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UNITED NATIONS WAR CRIMES COMMISSION

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REPORT ON THE FRENCH CHARGE NO.1056

(shooting of Prisoners of War at Bad Sulza)

By Mr. E. Schwelb, Legal Officer

The charge is based on a captured document, containing Orders of the Day of the Commanders of the Prisoners of War Camp at Bad Sulza, extracts of which have been made available to the National Offices concerned (France, United Kingdom, Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia) and to the Embassy of the U.S.S.R.

I

The French charge is, of course, restricted to incidents of which French prisoners of war have been the victims.

The Enclosure to the Order of the Day No. I/23/44, dated 29th August, 1944, contains the announcement that, inter alia, two French prisoners of war (André Poulain and Charles Lagarde) were shot "~~which~~ whilst attempting to escape" on the 13th and 22nd June 1944, respectively. The Order of the Day No. I/23/44, dated 1st September, 1944, to which this Enclosure is attached, contains the commendation by the commander Colonel Schaal (item 1 of the charge), of Gefreiter Heyne (item 2 of the charge) for his prudent and resolute behaviour in preventing the flight of a French prisoner of war. Heyne was granted an extraordinary leave of five days for excellent acts of service.

Simultaneously, the Order of the Day contains commendations of Schwebe, Woitaschek, Drechsel, Sieger, Boerner and Aschenbach (items 3 to 8), for resolute behaviour towards Prisoners of War who attempted to escape or who showed themselves to be obstinate ("die sich aufsässig zeigten").

There is, therefore, a great amount of probability that Heyne (2) was responsible for the shooting at least of one of the two French prisoners of war and that 3 to 8 were responsible for the death of the other prisoners of war whose shooting had been announced, including the other French prisoner, one British prisoner and one Soviet prisoner.

Colonel Schaal was at the material time (June to September, 1944) commander of the camp.

II

On November 1st, 1944, it was announced in the Order of the Day No. 25/44 that SS. Obergruppenführer and General der Polizei Erbprinz von Waldeck (item 9 of the charge) will inspect, a.o. the camps in the Wehrkreis IX and the Camp Commander, Colonel Schaal, ordered all his subordinates to admit him to all camps and to furnish to him information.

From the Order of the Day dated February 14th, 1945 (No. 5/45) it follows that Erbprinz zu Waldeck as "der Höhere Kommandeur der Kr.Gef. i. W.K. IX" has commended two N.C.O.s for resolute behaviour towards prisoners of war who attempted to escape or showed themselves obstinate. They did make use of their shooting weapon in time and energetically.

The then Camp Commander, Oberst Trefz, expressly acceded to this commendation.

The particular incident, mentioned in the Order of the Day of 14th February, 1945, did not concern French prisoners of war; the shooting of two Slovak prisoners had been announced. But though the name of Prince Waldeck appears in the dossier for the first time in November, 1944, there is in accordance with the practice of Committee I a prima facie case against him also with regard to the shooting of the two French prisoners of war in June, 1944, because as Höherer Kommandeur der Kr. Gef. i. W.K.IX (Higher Commander for prisoners of War in the Wehrkreis IX) he is responsible for what is going on under his command. His personal responsibility is, of course, still more definite with regard to similar incidents that happened after November, 1944, e.g. the shooting of the two Slovak prisoners in December, 1944, and January 1945.

### III

#### Conclusions

1. There is a good prima facie case against the nine accused.
2. Additional Officers and men could be charged by the other National Offices mentioned in the introduction to this paper.

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COMMITTEE I

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I.

The accused, Pini, commander of the Italian submarine "Scire", is charged with having sunk the French merchant vessel "Cheik" without warning and without having first placed passengers, crew and ship's papers in a place of safety.

The charge is based on two different, and, in my submission, independent grounds, viz. a) that the sinking constituted a breach of the Franco-Italian armistice, b) that it constituted a breach of conventional rules regulating naval warfare.

These two grounds will be dealt with separately in the following two paragraphs of this note.

II.

The provisions of the Armistice between France and Italy, signed at the Villa Incisa, near Rome, on June 24, 1940 by General Huntzinger on behalf of France and by Marshall Badoglio on behalf of Italy, which might be relevant, were as follows :

Article I

France will cease hostilities in metropolitan territory, in French North Africa, in the colonies and in territories under French mandate. France will also cease hostilities in the air and on the sea.

Article XIV

The French Government, in addition to the obligation not to carry on hostilities in any form anywhere against Italy, undertakes to prevent members of its armed forces and French citizens generally from leaving national territory to take part in hostilities against Italy.

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Article XVI

Departure of all the French merchant marine is forbidden until such time as the Italian and German Governments may permit partial or total resumption of commercial or maritime traffic.

The French merchant marine which is not at the moment of the armistice in French ports or in some way under French control, will be either recalled to French ports or sent to neutral ports.



Article XXV

This armistice convention will become effective upon signature. Hostilities will cease in all theatres of operation six hours from the moment in which the Italian Government communicates to the German Government the conclusion of this agreement. The Italian Government will notify the French Government of this moment by radio.

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The convention shall remain in force until the conclusion of a peace treaty, but may be denounced by Italy at any time in the event the French Government does not fulfil its obligations.

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I do not know at present when the radio communication mentioned in Article XXV was effected, but it certainly was before July 10th, 1940.

In spite of that it does not seem expedient that Committee I should base its decision on this point, chiefly, because the recognition of the 1940 Armistice as a source of international law regulating the relations between France and Italy, would imply consequences which might be repugnant to the Committee's decisions in other cases, e.g. regarding the status of the F.F.I. Nor does it seem necessary to base the charge against Pini on the Armistice in view of the fact that, as will be pointed out under (III), the alternative ground (*supra* (8)) is quite sufficient for a prima facie case against the Italian submarine commander.

III.

1). At the London Conference of 1930 a Treaty was signed between Great Britain, The United States, France, Italy and Japan which laid down in Part IV (article 22) "the established rules of international law" which it declared to be as follows : "(1) In their action with regard to merchant ships, submarines must conform to the rules of international law to which surface vessels are subject; (2) In particular, except in the case of persistent refusal to stop on being duly summoned, or of active resistance to visit and search, a warship, whether surface vessel or submarine, may not sink or render incapable of navigation a merchant vessel without having first placed passengers, crew and ship's papers in a place of safety. For this purpose, the ship's boats are not regarded as a place of safety unless the safety of the passengers and crew is assured, in the existing sea and weather conditions, by the proximity of land, or the presence of another vessel which is in a position to take them on board."

France and Italy have not ratified the Treaty (Oppenheim - Lauterpacht, II. page 384.) but the above rules were embodied in the Protocol of November 6, 1936, to which forty-eight States, including Germany, Italy and Japan, had adhered by the end of August 1939.

(Higgins and Colombos, The International Law of the Sea, 1943, 420).

In spite of her signature of the London Protocol, Germany in September 1939 proclaimed a German naval submarine campaign concentrated upon "the blockade of England" which went beyond anything attempted during the unrestricted submarine warfare of 1917-1918. The German Government had in advance made up its mind to resort to an indiscriminate attack upon all shipping whatsoever and as a result had placed German submarines in position before the outbreak of war. This breach of the obligation to which it has solemnly subscribed was therefore quite flagrant and deliberate, and its example was afterwards followed by the two other members of the "Axis" alliance, Italy and Japan. As a retaliatory measure Great Britain and the United States also employed their submarines in 1942 for the destruction of enemy merchant vessels carrying supplies and munitions of war, but only after all their protests against the barbarous methods adopted by their enemies had proved unavailing.

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From this it follows that the sinking of a merchantman without warning was, in July, 1940, not an act of legitimate warfare, according to conventional International law then binding on both Italy and France. Nor was it so according to the customary rules of International Law.

2). As to the latter, it may be pointed out that the (abortive) Treaty of Washington of February 6, 1922, signed by Great Britain, the U.S.A. France, Italy and Japan, but not ratified contained a combined declaration of "those fundamental principles of the laws of naval warfare" which had been systematically and flagrantly violated by the German submarine commanders.

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3). As to the illegality of the action in question reference may also be had to the British Reprisals Order in Council (S.R. & O. 1939, No. 1709, extended to Italy by S.R. & O. 1940, No. 979) in the preamble of which it is recited inter alia that "German forces have in numerous cases sunk merchant vessels, British, Allied and neutral, in violation of the rules contained in the Submarine Protocol, 1936, to which Germany is a party."

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COMMITTEE I

CRIMES COMMITTED BY GERMANS AND AUSTRIANS

AGAINST GERMANS AND AUSTRIANS

Note by Mr. E. Schwelb, Legal Officer.

Committee I decided in its meeting held on July 18th, 1945, (Minutes No. 19) that an information regarding the cases submitted by the Association of German Democratic Lawyers (see Minutes No. 10, item 4) and regarding the case submitted by Sgt. Benson (Doc. I/12) should be drawn up and sent to the following authorities :

The Control Council for Germany  
Mr. Justice Jackson  
The Attorney General  
The Allied Military Authorities in Innsbruck  
The American representative on the Commission.  
The British representative on the Commission  
The French representative on the Commission.

Because this is a new departure in the activities of Committee I, I venture to circulate herewith the Draft Summary which, if agreed to by Committee I, will be stencilled and sent to the authorities mentioned with a short accompanying letter, which will be submitted to Lord Wright for signature.

I further propose to inform a) The Association of German Democratic Lawyers; b) Sgt. Benson, of the fact that the Commission has informed the charges to the appropriate allied military, military government, and control authorities.

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DRAFT SUMMARY

of charges presented to the United Nations War Crimes Commission regarding crimes committed before September, 3rd, 1939, by Germans against German Nationals and by Austrians against Austrian Nationals.

The United Nations War Crimes Commission has received a number of charges drawn up by private bodies and private persons which deal with crimes committed by Germans and Austrians against German and Austrian Nationals, particularly Jews and political opponents of Nazism. The Commission was offered by the association which has forwarded the greater number of these charges the submission of many more charges of a similar kind.

All charges are supported by statements naming witnesses, living either in this country or - in the Austrian case - in Palestine, who are prepared to give evidence about the incidents.

The cases do not fall within the competence of the United Nations War Crimes Commission as at present understood. Therefore this summary is being forwarded to the competent Allied Military, Military Government, and Control authorities. The Commission is prepared to make its files concerning the cases mentioned below available to those authorities who want to take further action in the matter.

I. Charges presented by the Association of Democratic German Lawyers, c/o Dr. F. Hellendall, 29, Langland Gardens, London, N.W.3.

Charge No. 1.

The following members of the S.A. Sturm Kaulsdorf near Berlin are accused of having participated in the false imprisonment and subsequent murder of Dr. Philippsthal, Medical Practitioner, and another in February, 1933 :

Erich Goltzsch, Uckermarkstrasse, Kaulsdorf nr. Berlin (39)  
Erich Hilcher, Ferdinandstrasse, Kaulsdorf nr. Berlin (39)  
Günther Damas, Frankfurter Strasse 4, Kaulsdorf (30)  
Brothers Rodenbach, Bahnhofstrasse nr. the Station Kaulsdorf (30)  
- Kreuz, Kaulsdorf-Nord, Gerichtsbeamter and Member of the Ostasiatenbund (55)  
Gottfried Golen, Koepenicker Strasse, Kaulsdorf, Owner of a Gardener's Shop and all his employees, about 12 persons whose names are unknown  
Hübner, Publican, Wilhelmstrasse 35, Kaulsdorf  
- Wohlgemut, Kaulsdorf-Niederfeld, Holbeinstrasse (50)  
Paul Greif, Coffee and Tea Merchant, Leopoldstrasse, Kaulsdorf (50), and his son (25 or 27)  
Engelbrecht, Kaulsdorf Nord.  
Hugo Pape, former member of the Police Force, Koepenickerstrasse 91  
Arthur Rex, Son of the Coal Merchant, Bahnhofstrasse, Kaulsdorf  
Hans Lorenz, Son of the Brewery Owner, Frankfurterstrasse, Kaulsdorf  
- Schreiber, Son of a Merchant, Wilhelmplatz, Kaulsdorf  
Friedrich, Father and Son, Kaulsdorf-Süd.

Both acts which are the subject-matter of this charge were part and parcel of the first purge instituted by the Nazis against the opponents in February, 1933, and as such were part of a system approved by the Nazi Government.

Charge No. 2

Vogt, Commandant of Concentration Camp, Neu-Sustrum, Kreis Papenburg, Hanover Province, is accused of having tortured and subsequently murdered the Social-Democratic editor Papenheim and another person at the Concentration Camp Neu-Sustrum, Kreis Papenburg.

It is submitted that the facts indicate that the offences were committed on the accused's own initiative, but by committing these offences he was acting within the "powers" given to him by the Nazi government, and thus may be said to have been carrying on a system approved by "authority".

Charge No. 3

The following S.S. men, resident in Beckum, Westphalia, are accused of having in November 1938, murdered two Jewish inhabitants of Beckum (Stein and Falk), caused grievous bodily harm to others and desecrated the synagogue at Beckum :

Roggenkamp, Obersturmbannführer S.S.  
Bernhard Richter, S.S. Mann  
Dietrich Dorand, "  
Ludwig Holtmann, "  
Brinkmann, "  
Hugo Scheifharke, "  
Stefan Steinhoff, last known address: Nordstrasse, Beckum.  
Cadolf Schuermann Strasse).

It would appear that all the accused acted in pursuance of orders given by the Nazi Government to organise a pogrom against the whole Jewish population of Germany on November, 10, 1938 after a German consular official, von Rath, had been killed by a young Jew, in Paris. Similar incidents as the alleged took place all over Germany by order of the Nazi Government.

Charge No. 4

Mandel, Kommissar der Gestapo and Behrendt, Kommissar der Gestapo, are accused of having, in February, 1934, participated in the killing and torture of prisoners of the Gestapo Prison Prinz Albrecht Strasse, Berlin.

The accused carried out a system approved by the Nazi Government which in numerous decrees and orders encouraged the officials of the Gestapo not to be lenient with prisoners.

Charge No. 5

- 1) Jaeckel, S.S. Führer
- 2) Sauckel, S.A. Führer
- 3) Police Officer known under the nickname of "Langer Heinrich",

all at Brunswick when the offence was committed are accused of having, on July 4, 1933, given the orders for the summary execution of ten anti-Nazi prisoners, detained in protective custody at the S.A. Barracks Neue Krankenkasse, Brunswick.

Charge No. 6

Mauke, Blockwart, last known address: Berlin-Halensee, Markgraf-Albrechtstrasse 13 is accused of having been the leader of a group of Nazi adolescents who, on 3rd November, 1938, destroyed and looted the grocery shop of a Jewish woman, Mrs. Gans, Berlin Halensee, Markgraf Albrecht Strasse.

The offence was part of the pogrom organised by the Nazi Government against the Jewish population of Germany on the 9th and 10th November, 1938, and in that respect it was part of a system approved and encouraged by the Nazi authorities. It is unknown whether the accused had actual orders to commit this crime.



Charge No. 7

Weber, Kriminal-Hauptwachtmeister, S.S. Man, Chemnitz, Saxony, Germany  
Webst, Kriminal-Hauptwachtmeister, S.S. Man, Chemnitz, Saxony, Germany  
 are accused of having maltreated a prisoner of the Gestapo prison,  
 Polizeipräsidium, Chemnitz, Saxony (Mr. Kurt Rudolf) during interrogation  
 in March, 1935.

It is not known whether the offenders had specific orders to maltreat  
 Rudolf, or whether they acted on their own initiative. But maltreatment  
 and torture is a recognised method of obtaining evidence from political  
 prisoners in Nazi-Germany, and thus it is submitted that the offence was  
 committed in carrying out a system approved by authority.

Charge No. 8

Lehmann, Sturmbannführer, former Reichswehr Officer, discharged from  
 the Reichswehr for Nazi activities under the Republic after the trial of the Ulm  
 Reichswehr Officers before the Reichsgericht in 1930. Last known address  
 Kottbus, Germany, is accused of having, in March and April, 1933, maltreated  
 Mr. Hugo Richter, in such a way that he died from the consequences and of  
 having maltreated numerous other persons at the S.A. Barracks of Standarte 52,  
 Ostrowerda, Kottbus.

Similar treatment was inflicted on anti-Nazis during the same period all  
 over Germany with the approval of the Nazi Government, and the offences stated  
 may therefore said to have carried out a system approved by authority.

Charge No. 9

Rohn, Teacher at the Elementary School, Ortsgruppenführer der N.S.D.A.P.,  
 S.A. Leader, Wuestenbrand near Chemnitz, Saxony, is accused of having illegally  
 arrested and subsequently maltreated Mr. Max Scheller in the local prison cell  
 in the cellar of the Wuestenbrand town hall, in March, 1933.

