

Tribunal Called Upon To Convict 600,000 Nazis As War Criminals

By WES GALLAGHER
 NUREMBERG, Dec. 17 (AP)—American prosecutors today called on the international military tribunal to convict as war criminals 600,000 members of Nazi leadership corps—described as "the brain, backbone and directing arm of the Nazi party."

Opening of a new phase of the war crimes trial of 21 top Hitlerite leaders, the prosecution charged that thousands of members of such once-powerful organizations as leadership corps, the elite guard (SS) the storm troops (SA), the reich cabinet, the gestapo and the German high command should also be declared guilty as war criminals. Jails of the allied powers, in occupied Germany are filled with thousands of such minor Nazis.

If the six indicted German organizations are convicted of being criminal groups, these members will automatically be guilty of war crimes to varying degrees, American prosecutors declared.

New Phase
 Col. Robert G. Storey, assistant U. S. prosecutor, opened the new phase of the trial by producing records showing that the Nazi leadership corps had approximately 600,000 active functionaries, ranging from Hitler's immediate aides to minor block leaders whose duty, the prosecutor charged, was "to spy on the population."

Col. Storey declared that the estimated figure of 600,000 for the membership of the Nazi leadership corps was a "limited few," asserting that numerous minor staff officers would bring the total to approximately 2,000,000.

However, conviction of the subordinate staff officers is not being sought by the prosecution, because "their participation in and responsibility for the conspiracy were measurably less extensive than those of staff officers and office holders on higher levels of the leadership corps."

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as the instigator of a calculated starvation plan that would have caused the deaths of "many tens of millions" of Russians.

"The document reveals a program of mass murder to stagger the imagination," one U. S. prosecutor told the four-power tribunal.

The plan, drafted by Goering's economic ministry in 1941, called for export to Germany of every ounce of food in the Ukraine and other areas. In the food-deficient north, the army was to seize all food for its own use.

Another defendant, Alfred Rosenberg, administrator of the conquered Ukraine, was quoted as saying in a speech in 1941 that "the job of feeding the German people falls in the east. . . . We see no reason for feeding the Russian people of that area."

Also introduced as evidence was a Rosenberg decree ordering his subordinates to disregard Hague convention rules for treatment of captured peoples because, he said, the rules "are not applicable to the Soviet Union."

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Gordon L. Clark, driver of the cab, was charged with failure to give a pedestrian the right of way, and was released on \$500 bail.

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