

## TRANSLATION OF G.49, GERECHTIGKEIT

(OBVERSE)

### JUSTICE

[Picture of an execution in Poland]

After a mass execution in Lublin

On the 26th September 1943 Goebbels wrote in *Das Reich*; “Just as in the struggle for power, so now, we have destroyed all our bridges behind us”.

#### **What is hidden behind these cynical words?**

Murder. Mass murder on a scale so far unknown to criminal history. Judicial murder, murder of hostages, secret murder by homicidal maniacs in concentration camps, systematic mass murder by machine gunning, by gas chambers, by electrocution, by suffocation in sealed goods wagons. Wiping out of whole villages in Czechoslovakia, and whole districts in Poland, Yugoslavia and Greece. The number of these murders goes into thousands in the Western territories, and into hundreds of thousands in the Eastern territories.

#### **Who ordered and committed these murders?**

Those guilty, apart from the Government of the Reich itself, are the Reich Commissars in the occupied territories, the higher SS leaders, and the Gestapo officials. Those committing the crimes are mostly, but not invariable SS men; among others some generals are involved in these murders.

#### **What is the motive of these murders?**

As far as one can tell there are various motives. One of the main motives has been formulated by SS Brigadeführer Karl Werner Best when he said: “The extermination of foreign peoples does not go against the laws of life, provided it is carried out completely”. (*Zeitschrift für Politik*, June 1942)

Other motives are Sadism, race hatred, and the wish to terrorise.

One very important motive is the intention to destroy the bridges behind the German people.

#### **Have they succeeded?**

No. The Governments of the occupied territories made a solemn declaration in St. Jane’s Palace in which they declared:-

“We herewith declare that one of our main war aims is to avenge the crimes against the life and the limbs of civilians. The punishment must be confined to those really guilty, and must be meted out by approved courts of law. International cooperation must see to it that the oppressed peoples do not take the law into their own hands in avenging these crimes”.

The British and American Governments have declared themselves in agreement with this policy.

In the name of the British Government, Lord Chancellor, Lord Simon officially declared on the 10th of March 1943:-

“Let it be quite clearly understood and proclaimed all over the world that we British will never seek to take vengeance by wholesale mass reprisals against the general body of the German people. Our methods will be the methods of justice”.

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### **What is being done to implement these declarations?**

Practical measures have been undertaken. An international Commission to investigate war crimes has been appointed. Lawyers of world repute are serving on this Commission. Its President is Sir Cecil Hurst, the former president of an International Court at the Hague. Work has already been begun by this Commission. They are checking up on, and docketing the evidence which has reached them through many channels. An official index of war criminals has been started. It is arranged according to countries, and is being kept by the various governments. A few cards out of this index, dealing with Poland, are reproduced in this leaflet.

### **Of what importance are these measures to the German people?**

They are of the utmost importance. This great work of justice is the only means by which the suppressed and provoked peoples of the occupied territories can be prevented from taking justice into their own hands in order to mete it out according to the maxim "An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth". The Allied measures undertaken to identify and punish the real war criminals will save the lives of hundreds of thousands of innocent Germans.

The Goebbels Press has never said a word about these vitally important matters. One does not talk of the rope in the house of him who is to be hanged.

### **Will the war criminals ever admit that the war is lost?**

No, never. As long as they can find anyone stupid enough to die for them they will exploit this. They will never capitulate. Who in their position would do so? They will stop at nothing in order to make others die for them to the last possible moment, in order to prolong their own lives. For this they will be prepared to go to any lengths. They will lie as long as lies are effective. When lies no longer help them they will use brute force. For they have, according to Goebbels' own words "destroyed all their bridges behind them".

## **THE WAR CRIMINALS ARE THE WAR PROLONGERS.**

*(REVERSE)*

### **For them WAR means life, PEACE means death**

*[Pictures of six cards out of the Polish file of war criminals,  
under each a short translation of their crimes]*

1. Zörner. Wanted for murder in at least 3,114 cases. Among other things, responsible for the murder of 100 hostages in Lublin on the 24th December 1939, and in January 1940, 300 hostages in Jozefow in the Spring of 1940; 2,500 Jews in the ghetto of Lublin. Responsible for the conditions in the concentration camp of Majdanki.

2. Geppert. Wanted for two cases of murder. Shot the son-in-law and son of a Polish landowner in front of his father, while the family was being chased from their estate on the 13th November 1939.

3. Von Alvensleben. Wanted for murder in 300 cases. Commanded the Selbstschutz in Lublin. Murdered 11 peasants on the road from Lublin to Jozefow, 30 in Jozefow Mali, 14 in Jozefow

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Duzy, 70 in Bronislawow Stary, and further numbers in Hordzieszow and Okrzejs. In all, 300 men, women and children.

4. Fischer. Wanted for murder in over 250,000 cases. Partly responsible for the murder for 250,000 Jews during the “liquidation” of the Warsaw ghetto in the summer of 1942. solely responsible for the murder of 200 Polish hostages on Christmas Day 1939 in Wawer and Anin, 9 in Sehm on the 14th February 1942, 55 in Warsaw on the 28th of October 1942.

5. Wächter. Wanted for wrongly imprisoning people and for theft. Responsible for the incarceration of the professors of the university of Krakau in the concentration camp of Oswiecim. Stole the treasures of the National Museum in Krakau.

6. Frank. Wanted for murder. Number of victims so far not completely established; probably more than one million. Co-responsible for the mass murder of Jews in special extermination camps in Belzec and Treblinka. Solely responsible among other things for the murder of 430 Poles in Iza, 23 in the district of Grojec (March 1943), 94 in Warsaw, 180 in the district of Miechow, 4 in the district of Milec, 60 in the district of Sandomierz (May 1943).