

# Washington Digest

## Plan Just and Speedy Trials for Nazi Bigwigs

Allied Commission to Handle Cases of High Leaders; Local Officials to Prosecute Minor Offenders.

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The legal profession is about to meet the greatest challenge it has ever faced.

The Moscow declaration, published November 1, 1943, and signed by President Roosevelt, Prime Minister Churchill and Premier Stalin, declares that "those German officers and men and members of the Nazi party" who are responsible for or who have taken a consenting part in "atrocities, evidence of which has been received from authoritative quarters in many countries," will be "tried, judged and punished" according to the laws of those countries.

This same declaration also declares in its final paragraph that "major criminals whose offenses have no particular geographical localization" will be tried and dealt with by "joint decision of the Governments of the Allies."

That is where the United States and the challenge of its legal profession comes in.

The body which will try these "big shots" is an international military tribunal, to be designated by an official title, probably by the time these lines are printed, and it is before this court that a member of the Supreme court of the United States, Associate Justice Robert H. Jackson, chosen as American chief of counsel, will appear as prosecutor. He will act jointly, it is presumed, with the counsels of the United Kingdom and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

### Legal Body Without Precedent

Never in history has such a legal body been convened. Never has such a task as the one it has before it been of such potential significance to the social and political well-being of the peoples of the earth—never, at least, since the day of a certain Roman procurator of Judea in Palestine. Pontius Pilate was unable to face his responsibility, and finding "that he could prevail nothing, but rather that a tumult was made, he took water, and washed his hands."

The United States does not intend to wash its hands of the responsibility before it.

There seems to be a welter of confusion as to just what the function of this "military tribunal" is; as to just what, if any, policy has been established by the "Office of the Chief Counsel for the Prosecution of Axis Criminality," which is the title on the letterhead before me. The permanent address of this office is, at this writing, a little uncertain, but it can be reached care of the Pentagon in Washington. Soon it will establish foreign headquarters.

Despite the confusion, this institution has a definite policy and I shall interpret it informally hereunder:

(1) We shall avoid "the law's delay" which so annoyed Hamlet.

My reason for this assumption is the fact that Justice Jackson did not retire from the Supreme court. The fall term of the court begins in October. Already he has made one trip to Europe for the purpose of rounding up key witnesses and documents and is now beginning final preparation for the prosecution. His staff has been assembled for several weeks and he has coordinated the other government agencies interested in war crimes (war department, navy department, Office of Strategic Services, and others). Authority for this action is vested in Executive Order 9547 of May 2, 1945, which named Justice Jackson as American prosecutor.

Jackson himself said when he was appointed: "There will be no delay on the part of the United States, and we think undue delay is itself a failure."

(2) There is no confusion as to United States policy with respect to the type of offender to be tried. Many individual cases have already been prepared, though not yet announced. As I mentioned earlier, what the United States is concerned with is the big shots, that is Jackson's job—to try the men whose offenses are broader than those committed in and against members of any single community. To put it broadly, those charged with crimes against humanity as a whole.

This rules out the persons brought back to the scene of their crimes, the trials of spies and saboteurs which are coming up daily, offenses against American nationals or against Germans, or individual acts of persecution against Jews or others.

In other words, Jackson is after big game and he will not be content to fiddle with minor offenses even if committed by major criminals. His job will be to nail those leaders who are responsible for engineering the whole general criminality of the Nazi-Fascist program. The smaller fry will be taken care of by other legal authorities at the scene of the individual crimes or elsewhere.

### Jackson Versed As Prosecutor

Justice Jackson's reputation and his record are a pretty good guarantee that he will not be stumped by any hurdles that international lawyers might try to put in his way. But that does not mean he will "railroad" the accused. He will not let the trials sink below a dignified judicial level. They must be, he says, "trials in fact, not merely trials in name, to ratify a predetermined result." On the other hand, he does not believe that "every step must be taken in accordance with technical common law rules of proof." His record shows that he is a "direct actionist"—he can be expected to pull no punches.

I said this was the greatest challenge the legal profession had ever faced. I said that because upon the manner in which these trials are conducted will depend just how clearly Nazism will be revealed to the people of the world in its true light. These criminals must convict themselves and their philosophies put of their own mouths. They must not be allowed to stand before the world with their testimony and that of their accusers as a background, as martyrs to what Jackson himself calls "farcical judicial trials" which rationalize previously settled opinions. This would destroy the confidence of the people in the whole case for democracy, he believes. Nor must the case against them be presented in such a manner as might give even the skeptical a false suggestion that the enemies of democracy have a vestige of right on their side.

The small but efficient staff which Justice Jackson has selected is worth looking over.

