checked, rechecked and verified in every way, the board said. With the government-in-chief, secret, irreconcilable reports from inside German-dominated Europe and by cross-examination of the three men and comparison of their statements.

The report reveals that 1,765,000 Jews were gassed to death at Biebrzhanina alone between April, 1942, and April, 1944, including 900,000 Poles, 100,000 Czechs, 40,000 Greeks, 100,000 French, 20,000 Belgians, 500,000 Gypsies, 50,000 Germans, 50,000 Yugoslavs, 20,000 Italians and Norwegians, 20,000 Latvians, 20,000 Lithuanians, 20,000 Romanians, 20,000 Rumanians, 20,000 Serbians and 20,000 Ukrainians who were brought to Biebrzhanina, Secretary of War.

Of unrecorded numbers of non-Jewish Europeans, the report said, "the Germans had more than done their utmost to treat the non-Jewish prisoners with less brutality than to death."

The board disclosed that the French Premier of France, Jean Moulin, and his aides were "abnormally tortured, then gassed and burned" to death at Auschwitz.

The Germans competed with one another, according to the report, in devising new and more brutal tortures for their victims. Women and children suffered the fate of burned to death, and were described as being driven pathological case.

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The story of the concentration camp at Auschwitz in March 1943, a number of officials came to the site and then prepared to work the following morning with instructions to "put the prisoners to work." A prisoner, aged 83, stated that he had been at the camp since 1942 and was brought to Auschwitz in 1943. The prisoners were subjected to severe hunger and heat, and by the end of the day, they were weak and exhausted. The report stated that the prisoners were worked to death without food or water. The prisoners were forced to work in the fields, and those who were too weak to work were shot. The report also stated that the prisoners were subjected to torture and beatings.

The report concluded that the conditions at Auschwitz were disastrous for the prisoners. The prisoners were subjected to severe hunger and heat, and by the end of the day, they were weak and exhausted. The report stated that the prisoners were worked to death without food or water. The prisoners were forced to work in the fields, and those who were too weak to work were shot. The report also stated that the prisoners were subjected to torture and beatings.

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The report ended with a call for international action to prevent such atrocities from happening again.

End of report.
Wholesale Slaughter by Nazis
Bared by U. S. Refugee Board
Hull, Stimson, Morgenthau Brand
German Measures as Clear Bestiality

The War Refugee Board—news
might accused the Germans of
bestial cruelty and murder by the
million in Nazi extermination
 camps and backed up the charges
with startling, eye-witness ac-
rounts.

The board, composed of Secretary
of State Hull, Secretary of the
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The report consisted of two eye-
witness accounts of life in the Nazi
camps at Auschwitz and Birkenau
in southeastern Poland, prepared
independently but almost precisely
parallel.

Each included an estimate that
more than a million and a half
Jews from various European coun-
tries were gassed and their bodies
flung at Birkenau alone between
April, 1942, and April, 1944.

One account, by two young Pol-
ish Jews, who for two years had
directed pace in the camp through
which they could keep fairly close
track of events, sets the figure at
1,085,000. The second account was
by a Polish Poleg nurse, who
three escaped. For their protection,
their names were withheld by the
board which said in an accompa-
nying statement:

"It is a fact beyond denial that
the Germans have systematically
and systematically murdered millions
of innocent Jews of all ages—men,
women, children—have been
killed—everywhere in Europe.

The summary of terror and hor-
simony: to death by hunger
the mass—"...no quarter—
then the righteous propagation of
Jews by the extermination of
them as a group"—was stated.

"Actually this building was no-
think ing of an assembly center
for racial extermination. All preci-
se incapable of working were sent
there. There was no question of
medical at home of any

"And yet, at the same time, the so-called
'relief' camps were established. These
were never intended to be exter-
mation camps. The camp was used to
be the source of disaster. Jews in
the end were sent to the gas cham-
ber and then burned. "These victims
were loaded into trucks and brought

...to the last in a gas chamber. The
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The walls of the chamber is mixture of cyanide and carbon dioxide. The mixture is injected at a rate of two liters per second. The chamber is then flushed with nitrogen gas. The walls of the chamber are also lined with special treatment that prevents the escape of cyanide gas. The room temperature is maintained at a constant level throughout the process.

The room is also equipped with three large gas-automated traps that can be hermetically sealed. These traps are designed to collect any escape of cyanide gas. The door to the room is also modified to prevent any escape of cyanide gas.

The process is completed in approximately 10 minutes. During this time, each victim receives a lethal injection of cyanide. The injection is administered through a small opening in the door to the room. The opening is large enough to allow the injection needle to pass through. The injection is delivered by a specially trained medical team.

After the injection, the victim is allowed to enter the room. The victim is then guided to a special area that is designed to prevent any escape of cyanide gas. The victims are then given a generous amount of cyanide to eat. The cyanide is administered through a special opening in the wall of the room. The opening is designed to allow the cyanide to escape slowly and evenly. The cyanide is then removed from the room by a specially trained team.

The process is repeated until all the victims have been processed. The process is repeated approximately three times. The victims are then given a generous amount of cyanide to eat. The cyanide is administered through a special opening in the wall of the room. The opening is designed to allow the cyanide to escape slowly and evenly. The cyanide is then removed from the room by a specially trained team.
Details of Nazi Mass Murder Disclosed by Three Escapees

WASHINGTON, Nov. 25--An actual description of the German extermination camps at Auschwitz and Birkenau in Poland has provided the world with detailed, first-hand accounts of the program of mass murder of Jews and other prisoners which is being carried on at those camps.

All three of the men who escaped from the death camps have given similar accounts of how hundreds of thousands of Jews from all parts of Germany were funneled into these extermination centers, where the majority of them were gassed in special rooms and then burned in modern crematoriums.

The detailed reports of these survivors expected to tell the story have just been released by President Roosevelt's War Refugee Board.

These reports corroborate and supplement the story which claimed the world when the first film of the German extermination camps at Auschwitz and Birkenau in Poland was shown in Berlin in the spring with its elaborate equipment for the gas and cremation of prisoners. At Auschwitz and Birkenau, as at Maidanek, the victims were systematically robbed of all possessions, even clothing, and after treatment their ashes were used for fertilizer for vegetable gardens.

Difficult to Believe

In releasing these reports for publication, the War Refugee Board stated, "Here revolting and disclosed are the German atrocities that the minds of civilized people find it difficult to believe that they have actually taken place.

That the governments of the United States and of other democratic nations have evidence which clearly substantiates the facts." The two Slovak Jews arrived at the Auschwitz camp in April, 1942, from which they were immediately assigned to the work of preparing the gas chambers for their escape on April 15, 1943. During this time they observed electrically operated conveyors of Jewish prisoners arrive at the Birkenau camp. Their estimated estimate is that of least 100,000 were burnt at Auschwitz alone.

At first, the gassing and burning were carried out in the Birkenau Forest, where the victims were cremated in a large ditch, but late in February, 1943, a new, modern crematorium and gassing plant was installed in the camp.

Methematically Closed

At Auschwitz four crematoriums are in operation at Birkenau, that is, a total of five. A huge chimney rises from the furnace room, through the roof, and up to the top of the crematorium. Each building is 66 by 150 feet, the roof 15 feet above the ground, and the chimney 180 feet high. The cubic capacity of the gass chambers is 66,000 cubic feet. The substructure is 30 feet below the surface, and the entire structure is 80 feet above ground level, and even then is not protruding above the surrounding buildings.

Methematically Closed

Ardent cold-blooded ruthlessness...