II. Charge presented by Sgt. F.R. Benson, 13051585, Chief Postal Censor, London.

The following are charges as the main organisers and perpetrators of the  
 pogrom against the Jewish inhabitants of Innsbruck on November 9th, 1938.

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| 1) Polizeipräsident FRANZELIN               | 11) Dr. MARKL, lawyer                    |
| 2) Gauleiter HOFER                          | 12) WIESER, Ernst (Kommissär of the firm |
| 3) Gestapoleiter HILLIGES, Bienerstrasse 31 | Michael BRULL), Anichstrasse             |
| 4) Kommissär MÖSINGER, Pradlerstrasse       | 13) Dr. KRÖSSL, Brinnerstrasse           |
| 5) Dr. v. GELB, Fallmaeyerstrasse           | 14) DICHTL, Igls                         |
| 6) Dr. PFANNER (whose son was active in one | 15) LANTSCHNER, Igls                     |
| of these murder-groups)                     | 16) Dr. LANTSCHNER, Karl-Ludwigsplatz    |
| 7) Dr. CZERMAK, Anichstrasse                | 17) JANNER, Ernst, P.T. instructor       |
| 8) Dr. DUXNEUNER                            | 18) ZACK (fishmonger), Marktgraben       |
| 9) STROBL, dentist, Anichstrasse 7          | 19) NEUMAYER (fishmonger's son),         |
| 10) SALCHER (brothers)                      | Claudiastrasse.                          |
|   | 20) HOLEFKA, Anichstrasse 13.            |

The following particulars of the mass crimes were furnished to the Commission :

At midnight on November 9th, 1938 the SS and SA of INNSBRUCK were called on  
 parade by Gauleiter HOFER. <sup>(supra 2)</sup> The assembled men were given the official order to return  
 at 2 a.m. in mufti, as an attack on the Jewish inhabitants of INNSBRUCK was planned  
 for that night by the highest Nazi authorities. The assembled men, who divided  
 themselves into groups of 10 to 15, were given the addresses of the Jewish  
 inhabitants by the head of the Gestapo, HILLIGES and Kommissar MOSINGER. (supra  
 3 and 4). These groups forced their way systematically into every Jewish home  
 and dragged some of their victims off to prison whilst others were brutally  
 maltreated and seriously injured.



✓ er alias<sup>0</sup> the following persons were murdered :

Oberbaurat Ingenieur Richard BERGER  
Dr. Wilhelm BAUER  
Ingenieur Richard GRAUBART.

The following were admitted to hospital seriously injured :

Ingenieur Josef ADLER  
Karl BAUER  
Adolf NEUMANN  
Mr. and Mrs. POPPER.

Polizeipräsident FRANZELIN (1) a high ranking SA official, had instructed the police to keep off the streets during that particular night. The police were also ordered not to intervene on behalf of the Jews. At the same time he had ordered the INNSBRUCK telephone exchange not to connect any calls from the Jewish subscribers. FRANZELIN patrolled the streets during that night in the side car of a motor cycle, ridden by a policeman, JUNGENEGER, who is not a Nazi and who was detailed for this job, in order to convince himself of the execution of this above mentioned order to the police.

ANNEX III.

German Police Authorities in Czechoslovakia.

1. Höhere SS. und Polizeiführer.
2. Reichsprotektor and his Deputy.
3. Members of the Office of the Reichsprotektor, including Staatssekretär, Unterstaatssekretär, Befehlshabers der Ordnungspolizei and Sicherheitspolizei.
4. Reichsstatthalter and their Deputies.
5. S.D. Leitabschnitte and S.D. Abschnitte.
6. Staatspolizeileitstellen, Staatspolizeistellen, and Aussenstellen.
7. Höherer Polizeibehörden in Oberlandrats Districts.
8. Kriminalpolizeileitstellen and Kriminalpolizeistellen.
9. Staatliche Polizeiverwaltungen und Kriminalabteilungen (Polizeidirektionen).
10. Inspektors of the Ordnungspolizei, Sicherheitspolizei and of the S.D.
11. Regierungspräsidenten and Oberpräsidenten, and their Deputies.
12. Chiefs of Polizeipräsidenten, Polizeidirektionen and Polizeiämter.

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R E P O R T

on the Czechoslovak charge

concerning the Oswiecim (Auschwitz) and Birkenau Concentration Camps.

To be sent to all the National Offices as  
requested by the Czechoslovak Representative.

(Draft by the Legal Officer, Dr. LITAWSKI).

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Because of the fact that this charge differs from similar charges which so far have been transmitted by other National Offices, the Commission felt it of some importance to draw the attention of National Offices to the scheme adopted in this charge, in case they should feel inclined to follow the policy of the Czechoslovak National Office.

The charge is directed against individuals and groups of persons (about 2,000 in number) as follows:

1. Members of the German Government in the material period (1939-1945).
2. Persons responsible for the direction of the police activities in Germany of the highest rank. Apart of from H. HIMMLER himself, this group comprises all chiefs and officials of the two Hauptämter of the Reichsführer SS. and Chef der Deutschen Polizei in the Reichsministerium des Innern: I. Hauptamt Ordnungspolizei; II. Reichssicherheitshauptamt. For the names and functions of these officials see Annex I.
3. Persons responsible for the general administration and supervision of all concentration camps, i.e. in Germany proper and in the occupied countries, so-called Wirtschafts und Verwaltungshauptamt (WWHA). The list of persons and their functions is attached in Annex II.
4. Persons of all ranks belonging to the camp personnel.
5. Chiefs and officials of the police authorities acting in, or competent for, the different sections and districts of the Czechoslovak Republic indicated by their functions or offices, in Annex III.

The Czechoslovak National Office holds these persons and groups of persons responsible for ordering and executing the arrest of Czechoslovak

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In making charges against persons who are held responsible for their share in the crimes on the intermediate level, the Czechoslovak National Office makes two distinctions:

1. between functionaries of the Ordnungspolizei on the one hand and those of the Sicherheitspolizei on the other. Both were competent to order arrests with a view to committing the arrested persons to a concentration and extermination camp. But, there being no sufficient evidence that the regular police (Ordnungspolizei) took a decisive part in these activities, the Czechoslovak National Office proposed to put the officials of the Ordnungspolizei on the List of Suspects (S), while the officials of the Sicherheitspolizei, Gestapo and SD. ~~are~~ on the List of War Criminals (A).

2. The charge further distinguishes between police authorities having jurisdiction exclusively for Czechoslovak territory (so-called Protectorate of Bohemia and Moravia, and the so-called Reichsgau Sudetenland), and such police authorities ~~as~~ were in charge of predominantly Reich German or Austrian provinces to which slices of Czechoslovak territory have been annexed during the occupation. In the case of the "Protectorate" and of the "Reichsgau Sudetenland", the Czechoslovak National Office proposed to list the police officials, other than Ordnungspolizei, on the List of War Criminals (A), and officials responsible for other parts of Czechoslovak territory on the List of Suspects (S). The reason for this distinction was that a proper prima facie case could not be established with regard to this category of officials.

As far as the delimitation of responsibility of various ranks of the police officials is concerned the Czechoslovak National Office charged only:

(i) the administrative officials of the higher administrative police service from the rank of Government Councillor (Regierungsrat) upwards;

(ii) the executive officials of the security police who belong to the Führerlaufbahn des mittleren Dienstes und der Sicherheitspolizei, from the rank of Criminal Secretary (Kriminalsekretär) upwards;

(iii) the S.D. functionaries from the rank of manager (Geschäftsführer) upwards.

Committee I decided to put all the persons and groups of persons accused in the charge on the Commission's Lists A and S according to the delimitation of responsibility mentioned above.

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Hauptamt Ordnungspolizei:

1. Chef der Ordnungspolizei.
2. Otto WINKELMANN, SS- GF, Generalleutnant der Polizei, Chief of the Kommandoamt in the Hauptamt Ordnungspolizei.
3. Anton DIERMANN, SS- BF. Generalmajor der Polizei, successor to WINKELMANN.
4. FLADE, SS- BF. Generalmajor der Polizei, successor to DIERMANN.
5. GEIBEL, SS - SF. Oberst der Gendarmerie, Chief of the Amtsgruppe II of the Kommandoamt.
6. FRANK, SS - GF. Generalleutnant der Waffen SS. und der Polizei, Chief of the Wirtschaftsverwaltungsamt in the Hauptamt Ordnungspolizei.
7. Generalinspekteur der Schutzpolizei des Reichs.
8. Generalinspekteur der Gendarmerie und der Schutzpolizei der Gemeinden.
9. Generalinspekteur der Schulen.
10. Generalinspekteur der Feuerschutzpolizei.
11. Inspekteur für Weltanschauliche Erziehung.

Reichssicherheitshauptamt:

12. Chef der Sicherheitspolizei und des S.D.
13. Ervin SCHULZ, SS. Brigadeführer, Chief of Amt I.
14. HAENEL, SS. Obersturmbannführer, Chief of Amt II.
15. OHLENDORF, SS. Brigadeführer, Chief of Amt III.
16. MÜLLER, SS. Gruppenführer, Chief of Amt IV.
17. NEBE, SS. Gruppenführer, Chief of Amt V.
18. SCHILLENBURG, SS. Brigadeführer, Chief of Amt VI.
19. Dr. SIX, Chief of Amt VII.

Heads of schools directly subordinate to the Reichssicherheitshauptamt:

20. Head of the Führerschule der Sicherheitspolizei und des S.D. in Berlin, Charlottenburg.
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22. Head of the S.D. Schule in Bernau.
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26. Head of the Schule der Sicherheitspolizei und des S.D. in Prague.



ANNEX II.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION AND SUPERVISION OF CONCENTRATION CAMPS.

(Wirtschafts und Verwaltungshauptamt, WVHA).

1. Oswald POHL, SS. Obergruppenführer, Head of the W.V.H.A.  
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2. Richard GLUCKS, SS. Gruppenführer, Head of Amtsgruppe D.  
Office No. 1 (Central Bureau).
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Office No. II (General Administration and Prisoners).
5. Gerhard MAURER, SS. Obersturmbannführer, Chief of Office No. II.  
Office No. III (Medical Administration).
6. Dr. Enno LOLLING, SS. Obersturmbannführer, Chief of Office No. III.  
Office No. IV (General Administration of Camps and Camp Staff).
7. Anton KAINDL, SS. Sturmbannführer, Chief of Office No. IV.
8. HARBAUM, HSF, Official.
9. KIENER, HSF, Office in the Amtsgruppe D.
10. All other chiefs of the W.V.H.A. and all other Chiefs and Officials of the Amtsgruppe D.
11. KAMMLER, SS. Brigadeführer, Chief of Construction of Concentration Camps, Chief of Amtsgruppe C.

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Report of Committee I on a charge presented  
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9. KIENER, HSF, Office in the Amtsgruppe D.
10. All other chiefs of the W.V.H.A. and all other Chiefs and Officials of  
the Amtsgruppe D (cf. Note 1 Annex III).
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Chief of Amtsgruppe C.

ANNEX III

German Police Authorities in Czechoslovakia

a) German Police Authorities in the Protectorate of Bohemia and Moravia (the organisation of these police authorities corresponds on the whole with that of the German Police Authorities in all occupied countries).

1. Hoherer SS and Polizeiführer.
2. Reichsprotector and his Deputy  
(Staatssekretar and Unterstaatssekretar).
3. Befehlshaber der Ordnungspolizei.
4. Befehlshaber der Sicherheitspolizei.
5. The Staff of the Befehlshaber der Sicherheitspolizei (cf. Note 1)
6. SD Leitabschnitte and SD Abschnitte  
(Chiefs and other officials, cf. Note 1)
7. Staatspolizeileitstellen and Staatspolizeistellen  
(Chiefs and other officials and officials of the Aussenstellen cf. Note 1)
8. Höhere Polizeibehörden (Oberlandrat).  
(All Oberlandrate and their deputies).
9. Kriminalpolizeileitstellen and Kriminalpolizeistellen  
(Chiefs and other officials cf. Note 1).
10. Staatliche Polizeiverwaltungen  
(Polizeidirektionen) and Kriminalabteilungen.  
(Polizeipräsidenten and their deputies and officials of the  
Kriminalabteilungen cf. Note 1).

b) German Police Authorities in the Reichsgau Sudetenland (the organisation of these Police Authorities corresponds with that of the Police Authorities in the German Reich and in the territories annexed by Germany during the war).

1. Hoherer SD und Polizeiführer.
2. Reichsstatthalter and his Deputy.
3. Inspekteur der Ordnungspolizei.
4. Inspekteur der Sicherheitspolizei und des SD.
5. The Staff of the Inspekteur der Sicherheitspolizei und des SD (cf. Note 1)
6. S.D. Leitabschnitte and S.D. Abschnitte  
(Chiefs and other officials). (cf. Note 1)
7. Höhere Polizeibehörden (Regierungspräsidenten)  
(all Regierungspräsidenten and their Deputies)
8. Staatspolizeileitstellen and Staatspolizeistellen  
(Chiefs and other officials and officials of the Aussenstellen, cf. Note 1).
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10. Staatliche Polizeiverwaltungen (Polizeipräsidium, Polizeidirektion,  
(Polizeiaut) and Kriminalabteilungen  
(Polizeipräsidenten and their deputies and officials of the  
Kriminalabteilungen, cf. Note 1).

NOTE I : In all cases in which Committee I placed groups on List A it restricted the number of officials responsible as members of this group to the ranks indicated on page 5. (cf. Annex I, 19a - Annex II, 10 - Annex III a) 5, 6, 7, 9, 10 - Annex III b) 5, 6, 8, 9, 10).



Note by Dr. Hays. Harting

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**Amendments to Dr. Lammert's Report on the Czechoslovak Charge  
concerning Criminals and Political Concentration Camps.**

I propose Dr. Lammert's Report on the Czechoslovak Charge concerning Criminals and Political Concentration Camps to be amended as follows:-

Page 2 par. 2: the words ".....this group comprises all chiefs and officials of the two Hauptämter of the Reichsfürer SS and Chef der Deutschen Polizei....." to be substituted by: ".....this group comprises a number of senior officials of the two Hauptämter of the Reichsfürer SS and Chef der Deutschen Polizei....."

Page 2 par. 1: the words ".....both were competent to order..... on the list of suspects (a)....." to be substituted by: "the security police was competent to order arrests. Members of the Ordnungspolizei could be called upon to carry out the arrests ordered by the Security Police. As, however, the available material does not allow to ascertain beyond doubt whether in the cases dealt with in the Czechoslovak Charge members of the Ordnungspolizei actually had any part in carrying out arrests, the Czechoslovak National Office proposed to put officials of the Ordnungspolizei on the list of suspects(a)....."

Page 2, last part At the last meeting of Committee I it was decided to alter the wording as follows: ".....The Czechoslovak National Office acting on the suggestion of Committee I charged only....."

Page 3 Par. 1: After the words: ".....of the higher administrative police service" is to be inserted (Höherer Polizeiverwaltungsdienst)

Par. 2: After the words: "the executive officials of the security police"

is to be inserted (Vollzugsbeamte der Sicherheitspolizei) from the  
Führungsstab des mittleren Dienstes in der Sicherheitspolizei....."

**ANNEK. I. 13a.**

Other officials of the Reichssicherheitshauptamt (cf. Note 1 Annex XII)

**ANNEK. II. 10**

At the end is to be inserted (cf. Note 1 Annex XII)

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2. Reichsprotector and his Deputy  
(Statensprotector and Unterstatensprotector)
3. Befehlshaber der Ordnungspolizei
4. Befehlshaber der Sicherheitspolizei
5. The Staff of the Befehlshaber der Sicherheitspolizei (cf. Note 1)
6. SD Leitstelle and SD Abteile  
(Chiefs and other officials, cf. Note 1).
7. Staatpolizeileitstellen and Staatpolizeistellen  
(Chiefs and other officials and officials of the Anwesenstellen cf. Note 1)
8. Mehrere Polizeibehörden (Oberlande)  
(All Oberlande and their deputies)
9. Kriminalpolizeileitstellen and Kriminalpolizeistellen  
(Chiefs and other officials cf. Note 1)

10. Staatliche Polizeiverwaltungen (Polizeidirektionen) und Kriminalabteilungen. (Polizeipräsidenten and their deputies and officials of the Kriminalabteilungen of. Note 1)
- b) German Police Authorities <sup>in</sup> and the Reichsgenau Selbstverwaltungen (the organization of these Police Authorities corresponds with that of the Police Authorities in the German Reich and in the territories annexed by Germany during the war).
1. <sup>und</sup> Mayor <sup>und</sup> in Polizeidirektor
2. Reichsanwalt and his Deputy.
3. Inspektor der Ordnungspolizei
4. Inspektor der Sicherheitspolizei <sup>und</sup> / des SA.
5. The Staff of the Inspektor der Sicherheitspolizei <sup>und</sup> / des SA (cf. Note 1)
6. S.D. Leitende <sup>und</sup> / S.D. Beamtete (Chiefs and other officials). (cf. Note 1.)
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### III.1.

