

Twenty Nazi Officers Found Guilty Of More Than A Million Murders

NUERNBERG, Germany, April 9 (AP)—Twenty officers of Hitler's SS (elite guard) were convicted of wholesale murder today in an American finding so biting the death penalty for many seemed inescapable. Sentences will be announced tomorrow morning.

A three-judge court found them guilty on all three counts of an indictment charging the killing of at least a million Jews, Gypsies and others classified by the Nazis as racial undesirables. Only two of the 22 men in the dock were found innocent in any degree.

The judgment was handed down by Presiding Judge Michael A. Mus-

manno of Pittsburgh. He summed up the counts as "pain murder." The conviction was the most all-embracing in the history of the Nuernberg war crimes trials.

Acquitted

One SS captain was acquitted of two counts—war crimes and crimes against humanity. He was convicted of the third—membership in a criminal organization, namely, the SS and the SD (a department that ran a spy system).

One corporal was found innocent of all three charges because he once quit the SS and got back into it only through the draft.

Convicted of all three counts were four SS generals, 12 colonels, three majors and one lieutenant.

They were commanding officers of the Einsatz commandos. There were units, none of more than 2000 men, established by Reinhard Heydrich, chief of the security service. They were sent into Russia behind the rampaging German armies to wipe out whole classes of people Hitler and Goebbels Chief Heinrich Himmler thought were better off dead.

Mainly they exterminated Jews. Their own records, introduced in court, showed at least a million slain. The prosecution held that maybe 2,000,000 died from their bullets or in their gas vans.

Among those convicted of all three counts were:

Maj. Gen. Otto Ohlendorf, who admitted his Einsatz group slew 90,000 Jews.

Brig. Gen. Heinz Jost, veteran policeman and law expert.

Brig. Gen. Erich Naumann, devoted Nazi since 1933.

Brig. Gen. Erwin Schulz, long-time police official.

Maj. Heinz Schubert, who says he is a distant relative of Composer Franz Schubert.

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Kindness Is Still With Us

LOS ANGELES, April 9 (AP)—Twenty-four hours changed blind John R. Sweeney's opinion of human nature from mighty low to heaven high.

On Wednesday a man pretending he wanted to rent a room at Sweeney's house stole a table radio that was the blind man's constant source of enjoyment. The theft was reported in the papers.

Yesterday Edward A. Krause, Santa Monica radio dealer, presented a radio to Sweeney. The 73-year-old Spanish war veteran choked a bit and said: "When some dirty skunk steals something, it's unusual for somebody to replace it."

Then he thought of his wife: "she's out to the store, trying to buy another radio for me; she can't afford it, don't let her do it."

A neighbor found her just in time.

Freedom Of Thought Must Be Permitted

SPOKANE, April 9 (AP)—Declaring that "no two men agree on any set of facts," Dr. Raymond B. Allen, University of Washington president, said last night that schools must be "extremely zealous in permitting men to think their own thoughts."

"Unless we recognize this, and unless we let fearless men look into the future, there can be no academic freedom," he told members of the Spokane Alumni association.

Dr. Allen denied "that there are any communists on the university faculty," but added:

"There may be some who have made ill-considered statements or appeared to be subversive."

Truck Driver To Hang For Killing

LETHBRIDGE, Alberta, April 9 (AP)—Lloyd Smith, Calgary truck driver, was hanged today for the hammer murder of his bride of a month. Smith, 27, said he had spent a night visiting bawdy houses and killed his wife next day because he "loved her and didn't want to cause her any unhappiness."

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HERE'S THE NEW CAR PICTURE!

Ever since the end of the war, the demand for new cars has been far greater than the supply. As a result, automobile dealers all over the country have been subjected to criticism from some of those who have not been able to get new cars. We have just completed the first quarter of the year . . . which makes this a good time to have a look at the facts. As nearly as can be estimated right now . . . the production of new automobiles during this quarter of the year was approximately nine hundred and forty thousand. An estimated sixty-five thousand were for foreign buyers. This left around eight-hundred and seventy-five thousand for distribution to the new car dealers of the United States. Now, of course, that's a lot of cars. They'd really make quite an impressive parade if you could see them rolling along one after another. So, in a way, it's not surprising that many persons become resentful when they hear about the large volume of new cars now being manufactured. A lot of them quite naturally exclaim: "With all the new cars coming out these days, there surely ought to be enough for everybody." But the point which many people do not seem to understand is that these eight hundred and seventy-five thousand new automobiles have to be distributed to forty thousand new car dealers. And this means an average of only about twenty-one new cars to a dealer. Yes, that enormous volume of production for the first three months of the year . . . amounting to nine hundred and forty thousand automobiles . . . will only give the new car dealers of the United States an average of twenty-one cars apiece to distribute to their customers . . . and that boils down to just seven cars a month. So, necessarily, a great many persons who want new cars have to be disappointed. In fact, there are about six million of them . . . for the new car dealers of the country have orders for at least that many automobiles that they are unable to deliver. The manufacturers have been doing everything in their power to get new cars rolling along in sufficient quantity to take care of everyone. Naturally, it's to their own financial advantage to do so. And the new car dealers of the country . . . with their average of only seven cars a month coming from the factories . . . are doing a very creditable job, too. Another point is that with the continuing gasoline shortage, car-owners should take every precaution to see that their motors are properly adjusted to give maximum mileage on the least possible amount of gasoline. Carburetor adjustment, proper timing and an engine tune-up are the most important points to have checked in your efforts to save fuel. And, in view of the continuing car shortage, you can prolong the life of your present automobile by keeping it in good repair at all times, and, meanwhile, assure economy of operation, better performance, and above all, greater safety.

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Oregon Missed In WAA Plant Order

SEATTLE, April 9 (AP)—The presidential order for the government to hold on to war surplus industries apparently will have little effect in Oregon.

The war assets administration office here said the Swan Island shipyard in Portland would be affected, but Swan Island was not up for sale anyway. It is under WAA control until March, 1942.

The WAA office here said there has been no change made in the status of the Springfield, Ore., alcohol-from-wood plant or other facilities in the Portland area.

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