There is Maj. Gen. William Donovan, colorful World War I hero and successful lawyer, now head of the OSS; Sydney Alderman, a distinguished trial lawyer and general solicitor of the Southern Railway; Francis Shea, assistant attorney general and well versed in complicated litigations; Naval Lt. James Donovan and Gordon Dean. Donovan is general counsel of the OSS. Dean, a former assistant attorney general under Jackson when he was head of the department of justice, is a brilliant and successful lawyer who is being transferred from active duty by the navy for the job.

There are no hand-washing Pontius Pilates among them.

The rise in income payments to individuals in the United States from an annual figure of \$66,168,000,000 in the prewar year of 1938 to a record high total of \$156,794,000,000 in 1944 was extended during the first quarter of 1945, according to the Alexander Hamilton Institute. Income payments during the first three months amounted to \$39,825,000,000 this year as against \$37,726,000,000 last year, an increase of 5.6 per cent. Income from every source showed expansion. Salaries and wages rose from \$27,357,000,000 to \$28,628,000,000, an increase of 4.6 per cent, while dividends and interest rose from \$2,454,000,000 to \$2,770,000,000, an increase of 12.9 per cent.

Although spending by consumers was at a record high rate during the first quarter, it is evident from preliminary information that consumers' income exceeded spending by an amount sufficient not only to meet taxes but to add to consumers' wartime savings, thus increasing the threat of inflation when peace returns.

### BARBS . . . by Baukhage

The government has sold the camp in New Jersey seized from the German-American Bund. It will be made into a boys' camp—not a concentration camp.

Some German business men recently asked the American military governor of one of their cities how to make out an application for a loan to rebuild the town.

Field Marshal Mannerheim, commander of the Finns in their wars with Russia, congratulated Stalin on his victory over Germany in 73 words. Stalin replied in 19.

The British Broadcasting company says it has proved during the war that telling the truth can be more effective than calculated lying. May-be Goebbels was wrong after all.

# HOUSEHOLD MEMOS... by Lynn Chambers

## Serve Garden Suppers, Picnics for Real Joy During Hot Weather



Jellied vegetable salad is garnished prettily with potato chips and cucumbers, topped with lemon and olives to make a tempting main dish for a summer supper.

Porch supper, box lunches, picnics and buffet parties are an inseparable part of summer.

There can be plenty of fun in the shade of the old apple or elm tree, and the family will enjoy getting closer to the great outdoors.

Sandwiches or early morning preparation will greatly simplify the work of meal preparation. Let salads and fruits rest in the cool of the refrigerator so they will be ready when time comes to eat. When chilled, they will be doubly good.

Here's an excellent meat loaf which may be served "as is" with mayonnaise or cucumber sour cream sauce or sliced for sandwiches. Make it easy for yourself by letting the family serve themselves.

Refrigerator Meat Loaf. (Serves 6)

- 2½ cups cold pork or veal
- ¼ cup sweet mustard pickle
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon pepper
- 4 tablespoons butter or substitute

Grind together meat and pickle. Add remaining ingredients, blending together carefully. Pack into a waxed paper lined pan and let stand overnight or several hours in refrigerator. Slice and garnish with greens, deviled eggs, sliced tomatoes, cheese and parsley.

Note: Two small cans of tuna fish may be used in place of the meat. Drain oil from fish, then flake and proceed according to recipe.

Hot Potato Salad With Frankfurters. (Serves 6)

- 6 to 8 medium-sized potatoes, unpeeled
- 6 slices bacon
- ½ cup onion, chopped
- 5 to 6 frankfurters, thinly sliced
- ½ cup vinegar
- 2 hard-cooked eggs, chopped
- 1½ to 2 teaspoons salt

Boil potatoes until tender. Dice and fry bacon until crisp. Remove bacon from skillet, then fry in fat the onions and sliced frankfurters. Peel cooked potatoes and dice. Add to frankfurter mixture, mixing well, then blend in also the vinegar, eggs and salt. Stir gently over low heat until all ingredients are heated through. Serve with lettuce.

A tray for fillings for "make your own sandwiches" is bound to go over big for a porch supper. Here are suggestions which you will enjoy using:

Mock Chicken Filling. (Enough for 12 sandwiches)

- 1 cup cooked veal or pork
- ½ cup finely shredded cooked carrot
- ½ cup finely chopped celery
- 2 tablespoons pickle relish
- 3 tablespoons mayonnaise
- Salt to taste

Combine and mix ingredients together thoroughly. Chill before serving.

### Lynn Says:

Supper Thoughts. When you are having cold cuts and a substantial salad as main interest for supper, have something hot in the way of a quick bread just out of the oven. Good suggestions include those that bake quickly: corn bread, whole wheat biscuits, prune muffins and orange marmalade rolls.

A freezer of homemade ice cream is a welcome treat at outdoor suppers. Try some flavored with fresh berries or apricots, and be sure to have the cookie jar handy.