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OSWIECIM (AUSCHWITZ) AND BIRKENAU CONCENTRATION CAMPS

Report of Committee I on a charge presented  
by Czechoslovakia

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The Czechoslovak National Office holds these persons and groups of persons responsible for ordering and executing the arrest of Czechoslovak nationals and for committing them to the concentration and extermination camps Oswiecim-Rajsko (Auschwitz-Birkenau), and/or for aiding and abetting these criminal activities. The charge differs from similar charges which so far have been dealt with by Committee I in that it indicts not only the persons in authority on the top level (Reich Government, SS. High Command), and the actual perpetrators at the end of the journey (the camp personnel) but that it attempts to establish the guilt and responsibility of the intermediate authorities, i.e. the people competent to exercise local jurisdiction in the different parts of occupied Czechoslovakia and who had the power either to propose or to order the individual arrests and commitments to the camps.

In making charges against persons who are held responsible for their share in the crimes on the intermediate level, the Czechoslovak National Office makes two distinctions :

1. Between functionaries of the Ordnungspolizei on the one hand and those of the Sicherheitspolizei on the other. The security police was competent to order arrests. Members of the Ordnungspolizei could be called upon to carry out the arrests ordered by the Security Police. As, however, the available material does not allow to ascertain beyond doubt whether in the cases dealt with in the Czechoslovak Charge members of the Ordnungspolizei actually had any part in carrying out arrests, the Czechoslovak National Office proposed to put officials of the Ordnungspolizei on the List of Suspects (S), while the officials of the Sicherheitspolizei Gestapo and SD. are on the List of War Criminals (A).

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As far as the delimitation of responsibility of various ranks of the police officials is concerned the Czechoslovak National Office acting on the suggestion of Committee I charged only :

(i) the administrative officials of the higher administrative police service (Höherer Polizeiverwaltungsdienst) from the rank of Government Councillor (Regierungsrat) upwards;

(ii) the executive officials of the security police (Vollzugsbeamte der Sicherheitspolizei) from the Führerlaufbahn des mittleren Dienstes in der Sicherheitspolizei, from the rank of Criminal Secretary (Kriminalsekretär) upwards;

(iii) the S.D. functionaries from the rank of manager (Geschäftsführer) upwards.

Committee I decided to propose to the Commission to put all the persons and groups of persons accused in the charge on the Commission's Lists A and S according to the delimitation of responsibility mentioned above.

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the Amtsgruppe D (cf. Note 1 Annex III).
11. KIMMELER, SS. Brigadeführer, Chief of Construction of Concentration Camps,  
Chief of Amtsgruppe C.

ANNEX III

German Police Authorities in Czechoslovakia

- a) German Police Authorities in the Protectorate of Bohemia and Moravia (the organisation of these police authorities corresponds on the whole with that of the German Police Authorities in all occupied countries).

1. Hoherer SS and Polizeiführer.
2. Reichsprotector and his Deputy  
(Staatssekretar and Unterstaatssekretar).
3. Befehlshaber der Ordnungspolizei.
4. Befehlshaber der Sicherheitspolizei.
5. The Staff of the Befehlshaber der Sicherheitspolizei (cf. Note 1)
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(Chiefs and other officials and officials of the Aussenstellen cf. Note 1)
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(All Oberlandräte and their deputies).
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- b) German Police Authorities in the Reichsgau Sudetenland (the organisation of these Police Authorities corresponds with that of the Police Authorities in the German Reich and in the territories annexed by Germany during the war).

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2. Reichsstatthalter and his Deputy.
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on the Czechoslovak charge

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TRANSLATION.

Detailed Statement

on the murdering of ill and aged people in Germany.

1./ The murdering can be traced back to a secret law which was released sometime in Summer 1940.

2./ Besides the Chief Physician of the Reich Dr. L. Conti, the Reichsfuehrer SS Himmler, the Reichs Minister of the Interior Dr. Frick as well as other men, the following participate on the introduction of this secret law:

a./ The Councillor of the Ministry Dr. Herbert Linden of the Reich's Ministry of the Interior.

b./ Dr. Staehle-Nagold, the Chief Physician of Wuerttemberg.

c./ Councillor of Medicine /Obermedizinalrat/ Dr. Hermann Pfannmueller, Director of the Sanatorium and Nursing Institution Eglfing-Haar near Munich.

d./ Professor Dr. Werner Heyde, Director of the Psychiatric and Neurological Clinic in Wuerzburg.

/To characterize Dr. Conti, who was born in Tessin, it may be added that he changes his name from Leonhard to Leonardo, according to the change in the German people's feelings, the friendship of the Axis or to the change of feelings in the European community./

3./ As I have already stated, there were /after careful calculation/ at least 200.000 mainly mentally deficient, imbeciles, besides neurological cases and medically unfit people /these were not only incurable cases/, and at least 75.000 aged people.

4./ The murders were mainly accomplished in Muensigen /Wuerttemberg and Linz o/Danube; several gas-chambers with cremation chambers directly attached were constructed there. As the gas-chambers are next to the training grounds of the troops in Muensigen, it is believed that the mentally deficient who were murdered there, were used for experimenting with new poison-gasses.

5./ The transport from the institutions to the gas-chambers is carried out by SS Kommandos. These call themselves "Gemeinnuetzige Transport A.G., Berlin, Luetzowufer. This Limited Company also stores the individual medical cases histories of the murdered inmates of the institutions.



6./ The inmates of the many smaller and middle-sized institutions were murdered almost without exception. The larger institutions are partly - to keep up the pretence to the outside world - still at hand, but they now only have a fraction of the original number of their inmates; for example there are now only some 500 inmates instead of 2500 in Berlin-Buch; in Stadtroda/Thuringen only about 150 instead of 600; in Kaufbaun/Bayern only 200 instead of 1000, etc. Of the larger Sanatoriums and Nursing Institutions the following were already closed down completely some time ago: Illenau/Baden 800 inmates; Berlin/Herzberge 2500 inmates, Kreutzburg/Oberschlesien 1500 inmates; Sonnenstein/Sachsen 800 inmates; Werneck/Unterfranken-Bayern 1111 inmates; Steinhof/Wien 3000 inmates, and others, most probably now also Schleswig with 1000 beds, Guenzburg with 400 etc. etc.

7./ The following procedure is popular with old people, who are still perfectly healthy and who possess their own flat: the competent "political leader" reports them for welfare purposes; then a physician /usually an SS doctor/ who establishes "the fact" that the old people are mentally deficient, appears; he suggests in Court that they are to be put under tutelage and that they are to be sent to a nursing home. This suggestion is naturally put into force. The old people are then sent from the nursing home to the gas-chambers.

8./ Partly a very indirect procedure for killing these old people is used. For example a quite sudden transfer of a home for aged people in a very short period is very popular, this being often ordered and carried out in only a few hours, in the hope that through the excitement already a part of the old people will be killed by an apoplectic fit. The home for aged people is also frequently transferred into premises which are absolutely insufficient as far as sanitary conditions are concerned; another way is that suddenly all the nursing staff are called up for work in the Red Cross or in a munitions factory and the helpless patients are left to look after themselves.

Written in December 1941,

/sgd./ Dr.T. Lang.



C O P Y .

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To the  
Interallied Commission for the Investigation of War Crimes,

Gentlemen: -

Hereby I propose to you also to investigate, whether through official Services of the National-Socialists, especially such as the S.S., also the so-called "unknown sterilisations" have been carried out on oponents of the system, as also on inhabitants of the occupied territories. It would here be the question of an application of X-rays on the germ glands, during a radiation or the phototyping of such radiation, of itself quite unsuspected. The reason why I draw your attention to this possibility consists in the following. After the "Law concerning the prevention of the ill after-growth by heredity", enacted in the year 1934, had met with some resistance on the part of the population, the following German race-hygienic authorities discussed already in the year 1937 the question, whether it would not be possible to render sterile "elements undesirable as to race" quite unobtrusively, at the same time with an ordinary radiation of the thorax, by means of an increased dosis of rays, or by means of the use, at the same time, of a second tube directed at the abdomen and this in a way that the parties concerned would remain quite unaware of the infecundity performed on them. The names of the race-hygienic authorities discussing this problem were:

1st: Professor Dr. med. Ernst Rüdin, ordinary public professor for psychiatry and race-hygiene at the University of Munich, Director of the "Kaiser-Wilhelm-Institute for genealogy and demography of the German Research Institute for Psychiatry at Munich, Director of the Institute for race-hygiene of the University of Munich and "chairman of the working-community II for race-hygiene and race-politics of the Practitioner-Council for politics of population and race of the Ministry of the Interior of the Reich", Promoting-member of the S.S. and member of the Federation of Swiss National-Socialists.

2nd. Dr. med. and phil. Albert HARRASSER, his scientific assistant for anthropological work /an Austrian, who directly or indirectly took part in the murder of Dollfus and soon afterwards was admitted by Rüdin at his institute/ at that time Counsellor of race-hygiene in the Staff of the Superior S.A. leadership, in reality however and most probably a member of the SS security service for the supervision of the S.A. leadership.

3rd. Dr. med. Friedrich Stumpfl, the scientific co-worker of Rüdin in the domain of criminal-biology, later on professor for race-hygiene at the University of Innsbruck /also an Austrian/.

4th Dr. med. Heinz Riedel, at that time SS-Sturmführer /later on most probably SS-Sturmbannführer/ a stipendiary of the Reichsführer of the SS and aggregated to Professor Rüdin as scientific worker.

I am naturally willing to confirm my above made statements under oath.

The proceedings discussed was at that time not followed up, with the explanation that the technical difficulties were too great.

Soon after the occupation of Poland the question of the unobtrusive sterilisation was again taken up and this not only by the aforementioned persons, but with them also by the following National-Socialists:

5th Dr. phil. Bruno Kurt Schultz /also an Austrian/ at that time professor for race-hygiene at the Superior School for bodily exercise at Berlin-Charlottenburg, "Chef des Rassenamts der SS". and SS-Standartenführer, lately also professor for race-hygiene at the German Karl University at Prague.

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Probably the following was also called upon.

8th. Dr. med. and Professor H. Holfelder, Director of the Institution for X-rays of the surgical section of the clinique of the University at Frankfurt on the Main, also a member of the S.S.



As the whole matter was dealt with in secrecy, and outside of the institute for research, I was prevented to gather more exact informations, but I have reason to believe that already in 1940 corresponding experiments were carried out.

It is quite probable that about the whole question more conclusive information might be obtained through Professor Dr. N.W. Timoréeff-Rassovsky, the Leader of the genetical section of the Kaiser Wilhelm-Institute for brain research at Berlin-Buch. Professor Timoféeff has been, up to 1941, especially anti-national-socialistic and was also very well informed about the cruelties which were being carried out at that time in Poland. I have had with him a conversation about these and other happenings and some scientific problems at his Institute on the 23rd of January 1941.

In order to underline my statements, I would draw the attention to the fact, that I was the first expert of psychiatry who abroad made precise indications concerning the erection of institutions for gasification. The indications which are enclosed hereby in copies were given by me personally during my interview to a gentleman of the English secret service. /Mr. Farrel of Geneva/ and were completed by verbal statements. This indicated interview took place on the 2nd of January 1942 at Berne in the domicile of the family Climençon, Bubeggartenplatz 10. It may be that my statements were not forwarded to the services interested or that such found no faith even though the indications were very clear and precise and the regularity of which can now be easily proven. In order to prevent that my statements should again be directed to the wrong parties or find no attention, I now make the aforesaid indications by two separate ways /each time in German and English/ and direct them to you and I surmise that according to my experiences you will be fully interested.

Concluding I would like to state that all German doctors, first of all those working at clinics of a psychiatric nature and those working at lunatic-asylums, were aware at least at the end of 1940/41 of the gasifications of insane and nervously ill, as well as of the executions of the healthy ones but unagreeable according to race in Germany and Poland. This has also been confirmed to me quite especially by Professor Dr. M.H. Götting /a cousin of the marshal of the Empire/ Director of the German-Institute for psychotherapy at Berlin, at that time Oberfeldarzt of the Luftwaffe and with whom, in order to start a counter-action, a conversation



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was held by me with him on the 20th of January 1941 in his institute at Berlin. Naturally he declined on account of the general lack of civil-courage, to sign a statement planned by me against these gasifications and which should have circulated in the medical circles and laid before the Government, and this although he had pronounced himself against such gasifications before me.

Most respectfully,

/sgd./ Dr.Th. Lang

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OFFICE OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK  
REPRESENTATIVE ON THE  
UNITED NATIONS WAR CRIMES  
COMMISSION.

Report on Sterilisation in Germany and occupied countries

to be sent to the members of Committee I.

Submitted by Dr. B. Ečer.

*Aug. 2. 1947*

Some time ago the Czechoslovak representative on the United Nations War Crimes Commission received through the Czechoslovak Minister in Berne the enclosed report of Dr. med. habil. Theo Lang, now senior medical officer at the Kantonale Heil- und Pflegenstalt Herisau (County Hospital) Switzerland. (Enclosure A). Dr. Lang asked for the report to be forwarded to the United Nations War Crimes Commission.

Dr. Theo Lang had been working at the German Research Institute for Psychiatry in Munich until 1941. According to his report as early as 1937 methods of sterilisation were discussed in circles of well known German doctors - so-called authorities on the subject of racial hygiene. It was intended to sterilise in a way unnoticable to the victims, persons "undesirable from a racial point of view".

These discussions obviously had at first no results. They were, however, taken up again after the occupation of Poland. Dr. Lang believes it to be likely that already in 1940 experiments were carried out and possible that sterilisations were later practiced in Germany as well as in occupied countries.

Dr. Lang's information should be considered sufficient for further steps and I, therefore, propose that the United Nations War Crimes Commission approach the military authorities in Germany with a view to interrogating the persons indicated by Dr. Lang and generally investigating the whole question.

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Dr. Lang further handed to the Czechoslovak Minister in Berne notes on a report which he had made on January 2nd 1942. This report contains material concerning the murder of infirm and aged persons in Germany. A translation of these notes is enclosed. (Enclosure B).



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WILFRED HEAVEN WAS CRIMINAL CONSPIRACY.

(Research Office)

To the Chairman of Committee No. I.

Mr. Lottman's letter denouncing WILLI JEB, former Mayor of Vienna, which Colonel Hodgson laid before Committee I, has been passed to me.

As we do not know anything of JEB, I have sent "Crosses" (Major Ryan) a copy of the letter and have asked if they have any information about him. Marshall, Dr. McDonald has noted JEB's name for the next list of "suspects".

My I point out, however, that our procedure seems to need supplementing in this respect. The new list of "suspects" has not yet been looked at, and before it can be examined by a sub-committee and printed and issued at least a month will elapse. Marshall, JEB will remain at liberty, so far as concerns anything we are able to do. Surely we should have some machinery for putting a man, who has thus been denounced, at once on our next "Suspect" list. At present this cannot be done unless he has been "charged" with a crime, and in JEB's case that is not at present possible.

I felt the same difficulty last week about the allegations against a number of German officers, forwarded by a United States Regiment, for crimes committed against Italians, which the Committee told me to refer back to Italy for more details. That has been done, but the further information will take some time to obtain. Surely, as these German officers were definitely accused by a responsible authority, some immediate steps should have been taken, by placing them <sup>next</sup> on our "Suspect" list, or otherwise, to ensure their being detained. For all we know, they will now be demobilized and will go home, and it may be difficult to find them again.

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UNITED NATIONS WAR CRIMES COMMISSION

COMMITTEE I

The Trial against Kramer and others

Suggestion by Mr. E. Schwelb.  
Legal Officer.

According to newspaper reports, the trial against Josef Kramer, commandant of the Belzen Concentration Camp, and 47 other accused, is to begin at Lüneburg on August 12th, 1945.

Therewith I submit for consideration by Committee I, the question whether Committee I should not propose to the Commission to send one or more members of the Commission and/or members of its legal staff as observers to this trial.

The reasons for this suggestion are as follows :

1). The fact that the trial will be held by a British Military Court shows that Kramer is not considered to fall within the group of those "German criminals, whose offences have no particular geographical location and who will be punished by a joint decision of the Governments of the Allies". (Moscow Declaration).

From this it follows that those limitations of the competence of the United Nations War Crimes Commission which sometimes are said to exist in the case of the "top criminals" do not apply in the case of the Kramer trial.

2). Nationals of most of the members of the U.N.W.C.C. were among the victims of the accused and the Governments represented on this Commission have, therefore, a particular interest in this trial. It has not, so far, been made known whether the Convening Officer has appointed as members of the Court officers of Allied Forces serving under him, as he is entitled to do under Regulation 5 (3) of the Regulations for the Trial of War Criminals (See Doc. C.131, para. 4).

3). The trial against Kramer is, though not the first, in time, no doubt, the most important trial to be conducted under the Royal Warrant A.O. 81/1945.

4). The trial will be most interesting both with regard to the facts which will be found, and with regard to the legal implications and consequences.

5). The trial will, no doubt, be attended by a great number of reporters from all parts of the world. But journalists pay mainly attention to what is "news" and attractive for the readers and the presence even of most distinguished journalists does not guarantee that the legally relevant matters will in time become known to this Commission and the Governments represented on it.

6). Under Rules 94 et seq. of the Rules of Procedure, 1926, which apply, under the Royal Warrant (Regulation 3) to Military Courts, all transactions of the Court will be recorded. But even if inspection of the record should, in due course, be granted to this Commission, or to the interested governments, this would necessarily be at a much later stage, after the time perhaps, when the experience of the Kramer trial could be made use of by other governments.

7). The Royal Warrant <sup>has</sup> introduced special rules of evidence, different from the rules applied by English and other Courts, particularly the provision regarding "collective responsibility" in the form of a prima facie case against members of units and groups. (Regulation 8(11), see Doc. C.131, para 9). It is the working of these new provisions, which will be of particular interest to the Commission and the governments interested in the investigation of War Crimes.



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2nd August, 1945.

UNITED NATIONS WAR CRIMES COMMISSION

COMMITTEE I

Note on the Yugoslav Case No. 1143

(Debasement of currency and other offences)

By Mr. E. Schwelb, Legal Officer

In the case 1143, which was adjourned on August 1st, 1945, for further consideration, the accused Generalmajor Stöckhausen, Kommandant der Feldkommandatur in Sabac, and others, are accused, inter alia, of "Debasement of the Currency and Issue of Spurious Currency".

The following remarks may be useful for the further consideration of the case.

I.

The powers of occupants in regard to money and currency are based on the occupant's general power to maintain law and order (Art. 43 of the Hague Regulations, 1907). This may be affected by several methods, varying according to circumstances and policy:

- 1) the use of the existing currency of the occupied country;
- 2) the use of the occupant's currency;
- 3) the introduction of new regional currencies.

Ad 1) The occupant will normally leave in circulation the currency in the occupied region. More often than not, even payments for requisitions will be made in this currency, a supply of which is obtained through contributions. Complications arise if the coverage of this currency has become inadequate, as was the case in several occupied countries during the first World War. A similar situation was created in Belgium when the Belgian Government, in 1914, removed the metal coverage of the national currency to London. If in such a contingency the local currency continues to be used, an occupant may reorganise the national currency by appropriate methods. (Feilchenfeld, The International Economic Law of Belligerent Occupation, Washington, 1942, para. 272. Feilchenfeld's book is the leading monograph on the subject.)

Ad 2) The occupant may, and not infrequently will, use his own currency in the occupied region. This method is by no means abnormal where payments by the occupant are concerned and was, for instance, followed by Austria-Hungary during 1914-1918. On the other hand, the Germans at that time found this method inconvenient because the coverage for their national currency had already become inadequate and, for that reason, authorities were afraid of exposing it to additional strains. Unless the coverage of the currency of the occupied region has disappeared and cannot be replaced locally, there is no legitimate reason why an occupant should replace the local currency by his own currency for all purposes and enforce its use not only for his own payments but also for payments among inhabitants. In the absence of a special justification of this kind, such replacement might amount to a fundamental change in institutions, which is prohibited under the Hague Regulations. (Feilchenfeld, l.c., para. 285).



Ad 3) Where the regional currency has become inadequate and it is deemed inadvisable by the occupant to expose his own currency to further strain, new types of money may be created by the occupant. Such new currency may have a new name and may be issued by institutions created for the purpose. (ibid., para. 296).

## II.

The gravest complications arise not so much from the use of various types of currency as from fictitious valuation used or enforced in the exchange of money or goods. During the War of 1914-1918, Allied opinion tended to regard all such measures and valuations as fraudulent, and, consequently, as illegal. (cf. Paul Fauchille, "Chronique des faits internationaux", Revue générale de droit international public, Vol. XXVI (1919), pp. 310-321, Hyde, International Law, Feilchenfeld, para. 299.)

The old currency of an occupied state will often be substantially weakened by the costs of fighting and the losses resulting from contributions and other occupation measures. A new local currency will suffer from the same weaknesses; in addition there may be fear that the new currency will disappear at the end of a war and have to be exchanged at unfavourable rates. On the other hand, the occupant's own currency will also suffer from the strain of war. Consequently, occupation authorities maintaining law and order may deem it advisable to take adequate measures for the prevention of extreme inflation. Such inflation might be unavoidable if "honest" valuation of money remained compulsory. Its occurrence may be as detrimental to the interests of the inhabitants as of those of the occupant. While the Hague Regulations are silent on the question it would seem that an occupant has the right, and possibly the duty, to take adequate measures for the prevention of extreme inflation. (Feilchenfeld, para. 300).

The prevention of inflation would seem to include measures fixing the relationship between the various kinds of locally circulating currency on the one side, and prices of goods and of money of third jurisdictions on the other. (ibid. para. 301).

None of these considerations would seem to hold, however, where artificial rates are imposed for the exchange of local money and of money of the occupant. Such measures can only have the effect of enriching the occupant financially at the expense of the occupied state and its inhabitants. Manipulations of this kind are not needed either for the maintenance of law and order or for the needs of the occupying army. Despite the silence of the Hague Regulations on the specific point, it appears clearly that under these Regulations compulsory shifts in wealth from the occupied state to the occupant are meant to be limited to requisitions and other specified measures. These specified permissions are sufficiently broad, and there is no legitimate reason for their enlargement by legal construction (ibid., para. 302).

## III.

Since the first World War many states have resorted to currency manipulations in peacetime which would have been considered fraudulent a generation ago. It has been held that States resorting to such practices in peacetime would seem to be barred from protesting against similar measures of occupants undertaken under the less normal conditions of war and that the resulting lowering of peacetime standards would automatically lower the level to be expected from belligerents (ibid., para. 304).

From what has been said before it would seem that the appreciation of currency manipulations by a belligerent occupant depends on subtle distinctions and on an elaborate study of the financial and economic conditions in the occupied country, both before and during occupation, and criminal procedure does not appear to be the instrumentality fitted to decide these controversies. Without being a financial expert, I venture to submit that the currency of a comparatively poor country, like Yugoslavia, may under the stress of total war, occupation and partisan fighting, be affected to such an extent that some manipulations by the occupant appear necessary.

It may, of course, be said that an illegal, i.e. aggressive, war, gives the aggressor no rights of interference with the occupied territory whatsoever. But if we do not go as far as that, the subjection of currency measures to criminal proceedings appears justified only if prima facie evidence is adduced to show that the manipulations were fraudulent and that the individual officials who carried the scheme out, had, or at least ought to have had knowledge of their fraudulent character.

Apart from such clear cases, there might apply what Lauterpacht (B.Y.B. 1944, p. 75) says even of such matters as aerial bombardment, viz. that "it is doubtful whether, in this and similar matters, tribunals entrusted with the task of punishing war criminals are a proper agency for solving controversial and difficult problems of the law of war."

#### IV.

It may be appropriate to quote here what Lauterpacht says on this and related problems in B.Y.B. 1944, pp. 77 et seq, because of its bearing on the general practice of Committee I :

"In particular, does every violation of a rule of warfare constitute a war crime? It appears that, in this matter, textbook writers and, occasionally, military manuals and official pronouncements have erred on the side of comprehensiveness. They make no attempt to distinguish between violations of rules of warfare and war crimes. The Commission on Responsibilities set up by the Paris Conference in 1919 included under the list of charges of war crimes such acts as "usurpation of sovereignty during military occupation", "attempts to denationalize the inhabitants of occupied territory", "confiscation of property", exaction of illegitimate or exorbitant contributions and requisitions", "debasement of the currency and issue of spurious currency", "imposition of collective penalties", and "wanton destruction of religious, charitable, educational and historic buildings and monuments". In view of the comprehensiveness of this list it is in the nature of an anti-climax to note that the number of persons whose delivery the Allied States eventually demanded was inconsiderable. It is possible that one of the reasons for the failure to give effect to the decision to prosecute war criminals after the first World War was the extent of the list of offences as adopted by the Conference and the absence of a distinction between violations of international law and war crimes in the more restricted sense of the term....."

"It must be a matter for serious consideration to what extent an attempt to penalise by criminal prosecution at the hand of the victorious belligerent all and sundry breaches of the law of war may tend to blur the emphasis which must be placed on the punishment of war crimes proper in the limited sense of the term. These may be defined as such offences against the law of war as are criminal in the ordinary and accepted sense of fundamental rules of warfare and of general principles of criminal law by reason of their heinousness, their brutality, their ruthless disregard of the sanctity of human life and personality, or their wanton interference with rights of property unrelated to reasonably



conceived requirements of military necessity. There is room for the view that the punishment of war crimes by the victorious belligerent ought to be limited to offences of this nature - offences which, on any reasonable assumption must be regarded as condemned by the common conscience of mankind....."

"The task of defining, from this point of view, the scope of violations of the laws of war which ought to fall within the purview of punishment by the victorious belligerent is one of considerable difficulty. A seemingly administrative act of a political nature, like deportation or segregation of large sections of the population of the occupied territory, may, in its effects upon human life and in the cruelty of its execution, be indistinguishable from the common crime of deliberate murder. But it is a task which ought to be attempted. The result of the differentiation thus established between the two categories of violations of the law of war would not necessarily be to render immune from punishment or from the duty of compensation the less heinous manifestations of lawlessness....."

"Pillage, plunder and arbitrary destruction of private and public property may, in their effects, be no less cruel and **deserving** of punishment than acts of personal violence. There may, in effect, be little difference between executing a person and condemning him to a slow death of starvation and exposure by depriving him of shelter and means of sustenance."



UNITED NATIONS WAR CRIMES COMMISSION.

COMMITTEE I.

The Luxembourg Courts Case.

Note by the Legal Officer, Mr. Schwelb.

The Luxembourg Ministry of Justice has recently submitted the following cases which concern the administration of justice during the German occupation:

- No. 991 (Raderschall), Landgerichtsdirektor.
- No. 993 (Drach), Erster Staatsanwalt und Stellvertretender Kommissar für die Staatsanwaltschaft.
- No. 994 (Lüttke), Senatspräsident des oberlandesgerichtlichen Senates und Stellvertretender Kommissar für die Justizverwaltung.
- No. 1084 (Wienecke), Staatsanwalt.
- No. 1085 (Hofmann), Oberstaatsanwalt und Stellvertretender Kommissar für die Staatsanwaltschaft.
- No. 1219 (Bergmann), Oberlandesgerichtspräsident und Kommissar für die Justizverwaltung.
- No. 1220 (Bauknecht), Landgerichtsdirektor und Stellvertretender Kommissar für die Justizverwaltung.

Raderschall (991) and Drach (993) have been put on 'A', but the following was placed on record (see Minutes No. 18 of July 11th, 1945);

"(a) The Luxembourg case No. 991 (Landgerichtsdirektor Adolf Raderschall).

It was unanimously decided to place Raderschall, who has been arrested and is detained by forces of the U.S. occupation army on 'A'. On the motion of Captain Wolff it was decided that the basis for the Commission's decision is the last count of the charge: the allegation that Raderschall as member of a Standgericht is responsible for the condemnation to death (in 21 cases) of Luxembourg patriots who had protested against the introduction, on 30.8.42, of compulsory military service with the German Army and against the conferment of German citizenship on Luxembourg nationals.

(b) The Luxembourg case No. 993 (Leo Drach, Erster Staatsanwalt und Stellvertretender Kommissar für die Staatsanwaltschaft.

It was unanimously decided to put Drach, who is also detained by the United States forces on 'A', the ratio decidendi being in this case similarly as in the case of Raderschall (991) the accusation that Drach, as public prosecutor, has demanded the death sentence on the Luxembourg patriots, by the Standgericht, of which Raderschall was a member."

The cases of Lüttke (994), Wienecke (1084), Hofmann (1085) have been adjourned in order to obtain further information; the cases of Bergmann (1219) and Bauknecht (1220) will be before Committee I for the first time on August 8th, 1945.

The additional case of Hartmann (1221) who was the Chief of the Gestapo and president of the Standgericht, does not give rise to any difficulties.

Lüdtke (994) is accused of having:

- 1) contributed to the transformation of the judicial organisation of Luxembourg.
- 2) of having caused illegal arrestation.
- 3) of having caused, the resignation, the arrestation, and detention in prison or concentration camps of magistrates, counsel and functionaries.
- 4) of being responsible for judgments imposing penalties for deeds which do not constitute crimes under Luxembourg law or under the relevant International Convention.
- 5) of having contributed to the imprisonment, to the detention in a penitentiary and to the death of Luxembourg nationals.

Wienecke (1084) is accused of:

- (1), (2), and (5) supra and
- (6) of having, as public prosecutor, requested the passing of sentences for deeds which do not constitute crimes under Luxembourg or International law.

Hofmann (1085) is accused of:

- (1), (2), (3), (6), and (5).

Bergmann (1219) is accused of (1) and (4).

Bauknecht is accused of (1), (2), (4), (5).

The fact that Committee I, in dealing with the cases of Raderschall (991) and Drach (993) based its decision exclusively on the part played by the accused in the activities of the Standgericht, does not imply the laying down of the rule that the charges preferred against the other accused (1) to (6) other than judicial murder by way of the Standgericht are unfounded.

1) The transformation of the judicial system.

Under this heading Lüdtke, is accused of having introduced the German salute. Hofmann, has introduced robes with the German emblem. Both brought pressure to bear upon their subordinates towards the purchase of Nazi literature, Bauknecht ordered the using, in giving judgment, of the German formula "In Namen des Volkes". It is also stated that pressure was being brought upon Luxembourg judges to obtain severe judgments.

There can be no doubt that a belligerent occupant is not as such allowed to introduce structural alterations in, and transformations of, the judicial system in the occupied territory. He has particularly no right to constrain the courts to pronounce their verdicts in his name, although he need not allow them to pronounce verdicts in the name of the legitimate government. (Oppenheim-Lauterpacht, International Law II, pp.349 where the famous incident of the Nancy court of September, 1870, is recited).

In the charge No. 1220 it is not stated that Bauknecht ordered the pronouncement of judgments in the name of the German people, the word German in "Jui Naimen des Deutschen Volkes" being struck out.

Apart from that the more general problem arises whether every violation of a rule of the law of belligerent occupation constitutes a war crime (See Lauterpacht, B.Y.B.1944, p. 77 quoted in the paper I/22 at p.3).

2.4.5.6. Illegal Arrestation, Imprisonments, and Death Penalties.

These charges are based on the activities of the Sondergericht as distinguished from the Standgericht.



Lidtke was president of the Sondergericht, Wienecke and Hofmann acted as public prosecutors before it. Bergmann was the supreme chief of the administration of justice and is also held responsible for the death sentences passed by the Sondergerichte. No concrete case of a judicial murder committed under the cloak of a death sentence pronounced by the Sondergericht is quoted in the charges; the only case cited is that of M. Loesch who was sentenced to five months imprisonment.

The decision of Committee I with regard to these charges therefore depends on the character of the Sondergerichte, established by the Germans in Luxembourg and the working of these courts about which the Luxembourg National Office will, no doubt, furnish further information.

The Czechoslovak charges No. 389 and 464 dealt with the German Standgericht established in Czechoslovakia and are therefore comparable to the Luxembourg charges Nos. 991 and 993. The Czechoslovak charge No. 424 dealt with the Sondergerichte and is therefore analogous to the Luxembourg charges Nos. 994, 1084, 1085, 1219 and 1220.