Doll up your garden party supper salads with plenty of relishes such as olives, pickles, radian roses and carrot sticks. They make for nice nibbling.

Bring out the checked cloths and paper napkins, old-fashioned jugs for flowers, and picnic utensils for under-the-trees eating. They go with the atmosphere.

### Lynn Chambers' Point-Saving Menus

- \*Refrigerator Meat Loaf
- Wheat, Rye, White Bread
- Vegetable Salad Bowl
- Lemonade
- Almond Jam Bars
- \*Recipe Given

### Nippy Filling. (Enough for 9 sandwiches)

- 1 tablespoon horseradish
- 1 tablespoon cold water
- 2 cups finely ground wieners
- 1 cup grated American cheese
- 3 tablespoons finely chopped green pepper
- 1 teaspoon salt
- Dash of pepper
- Mayonnaise to moisten

Mix horseradish and let stand 10 minutes. Add remaining ingredients, blending well. Spread between bread or rolls.

### Tuna Snack. (Makes 8 to 12 sandwiches)

- 7 ounce can of tuna fish, flaked
- 1 hard-cooked egg, chopped
- ½ cup sandwich spread
- Tomato slices
- Crisp, cooked bacon

Flake fish and add sandwich spread and chopped egg. Serve spread on rolls with tomato and bacon slices.

Salads carry out the prettiness of a porch or garden supper. Make a molded one in the morning and if you have fruits, chill them well before tossing them together the last minute:

### Molded Cottage Cheese Salad. (Serves 6)

- 1 package lime-flavored gelatin
- 1 cup hot water
- 1 cup water or fruit juice
- ½ cup chopped celery
- ½ cup chopped, unpeeled apple
- 1 cup cottage cheese
- Thinned mayonnaise
- Salt and pepper

Dissolve gelatin in hot water. Add cold water or fruit juice. Chill until firm. Combine celery, apple and cottage cheese with mayonnaise and season. Serve on top of gelatin in lettuce cups.



Porch or garden supper calls for a hearty casserole of rice and sausages with fresh salads and fruity desserts to make the meal complete and balanced.

### Fruit Salad Platter. (Serves 10 to 12)

- 2 to 3 large bananas, cut lengthwise
- 1 red apple, cut in thin wedges
- 1 cup large, dark sweet cherries, seeded
- ½ pint fresh berries
- 4 to 6 slices fresh or canned pineapple

Sprinkle bananas and apple with lemon or pineapple juice to prevent turning dark. Line platter or salad bowl with salad greens. Arrange each of the fruits in separate groups, making a pleasing balance of color and shapes. Apple wedges, for example, may be used to separate grapefruit segments. Use honey french or plain french dressing.

### Vegetable French Bowl.

Any or all of these various vegetables may be combined in a tossed salad or platter: tomato wedges, cucumber slices, green pepper rings, cauliflower flowerets, onion rings or scallions, green beans or peas cooked, grated raw carrots or cooked, sliced carrots and cooked shredded beets. French dressing served plain or blended with crumbled blue cheese is an excellent accompaniment. Garnish simply with parsley and ripe olives.

### Cole Slaw With Cottage Cream Dressing. (Serves 6)

- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1½ tablespoons vinegar
- ¼ teaspoon dry mustard
- ½ cup milk
- ½ to 1 cup cottage cheese
- 3 cups shredded cabbage

Mix salt, vinegar and mustard. Stir slowly into milk. Add cottage cheese and pour over cabbage. Toss before serving.

Grated raw carrot, chopped green pepper or finely diced raw apple combine well with shredded cabbage to make other decorative and taste-pleasing salads. Cottage cream dressing goes well with these combinations and a variety of other fruit and vegetable salads.

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Unknown even to most artists, many of the world's famous oil paintings were long ago cut in two and sold as separate pictures, chiefly by greedy dealers, to collectors who had not seen the entire work, says Collier's.

One case came to light a short time ago when the two sections of The Finding of Moses by Tiepolo happened to be displayed side by side at an exhibition in London. Masterpieces of sculpture have likewise been separated, one of which is the Lemnian Athena whose head is at Bologna while her body is at Dresden.



### Upset Stomach

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### SNAPPY FACTS about RUBBER

Before the end of 1945, synthetic rubber production will probably be at the rate of a million tons a year. This record has been accomplished in three years, since the fall of Singapore.

Since Pearl Harbor, passenger cars have carried 75 per cent of the country's local essential transportation load and have been the means of carrying four out of five war workers to and from their jobs.

Insert small wads of cotton into the fingertips of your rubber gloves. This will prevent the fingernails from cutting through.

All-linen toweling lasts long, absorbs moisture and leaves little lint. Since present-day stocks are limited, don't hesitate to buy unbleached when bleached cannot be found. Linen and rayon mixture is best substitute for either since the rayon is processed to take up moisture.



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