In principle, the provisions regulating the activities of the Sondergerichte should have been the same both in Luxembourg and in Czechoslovakia, both countries having been "annexed" to the German Reich. But in the charge No. 424 some particular features of the Sondergerichte as established in Czechoslovakia have been set out which were the basis for the decision in the Czechoslovak Sondergerichte case. These particular features have been summarised in my paper dated April 3rd, 1945, as follows:-

The Czechoslovak charge sets out in detail why in the view of the Government also the institution of these Sondergerichte and their activities constitute war crimes. The following are those of the reasons adduced by the Czechoslovak Government which appear to me most convincing:

- (a) the provision enabling the Sondergerichte to impose sentences in excess of the ordinary maximum penalty, if the "sound popular feeling" (das gesunde Volksempfinden) calls for it;
- (b) the manner of the execution of the death penalty is not being defined by the judge in the sentence, but is fixed by administrative officials after the sentence has been passed;
- (c) the excessiveness of the penalties to be imposed and actually imposed by the Sondergerichte (e.g. the death penalty for theft and for the slightest infringement of the numerous emergency regulations);
- (d) by an order dated July 3rd, 1942, the Sondergerichte replaced the Standgerichte after the state of civil emergency had ceased to exist. This Order provides for the punishment by death of anyone who gives lodgings or any other help to a person whom he knows to be engaged in an act hostile to the Reich, or who, according to the circumstances, can be assumed to be so engaged or who omits to notify the authorities in time. Section 1, Article 2, of this Order introduced an un rebuttable presumption that if a person is not registered with the police, he is deemed to be a person whose harbouring is punishable by death;
- (e) simultaneously, the death sentence was introduced for the forgery or alterations of identity cards and similar offences.



From the list of persons executed in consequence of sentences passed by the Sondergerichte, it follows that actually people were found guilty, punished by death and executed for offences like larceny of postal parcels, black-out offences, assault and ill-treatment of German nationals, concealment of part of the harvest, illicit slaughter of cattle, etc.

With regard to the members of the Hitler Government and the other persons responsible for the institution of these Sondergerichte, their case is therefore also indistinguishable in law from the case already decided by Committee I (389).<sup>a</sup>

It would be helpful if the Luxembourg National Office could provide evidence of a similar character as to the activities of the Sondergerichte in Luxembourg.

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UNITED NATIONS WAR CRIMES COMMISSION

COMMITTEE I

NOTE ON THE YUGOSLAV CASE NO. 1281  
(PREFETTO DI CATTARO; TAKING OF  
HOSTAGES.)

By Mr. E. SCHUELB

I.

In the meeting of Committee I, held on August 15th, 1945, the case against the "prefetto di Cattaro" was adjourned for further consideration.

The accused, whose name is unknown but whose identity as head of the administration of an important town and harbour it should be possible to establish, is charged with having committed the crime of "Internment of Civilians under inhuman conditions".

It is stated that "he selected hostages from the above-mentioned villages and arrested them with the intention of having them shot if any disturbances occurred in that district. This action caused the imprisonment of innocent men and women and the terrorisation of the civilian population."

"Evidence is based on the original document in which the order was issued. The signature on the document is illegible except for the title - IL PREFETTO. This document is now filed in the archives of the Yugoslav State Commission."

Under "References to relevant provisions of international law" the Yugoslav charge alleges a violation of Articles 4 and 5 of the Hague Regulations, 1907. These are not relevant to the problem because they deal with prisoners of war, while the victims of the crime, which the charge indicts, were civilian inhabitants of occupied territory.

II.

The question, therefore, arises whether what the accused is alleged to have done, is a war crime.

The Commission, in its meeting held on May 9th, 1944, adopted the proposal, embodied in Doc. C.15(1) and added the following to the List of War Crimes which had been provisionally adopted by the Commission on 2nd December, 1943 (Doc. C.1) :

"Indiscriminate mass arrests for the purpose of terrorising the population, whether described as taking of hostages or not."

It appears that the statement of facts contained in the charge No. 1281 does not establish the facts of this Resolution.

In the present case the arrests are not stated to have been "mass arrests" and "indiscriminate". On the contrary: the prefetto is accused of having selected hostages.



Nor is the purpose of terrorising the population established. It is stated that the intention was to shoot the hostages "if any disturbances occurred in that district."

Nor does the statement of facts bear out the description "Internment of civilians under inhuman conditions."

### III.

The decision on this charge therefore depends on the question whether the taking of hostages is criminal per se.

The present state of International Law on this problem is thus stated in Oppenheim-Lauterpacht Vol. II, Revised Sixth Edition (1944):

"A new practice of taking hostages was resorted to by the Germans in 1870 during the Franco-German War for the purpose of securing the safety of forces against possible hostile acts by private inhabitants of occupied enemy territory. Well-known men were seized and detained, in the expectation that the population would refrain from hostile acts out of regard for the fate of the hostages. Thus, when unknown people frequently wrecked the trains transporting troops, the Germans seized prominent enemy citizens and put them on the engines, a device which always proved effective, and soon put a stop to further train wrecking. The same practice was resorted to, although for a short time only, by Lord Roberts in 1900 during the South African war. It has been condemned by the majority of writers. But it may be difficult to agree with their opinion. Matters would be different if hostages were seized, and exposed to dangers, for the purpose of preventing legitimate hostilities on the part of members of the armed forces of the enemy. But no one can deny that train-wrecking on occupied enemy territory by private enemy individuals is an act which a belligerent is justified in considering and punishing as war treason. It is for the purpose of guarding against an act of illegitimate warfare that these hostages are put on the engines. The danger to which they are exposed comes from their fellow-citizens, who are informed that hostages are on the engines, and ought therefore to refrain from wrecking the trains. It cannot, and will not, be denied that the measure is a harsh one, and that it makes individuals liable to suffer for acts for which they are not responsible. But the safety of the troops and lines of communication of the occupying belligerent is at stake, and it seems doubtful, therefore, whether even the most humane commanders will always be able to dispense with this measure, since it alone has proved effective.

During the first World War, Germany adopted a terrible practice of taking hostages in the territories occupied by her armies, and shooting them when she believed that civilians had fired upon German troops. During the Second World War she followed the practice of mass shooting of hostages on such unprecedented scale as to bring it prominently within the category of war crimes, the punishment of which was declared by the United Nations to constitute a major purpose of the war."

The British Manual (Chapter XIV, para. 461 et seq.) though not considering the taking of hostages commendable, does not go as far as declaring it illegal. Para. 461 recognises the right to take hostages with the proviso that all they have to suffer is captivity, and not death. According to para. 464 it would appear legitimate to take inhabitants as hostages for the proper treatment of wounded and sick. A similar course might become necessary, if prisoners have fallen into the hands of irregular troops, or of inhabitants who have risen in arms, since there might be fear for their maltreatment.



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IV.

Time did not allow the present writer to place before the Committee a complete survey of the modern literature dealing with the legality of the taking of hostages; but what has been quoted under III supports the view expressed by members of Committee I that the taking of hostages is not as such a war crime.

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I/25  
18th August, 1945.

UNITED NATIONS WAR CRIMES COMMISSION

COMMITTEE I

REPORT ON THE YUGOSLAV CHARGE NO. 1323  
(PERSONNEL OF THE SPECIAL TRIBUNAL FOR  
THE DEFENCE OF THE STATE, ROME.

By Mr. E. SCHWELB

I.

The present case is to some extent similar to the case No. 940, which dealt, inter alia, with the personnel of the Tribunale Speciale della Dalmazia which in the Yugoslav memorandum, presented in the case 940, was described as the "opposite number of the Tribunale Speciale per la Difesa di Stato in Rome" (See Doc. I/15). Committee I decided on July 17th, 1945, to put the personnel of the Tribunale Speciale della Dalmazia on S.

An information on Italian courts in Yugoslavia will be circulated by Col. Wade as Doc. I/26.

II.

This writer, who was greatly interested at the time in Fascist "legal" developments, does not doubt in the least that the Special Court for the Defence of the State in Rome from its very beginning in 1926 has been nothing but an instrument of oppression and a cloak for common crimes committed by the Fascist Government first against Italian opponents of the regime and eventually, during the Second World War, also against citizens of other countries, particularly of inhabitants of Italian occupied Yugoslav territories. In spite of this fact, of which the Committee could, as it were, take judicial notice, it is necessary to scrutinize the charge closely not only because of the necessity of establishing the guilt (prima facie) of the individuals charged, but also for the reason that the formulation of the Yugoslav charges implies some conceptions of International law and municipal criminal law which would hardly be acceptable to some other governments. Even if it be admitted (and as a matter of fact there can be no reasonable doubt about it) that the sentences imposed by the Court on Italian citizens of Yugoslav race (members of the Yugoslav minority in the Italy of between the two wars) were unjust, illegal, and even criminal, International Law does not recognise the right of a racial minority to rise against the state under whose jurisdiction it fell under the 1919 Peace Treaties. No exemption of Italian citizens of Yugoslav race from Italian jurisdiction can be claimed for the time when the disputed territory undoubtedly formed part of Italy, both under International law and according to the municipal legal orders of Yugoslavia and Italy. It is well known that as a matter of law Italy had even no obligations towards her minorities analogous to those accepted by other states in 1919/20.



III.

Applying what has been summarily stated sub (II) supra to the "Particulars of alleged crime" in the Yugoslav charge, the following general observations can be made :

a) The trying of Slovenes and Croats from Istria, Gorizia and Trieste is not illegal. The same may be said of the trial of Yugoslav citizens for alleged offences committed on Italian territory (i.e. territory forming part of Italy under the territorial arrangements of 1919/20). In addition: the so-called territoriality of criminal law "is not an absolute principle of international law" (The Permanent Court of International Justice in the case of S.S. Lotus (France v. Turkey), 1927, Judgment No. 9, Series A, No. 10). Many continental legal systems penalize some crimes, particularly crimes against the security of the state, also if committed by foreigners abroad; as municipal jurisprudence is divided, the Permanent Court held that "it is hardly possible to see in it an indication of the existence of the restrictive rule of international law" (i.e. of a rule restricting the criminal jurisdiction of a state to its territory). Incidentally, it is a consequence of the fact that the jurisdiction of a state is not restricted to its nationals and to its territory, that there exists "universality of jurisdiction over war crimes." (Op. Willard B. Cowles in California Law Review, June, 1945; and Quincy Wright, Article "War Criminals" in American Journal of International Law, April 1945). We cannot claim for the United Nations universal jurisdiction over war crimes, and simultaneously indict jurisdiction exercised under the so-called "protection principle" as a war crime per se.

b) The exercise of jurisdiction by courts of the occupying Power over the inhabitants of the occupied territory does not itself constitute "usurpation of sovereignty." Such jurisdiction is compatible with the restraint placed upon the occupant by the Hague Regulations. There was, of course, illegal usurpation of sovereignty over Italian occupied Yugoslavia during the war, but it is doubtful whether it was the judges of the Rome court who committed this contravention of the rules of warfare. It was obviously the Italian Executive and, probably, the Legislature, but not the judiciary, who illegally "annexed" Yugoslav territories.

c) "Slovenes and Croats from Istria, who left Italy in 1929 and became Yugoslav citizens, were tried and sentenced by this Special Court." The fact that they left Italy in 1929 does not necessarily mean that they ceased to be Italian citizens; nor does the acquisition of Yugoslav citizenship necessarily and automatically bring about the loss of Italian citizenship.

d) The trial and sentencing of Yugoslav citizens from Dalmatia because they had worked for their liberation is not necessarily a war crime on the part of the judges. Whether or not it constitutes a war crime depends both on what the Yugoslav patriots had done, and how the trial was conducted and what kind of law was applied. If only such activities had been punished after due process of law as the belligerent occupant is entitled to forbid, no crime would have been committed.

e) What was stated under (d) applies also to the case of Yugoslav citizens from regions not occupied by Italy, if they were tried for alleged offences committed in the Italian occupied parts of Yugoslavia.

f) The distinction between "reconnaissance duties" and "spying" is subtle. Only after close study of the individual cases could the question be answered whether by sentencing a person who acted on reconnaissance duty as a spy, the members of the court have committed a crime.



IV.

Notes on the instances numbered in the charge No. 1523  
(1) to (6).

(1) Under the presidency of Tringali-Casanuova (1) the Special Court sentenced to death and to hard labour 91 persons who were Yugoslav citizens belonging to the Yugoslav minority in Gorizia and Istria who had fought for their national liberation from the Italian and fascist yoke. This statement contains an inconsistency: either the victims belonged to the Yugoslav minority in Italy, then they were Italian citizens (nationals). Or they were Yugoslav nationals, then they could not belong to the Yugoslav minority in Italy. In the first case they fought against the state whose citizens they were. In the second case they were foreign nationals fighting on Italian soil against the local sovereign. The fact that politically the struggle of those Yugoslav patriots and of those members of the Yugoslav minority in Italy was favourable to the cause of the United Nations and deserving also in other respects does not alter the fact that in law the Italian courts were competent to try offences, committed on Italian territory to free part of this territory from the Italian yoke. Here a prima facie case of a judicial crime does not seem to be established. \*

(2) General Le Metre (2). No details about the alleged offences of the victims and of the court proceedings are given. The Yugoslav National Office should be asked to furnish further information.

(3) General Griffini (5).

(4) General Suppiej (6).

(5) General Contincelli (3)

(6) General Gauttiori (4).

In these cases what was said under (2) applied.

V.

Notes on the instances numbered in the charge No. 1523  
I to XII.

The greatest admiration for the National Liberation movement cannot undo the fact that "in those Yugoslav regions taken by Italy after the first World War" the movement was directed against the legitimate local sovereign and the courts of the local sovereign were, under International and municipal law alike, entitled to punish offences against the local law.

ad I. In my submission part of, but not all the facts stated with regard to the sentence passed on 28th April, 1941, indicate that the court proceeded illegally. The court was, under International law, prima facie not entitled to punish Yugoslav citizens inhabiting occupied Yugoslav territory because they belonged to the Slovene society and because they

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\* While this paper was being typed the Yugoslav National Office informed the Commission's office by telephone that the words "and Yugoslavs" were to be inserted between "Yugoslav citizens" and "belonging". Thus the inconsistency dealt with in the text has been remedied.

conducted propaganda against the unity of the Italian state, but it was entitled to try persons because they encouraged people to sabotage, spy and rebel against the (so. Italian) State. With regard to Italian citizens this restriction did not apply.

ad II. This seems to be a case of unjustified imprisonment. The victim had done nothing which could be properly tried in an Italian court.

ad III. This information seems to need supplementation.

Prime facie persons from Gorizia (a town then belonging to Italy) could be tried for an attack against members of the (Italian) Customs Guard.

ad IV. This is a case of political oppression. The Communist party was prohibited in Italy and under her totalitarian regime membership in the Communist Party was a crime. The sentence passed on Italian citizens for membership in the Communist Party is barbaric, and obnoxious to the Western mind, but it is not a war crime.

ad V. This is a borderline case. As stated in the introduction to this paper (supra III), in cases of offences against the security of the state (and in other cases also, e.g. counterfeiting currency) many continental legal orders allow the punishment of crimes committed by foreigners abroad.

ad VI. Provided that Matkovic and Ban were Yugoslav nationals (Matkovic is stated to have been born in Italy) there seems to be an excess of judicial power.

ad VII. Here the nationality of the victims seems to be relevant. Vico-Gustincic and Cekada appear to have been Italian citizens. If this is so, they could be tried when captured as members of the armed forces of a state with which Italy was at war.. Vrekar appears to have been a Yugoslav national and his serving in the Yugoslav forces did not constitute an act which could properly be made the object of criminal proceedings in an Italian court.

The Yugoslav National Office should be asked to furnish information about the nationality of the 22 Yugoslav soldiers according to the Treaty provisions and municipal rules valid in the period between the two wars.

ad VIII Here it could probably be said that the occupant was not obliged to allow inhabitants of the occupied territory to maintain liaison with the British in order to harm Italian military operations.

ad IX. Here applies what was said under V.

ad X. As to Glorija Jarda the case depends on the legal standing of the Partisan Units in the material time (before November 28, 1942).

Assuming that the Partisans then already had the status of belligerents within the meaning of Art. 1 of the Hague Regulations, Miss Jarda had the right to be treated as a prisoner of war and her trial and punishment was illegal.

The case of the 4, 7 and 2 Slovenes and Croats who were Italian citizens does not constitute a war crime.



ad XI This case rises difficult problems. The victims ought not to have been on the Lipari islands. As they were deported there illegally, it could be maintained that they were entitled to self-help and that they, therefore, ought not to have been punished for taking part in their revolutionary organization.

On the other hand, it could be said that no state is under an obligation to tolerate revolutionary organizations formed by foreigners on its territory and the fact that the foreigners came to the territory against their will does not necessarily alter this position.

ad XII No details about the case of Radovanovic and Vrhinec are given.

VI.

Conclusions

- 1) I submit that the decision on this charge should be adjourned until the Yugoslav National Office kindly furnishes additional information on the different questions which have been mentioned in the earlier chapters of this paper.
- 2) When the charge will thus be supplemented it will probably be possible to list part of the accused on A and part on S.
- 3) But in addition there will remain a large number of crimes which are not war crimes but which fall within the category of "analogous offences", chiefly atrocities committed against Italian citizens. It would be worth considering whether the attention of the Allied Control Commission for Italy should not be drawn to these "crimes against humanity" within the meaning of Section 6(c) of the Charter of the International Military Tribunal.



UNITED NATIONS WAR CRIMES COMMISSION.  
(Research Office)

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COMMITTEE I.

I/26.  
(R/IT/17/8).

COPY OF STATEMENT OBTAINED FROM THE FOREIGN OFFICE RESEARCH DEPARTMENT,  
AS REQUESTED BY THE COMMITTEE IN CONNECTION WITH THE YUGOSLAV CASE NO.940.

(See also Document I/13).

(R 11037/329/92)

Special Courts in Dalmatia.

Soon after the Italians took over the administration of Dalmatia the Italian Legal Gazette announced that the administration of justice was to remain in the hands of existing courts, but with the use of the Italian language in certain districts (Susak, Sibenik, Split, Dubrovnik and Kotor) as "the language of indictment against civil defendants." There was to be a Court of Appeal at Split. (Transocean, 18th May 1941.) Three months later there was news of the establishment by Decree of a military tribunal at Sibenik, which it was stated was to play an important part in the "welding together of the old and new order and the uprooting of such conceptions as were incompatible with the authority and dignity of the State" (Regime Fascista, 30th August, 1941).

A similar court was apparently set up at Split, for it was reported from Rome in October that 30 "Communists" had just been sentenced, 18 of them to death, by these two courts (New York Times, 19th October).

Shortly afterwards a new Law was passed in Rome for the establishment of a special military tribunal for Dalmatia. The offences to be tried by this Court included the concealment of arms and ammunition, the hoarding of food-stuffs for the purpose of increasing prices, and the destruction of raw materials, agricultural produce and industrial goods, for all of which penalties up to death could be imposed. For other crimes, such as participation in public demonstrations, incitement to revolt, the spreading of false rumours for purposes of propaganda, or assistance to other persons guilty of these offences the court could decree terms of imprisonment ranging from five to 15 years (New York Times, Göteborgs Handels-och Sjöfartstidning, 29th October).

Early in November La Stampa (12th November) described a bomb incident at Split at which several persons were injured and one was killed. One hundred and fifty people were arrested on the spot—they were described as "Communist elements", many of whom came from other parts of the Balkans—and held as hostages. The culprits, it was stated, would be tried by the Special Tribunal for the Defence of the State.

Since the end of 1941 this Department has had no information concerning the activities of the Court at Sibenik.

The description of persons suspected of anti-Italian activities as "Communists" does not necessarily give any clue to such persons' views and aims. It may well have been a mere propaganda device.

Research Department,  
Foreign Office.

19th July, 1945.

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21st August, 1945.

NOTE FOR COMMITTEE I  
ON THE CROWCASS DETENTION LIST No. I.  
(By Dr. LITAWSKI, Legal Officer)

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A few days ago the CROWCASS transmitted to the Commission the Detention List No. I, which calls for the attention of Committee I and the Commission, as well as for some comments and action. Only a superficial look at the List gives the following impressions.

I.

1. The List comprises in all 405 persons detained. The List comprises only very few persons listed on the Commission's Lists. Out of this total there have been mentioned in the List only 39 war criminals who appear on the Commission's Lists, and some 21 who might be the same persons as listed on our Lists, but this could not be definitely ascertained owing to the lack of sufficient personal data entered on the Detention List or on the Commission's Lists.

2. Out of the most important top level group of persons (arch criminals), the Detention List No. I comprises about twenty-five names, as follows:

DALUEGE	KESSELRING
DARRE	LEHMERS
DOENITZ	LEY
DORFMULLER	MEISSNER
EPP	PAPEN
FRANK, Hans	RIBBENTROP
FRICK	SELDTE
FUNK	SEYSS-INQUART
GOERING	SCHACHT
HORTHY (described as a German)	SPEER
JODL	STREICHER
KEHRL	RENNERTROP

3. With one exception, that of the United States, the List comprises also very few persons wanted by the different Governments, and the repartition in this respect is as follows:

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	218
FRANCE	27
POLAND	4
CZECHOSLOVAKIA	3
UNITED KINGDOM	1
SOVIET RUSSIA	1
CZECHOSLOVAKIA	1

The interests of other Governments are not represented.



4. Some of the war criminals wanted by the Governments are not indicated in the Detention List as wanted by the respective Governments, but as Security Suspects, though they appear on the Commission's Lists already issued, e.g., General LINDEMAN, Hans FRANK.

There are more instances of this kind.

5. On the whole, the Detention List No. I comprises mostly the Security Suspects and not war criminals as such and persons mostly of lower or lowest ranks.

6. In my submission, it would be of some importance for the future work of this Commission, as well as for the next issues of the Detention Lists, to call the attention of CROWCASS to the points mentioned above.

## II.

The explanatory memorandum attached to the Detention List No. I calls also for some explanation as to the competence of CROWCASS.

From paragraph e) on page 2, it appears that CROWCASS will, in the future, have some authority regarding the handing over of war criminals, and it has been stated there that some explanatory memorandum on procedure in this respect will be circulated in a subsequent communication.

We have, of course, to await this communication, but on the whole it appears that in this matter there is an urgent need for action by this Commission to settle or clear up for the Government members of the Commission all this matter on principle.

We know there are now many and various authorities dealing with this subject and they will have much to say in the future as to the handing over of war criminals, not only from the technical point of view, but from the legal one as well. It may be mentioned that there are at this moment four military authorities of different zones of occupation in Germany alone which hold the war criminals, and, farther on, there are the Allied Military Governments, the CROWCASS, and this Commission, not to mention others which will have to take some part in the procedure of surrendering war criminals, and the relation in this matter between all of them, as well as their competence, should be finally established.

It ...



It is also of the utmost importance to see a statement on the most complicated subject, i.e., which one of the many authorities involved is going to be authorised to decide the legal questions of handing over war criminals in all those instances in which the same individual war criminal is being or would be wanted by more than one Government.

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UNITED NATIONS WAR CRIMES COMMISSION

FOUR SUGGESTIONS CONCERNING C.R.O.W.C.A.S.S.

By M. de BAER

- I. A close collaboration has now been obtained between C.R.O.W.C.A.S.S. and the U.N.W.C.C. Attempts by C.R.O.W.C.A.S.S. to obtain contact with some of the National Offices have not always reached the right person so that it is now felt that the proper channel through which the Governments can be most usefully and most speedily reached is through the members of the U.N.W.C.C.; they are undoubtedly the best placed to ensure a proper liaison. Therefore, and in order that the members of the W.C.C. should have an up-to-date view of the progress that has been made by C.R.O.W.C.A.S.S. and that, moreover, C.R.O.W.C.A.S.S. may receive from the Commission any suggestion concerning the improvement of its work, it is necessary to create a regular contact between the two bodies, i.e. that a representative of C.R.O.W.C.A.S.S. be invited to come to London at regular intervals, say every month, until the completion of our common work, to attend one of the U.N.W.C.C.'s meetings.

C.R.O.W.C.A.S.S. is taking a leading part in the scheme of the punishment of war criminals, it has proved its merits as a centralising office covering the activity of - and giving assistance to - all the United Nations engaged in that work; previously it was working under S.H.A.E.F. On the termination of Combined Command control of C.R.O.W.C.A.S.S. passed from S.H.A.E.F. to the U.S. Group Control Council and the Control Commission (British Element) working in close association with the other parts of the Quadripartite Commission. It is carrying out its work in this way to the satisfaction of all concerned. It is however necessary to provide for the continuation of its work after the expiration of the lease-lend period, when the question of the financing of C.R.O.W.C.A.S.S. will arise. It is therefore suggested that, when the lease-lend period finishes (and that period, if it is not prolonged, may end on Nov. 9th), C.R.O.W.C.A.S.S. should rather than be split up among the Allies, remain a central body the financing of which could be done in the same way as the U.N.W.C.C.

- II. In the connection mentioned under II. above, it is advisable that the activity of C.R.O.W.C.A.S.S. should not be controlled only by Great Britain and U.S.A. but that outside representation should be provided within that body. This for obvious reasons not possible to provide for the representation of all European Continental countries, but as C.R.O.W.C.A.S.S. is functioning in Paris it seems that at least one of them, namely France, should be represented in it, the more so that she is taking a part in the occupation of Germany.

- IV. The Commission of Control has not yet adopted a policy



in respect of the handing over of persons whose surrender is requested by two or more Allies. It is therefore suggested that a copy of the U.N.W.C.C. recommendations on arbitration by the Commission when the surrender of an accused is requested by several Allies (doc. C.123) be forwarded to the Commission of Control for its information, together with the answers received to date by the Governments concerned.

It is suggested that the U.N.W.C.C. should make suitable recommendations to the Governments on the four points mentioned above and that a copy of these recommendations be sent to the Commission of Control.

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I/29 A.  
6th September 1945.

UNITED NATIONS WAR CRIMES COMMISSION.

According to the decision by Committee I, I consulted Captain Alletson about the way to correspond with the Control Council for Germany and was advised to send a letter to the British Element of the Control Commission for Germany, Norfolk House, St. James' Street, for his, Captain Alletson's, attention. Captain Alletson will see to it that the information is forwarded to the Headquarters of the Control Council in Germany.

E. SCHWELB.



I/29

23rd August 1945.

UNITED NATIONS WAR CRIMES COMMISSION

COMMITTEE I

DRAFT LETTERS TO THE FOUR ALLIED COMMANDERS IN GERMANY AND  
TO THE NATIONAL OFFICES RE: STERILIZATION IN GERMANY (Doc. I/20).

In accordance with the decision of Committee I of August 22nd, 1945, I herewith submit the draft letter to be sent to the four allied commanders in Germany.

E. SCHWELE.

I.

Sir,

The United Nations War Crimes Commission received through its Czechoslovak member a letter from Dr. Theo Lang, Herisau (Switzerland), dated May 10th, 1945, containing information about crimes committed in Germany by means of compulsory sterilization. The Commission also received a statement, made by Dr. Lang, on the murdering, in Germany of infirm and aged people.

I am directed by the Commission to send you herewith copies of the two documents mentioned suggesting that you be kind enough to order the persons indicated by Dr. Lang to be interrogated, as far as they are in the zone of Germany under your command, and to have the whole question of sterilization and murder committed under the guise of "racial hygiene" investigated.

The United Nations War Crimes Commission would be very much obliged if it could be informed of the steps taken by you and of their result.

Yours faithfully,

Secretary-General.

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II.

Letter to the National Offices.

(First paragraph as in Letter I above)

I am directed by the Commission to send you herewith copies of the documents mentioned, suggesting that your National Office should, if possible, investigate similar crimes committed on your territory or against your nationals and inform the Commission of the result of your investigations.

Yours faithfully,

Secretary-General.

UNITED NATIONS WAR CRIMES COMMISSION

I/30  
September 5, 1945

REPORT

on the Yugoslav Charges No: 1323 (R/It/114) and No: 1339 (R/It/117)

by Dr. R. ZIVKOVIC

I.

Preliminary Remarks

The above charges were submitted to Committee I and adjourned for re-examination.

Both charges have raised a question of principle, namely, whether criminal offences committed by Italians against Yugoslavs of Italian citizenship can be regarded as war crimes, or even as crimes at all.

In respect of the charge No: 1323, against members of the "Tribunale Speciale per la Difesa dello Stato", the Legal Officer produced a report (Doc. I/25) and underlined the right of the courts of an occupying Power to exercise jurisdiction over their own citizens (Yugoslavs from Italy) and also over the citizens of the occupied country (Yugoslavia). Her therefore, reached the conclusions that "the trying of Slovenes and Croats from Istria, Gorizia and Trieste is not illegal"; that "the same may be said of the trial of Yugoslav citizens for alleged offences committed on Italian territory"; and that, as to the trial of Yugoslav citizens for offences committed in the occupied territories (Yugoslavia), "many continental legal systems penalise some crimes, particularly crimes against the security of the State, also if committed by foreigners abroad", (page 2, III, a).

In respect of the charge No: 1339, members of Committee I expressed the view that it was related to "crimes perpetrated by Italians against Italians."

So, it appears that the question of citizenship is the chief legal problem to be considered in regard to the above two charges, and that prior to their acceptance or non-acceptance by Committee I, it should be solved as a matter of principle.

The other question of importance is the question of the right of an occupying Power to exercise its jurisdiction in an occupied country over the citizens of that country.

My purpose in this paper is to analyse both these items with concrete reference to the position existing during the present war between the Italian authorities and the Yugoslavs, both of Yugoslav and Italian citizenship.

Since the question of citizenship is a more complicated one, which will, therefore, require more extensive consideration, the question of jurisdiction will be dealt with in the first place.

II.

Right to Exercise Jurisdiction in Occupied Territory

1. There was a very important point in concreto which was overlooked



when the following views were expressed in Doc. I/25, page 2, 6: "The exercise of jurisdiction by courts of the occupying Power over the inhabitants of the occupied territory does not itself constitute "usurpation of sovereignty", - and that (under d): "The trial and sentencing of Yugoslav citizens from Dalmatia because they had worked for their liberation is not necessarily a war crime on the part of the judges".

It was never said in the charge No: 1323 that the exercise of jurisdiction by the Italian courts over the Yugoslav citizens was "itself an usurpation of sovereignty. This was said in concreto for the Tribunale Speciale per la Difesa dello Stato in Rome.

According to Article 43 of the Hague Regulations, 1907, an occupying Power is entitled to "restore and ensure, as far as possible, public order and safety" in the occupied country, but it is at the same time bound to "respect, unless absolutely prevented, the laws in force in the country". According to Article 42, "the occupation extends only to the territory where such authority has been established and is in a position to assert itself." Thus, an occupying Power is entitled to exercise its own jurisdiction only in so far as this is absolutely necessary in order to maintain public order and safety in the occupied territory. This, for instance, entitles the occupying Power to have its military tribunals operating for offences committed by non-belligerent individuals against members of the occupying forces and other authorities. But, -and here is the main point, - this is a restrictive rule, the spirit of which has been clearly defined in Article 43, and which can never authorise an occupying Power to extend its jurisdiction beyond the limits imposed by the purpose of occupation.

This being so, the trial of Yugoslav citizens by the Tribunale Speciale in Rome represents a conspicuous instance of usurpation of sovereignty in violation of Article 43. Namely, the Tribunale Speciale in Rome is a court which was set up for the protection of the Fascist Regime in Italy, against Italian anti-fascists, and this in peace time. It was an instrument of Italian home policy, of internal Italian political affairs, which, both with regard to its constitution and its jurisdiction, had nothing to do with the occupation of another country in war-time, and which could never, therefore, be extended beyond the borders of Italy, and never be applied to inhabitants and citizens of a country temporarily occupied by the Italian forces.

In other words, the Tribunale Speciale in Rome was not one of the courts that could have been put into operation according to Article 43.

For this reason, the very fact that this court exercised its jurisdiction over Yugoslav subjects under Italian occupation represents in se a violation of the existing Treaties. A violation which in International Law we are accustomed to classify as acts of "usurpation of sovereignty."

The relevant legal consequence of such a situation is that sentences passed by this court on Yugoslav subjects under Italian occupation were illegal, and that, as a further consequence, they represented crimes perpetrated through the channel of this particular judicial instrument of political oppression and persecution.

So, all death sentences passed on Yugoslav citizens by this court are tantamount to murders, the court lacking any legal authority to



pass such sentences. All sentences of life imprisonment or shorter terms are likewise tantamount to illegal internment and deportation, for the same reason.

In this lies the true legal significance of the exercise of jurisdiction by the Tribunale Speciale in Rome over Yugoslav subjects, and it is an issue that emerges not only from contemporary International Law, but also from the International Law of the last century. Therefore, all remarks made in Doc. I/25 as to the possible validity of the sentences pronounced by the Tribunale Speciale in Rome on Yugoslav citizens, are irrelevant.

As a final point of importance, it should be pointed out that, the task of the Tribunale Speciale in Rome being focussed on the protection of the Italian Fascist Regime as such, it represented even in Italy, in regard to Italian-born subjects, an arbitrary instrument of unlimited power to crush any semblance of non-compliance with the Fascist Regime. It is, therefore, quite easy to realise what guarantee it could give when applied to subjects of an occupied country, and more particularly to subjects of territories which the Italian Fascist Regime occupied with the undisguised intention of annexing and forcibly incorporating it into Italian land proper.

In view of the above described position, the following sentences passed by the Tribunale Speciale in Rome, as described in the charge No: 1323, can already at this stage of my analysis be considered as war crimes:

1. The sentences mentioned on page 4 under 1 and 2, insofar as they were passed on Yugoslav of Yugoslav citizenship.
2. The sentence passed on Leopold Lado CERMELJ, born in Trieste in 1889, but a Yugoslav citizen since 1920, i.e. the time of the incorporation of Trieste, Istria and Gorizia into Italy; and that passed on Josef ZIDARIC, born in Trieste in 1919, but a Yugoslav citizen since after that time (page 4, under I).
3. The sentence passed on Bruno GACINA, a Yugoslav citizen since 1918, who always lived in Yugoslavia, for reconnaissance work while on military duty the day before the Italian attack against Yugoslavia, i.e. before the state of war between Italy and Yugoslavia existed, both de facto and de jure (page 4, under II).
4. The sentence passed on Franc PRINOZIC, a Yugoslav citizen since 1918, who had always lived in Yugoslavia, because he performed his military duty 1933-1935, whilst on military service, as a Gendarme on the Italo-Yugoslav border (page 4, under V).
5. The sentence passed on Eugen MATCOVIC and Venceslav BAN, Yugoslav citizens from the beginning, because they approached the U.S. Consul General in Zagreb with a view to obtaining protection for four ships belonging to MATCOVIC (pages 4-5, under VI).
6. The sentences passed on Josip ZNIDARSIC and Ivo STERGAR, both Yugoslav citizens from the beginning, for having given military information about the Italian Army before the war, in 1938 and later - (page 5, under IX).
7. The sentences described on pages 5 and 6 under XI and XII,

passed on Yugoslav citizens interned or imprisoned by the Italians during the war, for having "formed a revolutionary organization" in the internment camp (XI), or for having expressed anti-fascist views before the war (XII).

### III.

#### Italian Citizenship of Yugoslavs as an Alleged Legal Basis for Exculpating Individuals Guilty of War Crimes

This appears to be the chief objection raised in regard to the charges No: 1323 and No: 1339:

(a) As to the charge No: 1323, the objection is formulated as follows in Doc. I/25 (page 1, II)

"No exemption of Italian citizens of Yugoslav race from Italian jurisdiction can be claimed for the time when the disputed territory undoubtedly formed part of Italy, both under International Law and according to the municipal legal orders of Yugoslavia and Italy."

This means that Yugoslavs of Italian citizenship could lawfully be tried and sentenced by the Tribunale Speciale in Rome because they were Italian subjects, and that members of this court are, accordingly, completely exculpated on account of such a legal position.

(b) As to the charge No: 1339, the beating and torture of Yugoslavs of Italian citizenship in the prison prior to their trial by the Tribunale Speciale appear, likewise, not to represent war crimes, because the victims were Italian, and not Yugoslav subjects.

So, the sole fact that the Yugoslavs in question happened to hold Italian citizenship seems to prevent Committee I from recognizing that crimes committed against them in exactly the same circumstances and in the same way as those perpetrated against Yugoslavs of Yugoslav citizenship are war crimes which entail punishment.

This is a far-reaching conclusion that deserves a very careful analysis, with regard to its consequences, - and these are manifold:

1. First of all, to decide upon the legal nature of an offence solely according to the citizenship of the victims means operating on a purely formalistic basis, which is not only typical of the schools of thought of the past, but is in contradiction to the most recent developments in International Law. In our particular case, this formalism is displayed in that a legal status, which was created over a quarter of a century ago (1918-1919), is taken for granted and is automatically considered as being still valid nowadays, without any consideration of the changes that have occurred since that time.

In other words, this means isolating a legal phenomenon from its surroundings, i.e. from the complex of facts which preceded it and rendered possible its appearance in the world of Law, and after having done so, applying it mechanically to any particular situation in the world of realities, regardless of the time and of new facts and circumstances.



One of the consequences of such a way of legal thinking is that if it were justified at all as a general principle, we would have never witnessed the sweeping developments which took place during this war in International Law. Moreover, we ourselves, of the United Nations War Crimes Commission, would never have been in a position to contribute to these developments.

I refer here to the Agreement for the Prosecution and Punishment of the Major War Criminals, with the Charter embodied in it. According to the Agreement and the Charter many deeds accomplished long before the war (1933 onwards), and which up to the present were not considered as criminal acts, have definitely been recognised as crimes in International Law.

Such a recognition, related to acts performed between the two wars and during this war, was dictated by the changes which occurred during that period of time, changes so profound and significant that they literally revolutionised the legal concepts existing hitherto. Thus:

(a) The aggressive war prepared by the European Axis from 1933 onwards and launched in 1939 was in 1945 classified as a crime against peace, - a legal concept in respect of which, only a year ago, Committee III said it could not be accepted lege lata (Doc. III/9, 15 Sept. 44, I).

(b) Heads of State were taken as penally responsible for the preparation and launching of aggressive war;

(c) No automatic exculpation was recognised in respect of offences committed upon superior orders.

(d) The concept of criminal organisation was introduced as being liable to be applied to official State bodies bearing all the external requisites of legality.

(e) And, finally, - for the purpose of this report, the most important issue is that "murder, extermination, enslavement, deportation, and other inhuman acts committed against any civilian population, before or during the war; or persecutions on political, racial or religious grounds....whether or not in violation of the domestic law of the country where perpetrated" were also recognised as being crimes in International Law. They were classified as "crimes against humanity". Further considerations on this issue will be given later on.

It is quite evident that all these legal issues could never have been arrived at, had we abided by, and were we to abide by the sacrosanct principles of pre-1939 International Law, considering them automatically valid for the state of affairs of our present days.

However, this is the very thing that is being done when the citizenship of a class of victims of war crimes is raised as a legal obstacle for dealing with these crimes. This again a reference to the lex lata of the past, as if International Law had the magic property of being an immutable quality per se, emanating from a transcendental power once and for all.

2. Therefore, to put forward such an argument as this does not yet mean at all that it is really still valid. The answer to this question depends entirely on whether the present existing circumstances permit us

to persist in using the argument, or whether they lead us to revise it or possibly even to abandon it.

3. Reference was made above, para. 1 (c), to the recent recognition that in International Law there are "crimes against humanity".

This recognition (Charter of International Military Tribunal, Article 6, (c)) was made to cover a series of criminal acts regardless of the citizenship of the victims, including crimes committed by the Government and authorities of the European Axis against their own citizens, both before, and during this war. Moreover, as a point of direct concern in connection with both charges No: 1323 and 1339, this was recognised expressly regardless of "whether or not" such crimes were committed "in violation of the domestic law of the country where perpetrated." So, the fact that a "crime" was committed in compliance with and in pursuance of the domestic law of the European Axis, is also definitely irrelevant having regard to the criminal nature of the acts committed.

In Doc. I/25, page 5, VI, it was to a certain extent visualised that many of the crimes described in the Charge No: 1323 fall within this category, but with the wrong opinion that they should be referred to the Allied Control Commission for Italy and, therefore not dealt with by the Commission.

This opinion is wrong for the following reasons:

The crimes provided for in Article 6 of the Charter are of **three** kinds: crimes against peace, war crimes, and crimes against humanity. But from this enumeration it does not follow that the work of the United Nations War Crimes Commission is confined solely to the second of the three categories, nor that the perpetrators of the "crimes against humanity" have to be tried only by the International Tribunal.

We are particularly concerned here with the category of "crimes against humanity", because it has very close connections with that of war crimes proper. Sometimes, as we shall now see, it merges entirely with war crimes in the narrower sense.

As far as "crimes against humanity" were perpetrated by the Axis Government against their own subjects ("civilian population" as it is defined in Article 6 (c)), they represent within the borders of the Axis countries the same kind of crimes which they perpetrated outside their borders, against the civilian population and subjects of the countries occupied by their armed forces. Here the "crimes against humanity" are exact counterparts of "war crimes", with the sole difference that instead of having been committed against alien citizens in an occupied country, they were perpetrated against the citizens of these very Axis countries.

On the other hand, as far as "crimes against humanity" were perpetrated against citizens of an occupied country, they represent not only a separate class of crimes to be dealt with in addition to the class of war crimes, but they then represent an extension of the very concept of war crimes. In other words, they are then nothing more nor less than war crimes.

Such a close connection between the groups of crimes classified separately in Article 6 is indicated in para. (c), where reference is made to the "persecutions on political, racial or religious grounds". Whereas "crimes against humanity" - such as "murder, extermination, enslavement, deportation and other inhuman acts committed against any civilian population, before or during the war have their separate counterparts in the category of "war crimes" (Article 6, para. c), this is not the case with the above mentioned persecutions. These are crimes which fall only into the category of "crimes against humanity", but as such they are offences which have been perpetrated both in the Axis and the



occupied countries. That is why Article 6 (c) refers to them as offences which were perpetrated "in execution of or in connection with any crime" falling within the category of either "crimes against peace" or war crimes" or even the other kind of "crimes against humanity" mentioned in the first part of para. (c).

It thus appears that at least some "crimes against humanity" merge with "war crimes", and that then no distinction can be drawn between them.

This indicates sufficiently clearly that the classification of crimes in Article 6 of the Charter, particularly the separate classification of "war crimes and crimes against humanity" should not and cannot be taken rigidly, as if these were quite distinct classes of international crimes.

It is on account of such a close relationship between all these categories of crimes that the major war criminals are regarded as being guilty not only of "war crimes", but also of the other two categories. And it is for the same reason that a Tribunal set up for the punishment of major war criminals is competent to try them for all the three classes of crimes.

If we, now, look at the question of jurisdiction, the following are the issues deriving from the provisions of the Agreement and of the Charter.

Crimes against peace, being the exclusive responsibility of the major war criminals, it is obvious that, as to this category of crimes, they can and will be tried only by the International Military Tribunal.

But this is not the case where "war crimes" and "crimes against humanity" are concerned. As to these two categories, there are also two categories of criminals: the master organisers and instigators, i.e. the major war criminals, and the perpetrators, i.e. the lesser or ordinary war criminals. It is obvious that not only perpetrators of "war crimes" but also perpetrators of "crimes against humanity" must be tried for their misdeeds. Since they do not fall within the category of major war criminals, they cannot and will not be tried by the International Tribunal. They will have to be tried according to the principles laid down in Articles 4 and 6 of the Agreement, which cover all the crimes provided for in Article 6 of the Charter insofar as they were perpetrated by criminals other than those defined as "major war criminals." This means that they have to be tried by the national courts of the countries affected.

Now, whether "crimes against humanity" perpetrated by the Italians against Yugoslavs of Italian citizenship, will eventually be tried by Yugoslav or Italian courts or by some sort of mixed courts, has nothing to do with the right of the Yugoslav Government or any Government to bring such cases before the War Crimes Commission for examination and registration. The only relevant point is whether these cases fall within the competence of the War Crimes Commission. The answer leaves us in no doubt: the War Crimes Commission dealt with all the three categories of crimes long before they were formulated and classified as they are in Article 6 of the Charter. It registered or prepared evidence regarding the criminal plans of the major criminals; the persecution and extermination of Jews in the Axis countries; the crimes perpetrated by nationals of one Axis country against the nationals of other Axis countries, such as crimes committed by Germans against Italians; and the like. Thus, the War Crimes Commission is undoubtedly the competent body to examine and register any case related to any of the crimes which were re-classified in Article 6 of the Charter, and there is no other body that could possibly be substituted for it.

Therefore, the Yugoslav charges No: 1323 and 1339 or any other similar charge should be dealt with by the Commission in precisely the same way as other charges. That is to say, the criminals should be listed on prima facie evidence, and this would be done without prejudice to the question of jurisdiction and trial, exactly as is being done in regard to charges related to major war criminals, or to criminals wanted by two or more countries, or eventually to criminals who will be tried by Allied courts in enemy territory.

The question of jurisdiction does not interfere at all with the competence of the War Crimes Commission.

4. As a matter of particular legal interest, I wish to point out that, even if the recently signed Agreement and Charter had not made quite clear that the citizenship of the victims of war crimes is not a relevant legal question, the War Crimes Commission would have been entitled to create a precedent of this sort on its own.

It could have done so on the basis of the new facts and circumstances which I have mentioned previously as determining alterations of International Law.

What are these new facts in our particular case, i.e. in the case of Yugoslavs of Italian citizenship being persecuted by the Italian authorities?

In Doc. I/25, it is stated: "It is well known that as a matter of law, Italy had even no obligation towards her minorities analogous to those accepted by other States in 1919/20". But it is also well known that at that time Italy undertook no such obligations on the grounds that she was "a civilised country", which, for this particular reason, had not to bind itself in respect of minorities. This was the matter of fact that lay behind the matter of law, so that this "matter of law" is to be recognised only so long as the "matter of fact" which justifies it is still in existence.

It is not my purpose here to argue over the persecution of the Yugoslavs under Italian rule between the two wars, for this is also "a well known" fact. What matters here is the persecution of these Yugoslavs during the present war, the facts described in the charges No: 1323 and 1339 being related to that period of time.

Here are the facts in brief:

When Italy attacked Yugoslavia in April 1941, the Italian Government openly abolished any distinction between Yugoslavs under her pre-war rule and Yugoslavs in the newly occupied territories. They, de facto, applied the same treatment to all of them. For the Yugoslavs of pre-war Italy this meant an increase in terror, and for those from Yugoslavia proper it meant the introduction of systematic terrorism.

The reasons for such an action were very simple:

Italy launched an aggressive war against Yugoslavia because her Government wanted to annex a very large proportion of Yugoslav territory. This was an avowed policy, conducted openly long before the war; the assassination of King Alexander in 1934; the active assistance given by the Italian Government to Croat irredentists known as "Ustashi" and led by the quisling Pavelic before and after 1934; and the Italian claims for Dalmatia are well-known facts.



The avowed means of attaining such an aim consisted of literally annihilating the "Slav" population in the coveted territories, either through biological extermination or by forcible "Italianisation" (denationalisation), in both cases by means of systematic terrorism and persecution.

In this connection the Italian Government had all the more reason for wanting to get rid, once and for all, of the "Slavs" from Italy, and to prevent Yugoslavs from both territories, whom they united by their occupation, from uniting on their own initiative as a fighting nation against the Italian invaders and oppressors. Having invaded Yugoslavia, they felt that they were definitely relieved of any fear of Yugoslav interference, and then openly and ruthlessly started persecuting the Yugoslavs under their pre-war rule.

So, the Italian Government treated all the Yugoslavs from both territories on an exactly identical basis, i.e. as a compact national community which stood in the way of their imperialistic aims. And in doing so - and this is the first important point, - they not only overstepped the measures which they could have been entitled to introduce in accordance with the Treaties, but unleashed a reign of terror which can be compared only with that which has been conducted by the Nazis.

From this fact emerge further relevant developments.

In imposing the criminal treatment on Yugoslavs from both sides, the Italian Government recognised in fact that they either never had or at least no longer considered and treated Yugoslavs in Italy as their subjects. They themselves rejected this "legal form" by acting in contradiction to it. It is out of the unilateral rejection, deliberately accomplished by the Italian Government, that emerges the chief feature relevant from the legal point of view.

By treating Yugoslavs from Italy as if they were Yugoslav citizens, and this in concreto meant as enemies of Italy, the Italian Government assimilated them in every respect to Yugoslavs from Yugoslavia proper and thus abolished de facto the last legal link existing between them and those Yugoslavs. In other words, they de facto deprived them of their citizenship and of the rights attached to it, and - again de facto - attributed to them Yugoslav citizenship.

It is only thus that one can understand that there was no mercy for the "Slavs" in Italy: they were always considered as aliens, in spite of their Italian citizenship, and for a comparatively long time before the war and during the war, they were openly treated as nothing else but enemies.

This is a fact that cannot be ignored, because it entirely reverses the position which, all through Doc. I/25, it is assumed still existed before and during this war, as it was supposed to have existed in 1918-1919. If we had to ignore it in spite of the facts, this would result in a ridiculous position, similar to that of the stubborn theoretician who, seeing his theory negated by facts, replied: "Tant pis pour les faits".

We are thus confronted with a determined de facto status which has in an appropriate way to be treated de jure.

The answer de jure is very simple and already determined by the general principles discussed above, with regard to Article 6 (c) of the Charter.

When a European Axis Government and their officials treat a whole racial (national) community as outlaws and persecute them on the sole basis that they belong to a non-Italian race, whose motherland happens to be a neighbouring state at war with that Axis Government, - there is no doubt that there can be no exculpation in respect of crimes committed against that community on the sole grounds that the victims were "citizens" of the persecuting State.

To raise and insist upon such an argument would mean nothing less than giving hypocritical legal cover to a series of despicable crimes.

That is why, the War Crimes Commission, confronted with the facts described in the foregoing paragraphs, could and should have, even without reference to the recently signed Agreement, created the precedent required in view of the above facts, exactly as it has done in respect of many most important principles which were subsequently adopted in the Agreement of August 8, 1945.

6. Connected with these last remarks is a final important point, particularly in respect of the charge No: 1323. This point is related to the following views expressed in Doc. I/25, page 1, II:

"Even if it be admitted (and as a matter of fact there can be no reasonable doubt about it) that the sentence imposed by the Court on the Italian citizens of Yugoslav race...were unjust, illegal and even criminal, International Law does not recognise the right of a racial minority to rise against the State under whose jurisdiction it fell under the 1919 Peace Treaties."

The opinion that "International Law does not recognise the right of a racial minority to rise against the State under whose jurisdiction it came under the 1919 Peace Treaties", in spite of the admitted illegality and criminality on the part of the State, is as formalistic and as strong as the opinion expressed as to the legal effect of "citizenship".

In times when all the leading Allied Powers have fostered and given direct help to any individual or group of individuals in the territories belonging to or occupied by the Axis in conducting active operations against the foes of the Allies, and when Allied liaison officers were sent to assist Yugoslavs from Istria and Trieste to rise against Italy and material supplies were given to them by the armed forces of those Allied countries, - is it not obsolete to talk about "the right to rise" in the name of International Law?

Here again, reference should be made to the facts that precede Law and determine its principles.

It is true that many Yugoslavs from Italy organised guerilla detachments and later joined the ranks of the regular Yugoslav Army of National Liberation. But it is also true that:

(a) these very Yugoslavs belonged to units which were an integral part of the Allied forces fighting against Italy, officially recognised as such and officially carrying out operations combined with those conducted by the Allied Supreme Command.

(b) these very Yugoslavs were literally driven by the Italian authorities themselves to react in self-defence against the terror to which they were subjected.



In such circumstances, is it still possible to deny to members of this racial community and of these armed forces the right of all the Allies affected by war crimes to call for just retribution through the appropriate Allied body, on the sole grounds that they were "Italian citizens"? Is it possible to treat them as Italian subjects any longer, after they have been de facto deprived of their citizenship? And is it still possible to consider that an instrument of political and racial persecution, such as the Tribunale Speciale in Rome, was entitled to condemn these people criminally merely because they were of Yugoslav race, as was implied in the above quoted paragraph of Doc. 1/25?

I submit these questions to the Commission.

#### IV.

##### Conclusions

7. (a) As a matter of principle, I am of the opinion that in estimating the relevant legal position in respect of the two charges, the Commission should refer to and base its conclusions upon the legal status de facto created by the Italian authorities before and during this war, and not upon the formal status de jure which was created in 1919.

(b) It should, further, apply the issues provided for in Article 6 (c) of the Charter of the International Military Tribunal.

(c) According to both these legal bases the Commission should recognise that offences committed against the Yugoslavs of Italian citizenship on political or racial grounds are crimes coming within the provisions of Article 6 (c) of the above Charter, regardless of the Italian citizenship of the Yugoslavs concerned, and regardless of whether these crimes were committed through the judicial machinery or otherwise.

It should also recognise that, according to the said Article 6 (c), the fact that the Italian authorities and courts might have committed these crimes in compliance with the Italian domestic law is irrelevant.

(d) It should recognise as a further relevant point that acts committed by Yugoslavs of Italian citizenship in self-defence against the persecution and terror carried out against them on political or racial grounds, such as their joining the ranks of the Yugoslav Army, does not justify the Italian authorities in their application of further persecution and terror on the sole basis that these Yugoslavs escaped persecution by taking refuge in the ranks of the Yugoslav Army. Having de facto outlawed the whole Yugoslav community, and exposed its members to terror, the Italians cannot, at the same time, claim the right to punish them for having taken steps in order to escape the consequences of such an outlawry and terror.

8. With regard to the aforesaid, the Commission should:

(a) Inscribe on List A all the individuals accused in the charge No: 1339 for having beaten and tortured in the prison the Yugoslavs concerned, prior to their trial by the Tribunale Speciale per la Difesa dello Stato.

(b) Inscribe on List A all the accused named in the charge No: 1323 on account of the crimes discussed in this document, I. and enumerated on page 3 from 1 to 7, - as well as an account of the other crimes described in the charge No: 1323, ~~subsequently supplanted by new details in the Addendum presented to the Commission.~~

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(c) All the criminals, who have committed offences against Yugoslav citizens, should be entered on List A as being guilty of war crimes, and those who have committed offences against Yugoslavs of Italian citizenship should be entered on List A as being guilty of crimes against humanity, namely, persecution on political or racial grounds.

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I/31.  
6th September 1945.

UNITED NATIONS WAR CRIMES COMMISSION.

COMMITTEE I.

Report by Mr. E. Schwelb on documents submitted by the Jewish Agency for Palestine, concerning 576 German instigators and perpetrators of Crimes against Jews.

- I. The Jewish Agency for Palestine has prepared for the use of the United Nations War Crimes Commission, and presented to the Commission, documents concerning 576 German instigators and perpetrators of crimes against Jews. According to the covering letter, the material was prepared over a number of years and is based on a thorough interrogation of Jewish refugees arriving in Palestine from Europe, during the war. It is stated in the covering letter that some of the personnel responsible for the interrogation of the refugees and the compilation of the documents, who have special qualifications in this field, would be pleased to place themselves at the disposal of the War Crimes Commission and would be ready to come to London or to be sent to Europe, if required.
- II. The material submitted by the Jewish Agency for Palestine consists of one box containing "Reference Material", which contains the following reports:
- K/1. The Extermination of the Jews of Krakow.
  - K/2. The Extermination of the Jews of Bochnia,
  - K/3. The Extermination of the Jews of Tarnow,
  - K/4. Forced Labour Camp for Jews at Trzebnia,
  - K/5. The Extermination of the Jews of Debica and sub-district,
  - K/6. The Extermination of the Jews at Sanok,
  - K/7. The Extermination of the Jews in ~~Rabka~~,  
The Extermination of the Jews in Lwow.
  - L/1/a. The Forced Labour Camp in Lwow, Jarlowska St. 134.
  - L/1/b. Extermination of Jews working for the Lwow Branch of the "Todt Organisation" in Persenkovka Camp.
  - L/2. The Extermination of the Jews of Drohobycz Town and District.
  - L/3. The Extermination of the Jews in Stryj and vicinity.
  - L/6. The Extermination of the Jews in Czortkow and sub-district.
  - L/7. The Extermination of the Jews in Kolomea,
  - L/7/a. The Extermination of the Jews in the sub-district of Kolomea (Kossow and vicinity).
  - L/7/b. The Extermination of the Jews in the sub-district of Kolomea (Kuty)
  - L/7/c. The Extermination of the Jews in Horodenka and vicinity.
  - L/7/d. The Extermination of the Jews in Sniatyn.
  - R/1. The Extermination of the Jews in Radom Town and district.
  - S/1. The Extermination of the Jews in Sosnowiec, Bendzin and vicinity.
- III. In addition to the general reference material, the Jewish Agency for Palestine have submitted four boxes containing 576 individual files, each devoted to one criminal, containing his personal particulars, his general description and a statement of his criminal activities always with cross reference to the "Reference Material" described in the preceding paragraph.
- IV. An alphabetical list of criminals containing references to the general and special files has also been placed at the disposal of the Commission.
- V. This writer has, naturally, not had time yet to examine in detail all the 576 charges, but even a superficial perusal of the material shows that it has been collected and arranged very conscientiously and adequately.

VI. As to the further proceedings of Committee I and the United Nations War Crimes Commission, the following possibilities appear to exist:

(a) The crimes were all committed on territory which forms part of the Polish Republic in its pre-war frontiers. Under the arrangements made since 1940, part of the territory now belongs to Poland and part to the U.S.S.R.

(b) All the victims who have been killed, appear to have been predominantly Polish nationals. Survivors are predominantly either Polish nationals or citizens of the U.S.S.R.

(c) In view of what has been said under (a) and (b) it would be in accordance with the usual procedure of Committee I to invite the Polish National Office to present to the Commission charges based on the material of the Jewish Agency as far as it concerns crimes committed on territory forming part of present-day Poland, and crimes committed against Polish Nationals.

(d) As far as crimes committed on Soviet territory are concerned, only a Commission charge can be produced.

(e) In view of the fact, however, that all the 576 charges form one whole and that all the files are connected with each other and with the "Reference Material", through references and cross references, it is worth considering whether some particular procedure should not be decided upon by Committee I and agreed upon with the Polish National Office, e.g. the production of a Commission charge endorsed as to those accused, whom the Polish National Office should designate, by the Polish National Office.

It goes without saying that part of the persons indicted by the Jewish Agency for Palestine are already on the Commission's lists, mainly on charges submitted by the National Office of the Polish Government in London.

(f) Whatever view Committee I will take in dealing with this case, some deviation from the usual procedure with regard to questions of manipulation will be necessary for it would place too great a burden on the Commission Office to copy the 576 files and all the references in the usual way.

(g) Probably the appointment of a sub-committee of Committee I to examine the 576 charges in detail would recommend itself.



I/32.  
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UNITED NATIONS WAR CRIMES COMMISSION.

Analysis of the French Charge No. 1445 (Gestapo of Vichy.)

By E. Schwelb.

I. In the note prepared for the meeting of Committee I of the 12th September 1945, I have outlined my suggestions for dealing with this case. The suggestions were, in effect, that all the persons mentioned in the French charge should be put on 'A' with the exception of about 12 persons, mostly women, who were employed as translators and typists only. As to them, I suggested that they be listed either on 'S' or on 'W'.

II. The fact that the consideration of the case was adjourned for one week makes it technically possible to apply the general principle outlined in my note in more detail.

I, therefore, enclose a list of the persons charged by the French National Office in their list of accused persons consisting of 16 pages. In the enclosed list, the names are arranged in alphabetical order. Against each name it is stated in the first column on which of the 16 pages comprising the French list his particulars are to be found. In the second column there is reference to the paragraph or paragraphs of the "Particulars of alleged crime" contained in the French charge, which deal with the particular accused. In the same column the fact that a person was only active as an interpreter or typist is shown.

<u>NAME:</u>		<u>MENTIONED IN FRENCH LIST ON PAGE:</u>	<u>CRIME DESCRIBED IN "PARTICULARS OF ALLEGED CRIME" &amp; PARAGRAPH NO:</u>
1.	Adrian	8	
2.	Andres,	13	
3.	Baur	15	
✓ 4.	Beitlich or Weitlich	11	G.Z.A. Dactylo
✓ 5.	Bier	6	Interpreter
6.	Bischof	13	
7.	Blumelberg, Boemelberg, or Beumelburg.	1	General Introduction & Para. 15.
✓ 8.	Bork	2	Typist.
9.	Braun	1	
10.	Buhler	6	Being dealt with in Para. 10.
11.	Detering	12	Being dealt with in Para. 7.
✓ 12.	Duffner	16	No particulars regarding crime or position.
13.	Essinger	5	Paragraphs 15 and 16.
14.	Filips	15	
15.	Fischer or Fischerk	5	Paragraph 13.
16.	Fuhrmann	9	Being dealt with in Para. 15.
17.	Gallinger	1	Paragraphs 3 and 15.
18.	Gilberg	16	
p	Gulich or Gullich	10	Mentioned in Paragraph 16.
20.	Hager	9	
21.	Halla	13	
22.	Hector	15	Paragraph 10
23.	Hennig	2	
24.	Henselek	3	Paragraph 16.
✓ 25.	Hesedenz	7	Typist.
26.	Hinrichs	12	Paragraph 7.
27.	Hockenmaier	13	
28.	Hornke	10	Paragraph 16.
29.	Thrig	6	
✓ 30.	Jelensperger	4	Interpreter
31.	Jenisch	15	



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33. Kahlich or Kahorsch	13	Mentioned in Paragraph 16.
34. Kelker,	11	Mentioned in Paragraph 15.
35. Kienast	1	Paragraph 2.
36. Kilser	15	
37. Korten	4	
38. Krabbe	7	Mentioned in Paragraph 3.
39. Kramer	15	
40. Kroncke or Kromke	5	Paragraphs 1,8,15 and 16.
41. Kupetz	8	
42. Lambacher	9	Paragraphs 4 and 8.
43. Langenbach, alias Altmann	11	
44. Laslo	14	Paragraph 16.
45. Laubender	15	
✓ 46. Makosch	7	Office Clerk.
47. Marksteiner	15	
48. Marin	10	
49. Marnitz	12	Paragraph 15.
✓ 50. Mauss	11	Interpreter.
51. Meissner	16	
52. Menlau	10	
53. Metzger	15	Paragraph 16.
54. Michael	3	Paragraph 16.
✓ 55. Michaelis.	2	Interpreter.
56. Moller or Muller	10	
57. Netscher	3	Paragraph 16.
58. Nicolai	6	Paragraph 10
59. Nord	3	
✓ 60. Numer (Probably Nummer)	14	Office Clerk.
61. Osfolk	15	
62. Ottmann or Ottomann	11	Mentioned in Paragraphs 8 and 9
✓ 63. Perathoner	9	Interpreter.
64. Radatt	4	
65. Rasong	15	

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66.	Reiter	15	
✓ 67.	Riemann	16	No particulars with regard to crime or position
68.	Rostalski	8	Paragraph 13.
69.	Ruhlender	3	
70.	Sabliar	15	
71.	Schiebinger	15	
72.	Schimang or Schiewang	9	Paragraphs 2, 8 and 15.
73.	Schlimmer	14	Paragraphs 3 and 15.
74.	Schlinder or Schlindler or Schindler	14	Mentioned in Paragraph 16.
75.	Schlott	13	
76.	Schmid	6	
77.	Schultz	8	Paragraphs 15 and 16.
78.	Schulz	11	
79.	Schutz	4	
80.	Schwarz	15	
✓ 81.	Seefeld	13	Lady telegraphist.
82.	Spenbath or Spenrath	8	Paragraph 11.
✓ 83.	Spindler	10	Lady typist.
✓ 84.	Stahr	16	No particulars regarding crimes or position.
85.	Stockmann	10	
86.	Tanzmann (Not on list.)		Mentioned in Paragraph 15.
87.	Tatge	14	
88.	Vissenmuller	4	
89.	Von Vokour	2	
90.	Wagner	1	Killed.
✓ 91.	Walter	7	Interpreter of French National- ity. Paragraphs 5 and 6.
92.	Wannermacher	16	Paragraphs 14 and 15.
93.	Wendt	12	
94.	Weser	5	Paragraphs 12, 15 and 16.
95.	Wess, Alias Rudd	14	
96.	Willenbrock or Willenbruck.	8	Paragraphs 8, 15 and 16.
97.	Wolff or Wolf	6	Paragraph 2.



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98. Wollstadt	13	
99. Zankl	2	
100. Zerwes	15	

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15th September 1945.

UNITED NATIONS WAR CRIMES COMMISSION.

Analysis of the French Charge No.1445 (Gestapo of Vichy.)

By E. Schwelb.

- I. In the note prepared for the meeting of Committee I of the 12th September 1945, I have outlined my suggestions for dealing with this case. The suggestions were, in effect, that all the persons mentioned in the French charge should be put on 'A' with the exception of about 12 persons, mostly women, who were employed as translators and typists only. As to them, I suggested that they be listed either on 'S' or on 'W'.
- II. The fact that the consideration of the case was adjourned for one week makes it technically possible to apply the general principle outlined in my note in more detail.

I, therefore, enclose a list of the persons charged by the French National Office in their list of accused persons consisting of 16 pages. In the enclosed list, the names are arranged in alphabetical order. Against each name it is stated in the first column on which of the 16 pages comprising the French list his particulars are to be found. In the second column there is reference to the paragraph or paragraphs of the "Particulars of alleged crime" contained in the French charge, which deal with the particular accused. In the same column the fact that a person was only active as an interpreter or typist is shown.



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1.	Adrian	8	
2.	Andres,	13	
3.	Baur	15	
✓ 4.	Beitlich or Weitlich	11	G.Z.A. Dactylo
✓ 5.	Bier	6	Interpreter
6.	Bischof	13	
7.	Blumelberg, Boemelberg, or Beumelburg.	1	General Introduction & Para. 15.
✓ 8.	Bork	2	Typist.
9.	Braun	1	
10.	Buhler	6	Being dealt with in Para. 10.
11.	Detering	12	Being dealt with in Para. 7.
✓ 12.	Duffner	16	No particulars regarding crime or position.
13.	Essinger	5	Paragraphs 15 and 16.
14.	Filips	15	
15.	Fischer or Fischerk	5	Paragraph 13.
16.	Fuhrmann	9	Being dealt with in Para. 15.
17.	Gallinger	1	Paragraphs 3 and 15.
18.	Gilberg	16	
p	Gulich or Gullich	10	Mentioned in Paragraph 16.
20.	Hager	9	
21.	Halla	13	
22.	Hector	15	Paragraph 10
23.	Hennig	2	
24.	Henselek	3	Paragraph 16.
✓ 25.	Hesedenz	7	Typist.
26.	Hinrichs	12	Paragraph 7.
27.	Hockenmaier	13	
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