1 00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:15,930

2 00:00:15,930 --> 00:00:18,870 All scenes of Nazi activity in this film

3 00:00:18,870 --> 00:00:22,860 are from authentic German newsreels and official sources.

4 00:00:22,860 --> 00:00:25,680 All statements in English from German speeches

5 00:00:25,680 --> 00:00:27,240 are faithful translations.

6 00:00:27,240 --> 00:00:58,370

7 00:00:58,370 --> 00:01:03,170 I, Thomas Jefferson, have sworn upon the altar

8 00:01:03,170 --> 00:01:10,010 of God eternal hostility against every form of tyranny

00:01:10,010 --> 00:01:13,836 over the mind of man.

10 00:01:13,836 --> 00:01:16,650 [NON-ENGLISH SPEECH]

11 00:01:16,650 --> 00:01:25,430

12 00:01:25,430 --> 00:01:29,870 If I, Adolf Hitler, can send the flower of the German nation 13 00:01:29,870 --> 00:01:33,020 into the hell of war without the smallest pity for spilling

14 00:01:33,020 --> 00:01:35,750 precious German blood, then surely

15 00:01:35,750 --> 00:01:38,990 I have the right to remove millions of an inferior race

16 00:01:38,990 --> 00:01:40,920 that breeds like vermin.

17 00:01:40,920 --> 00:01:41,420 Heil.

18 00:01:41,420 --> 00:01:43,220 Heil.

19 00:01:43,220 --> 00:01:44,080 Sieg heil.

20 00:01:44,080 --> 00:01:45,500 Heil.

21 00:01:45,500 --> 00:01:46,000 Sieg heil.

22 00:01:46,000 --> 00:01:46,960 Heil.

23 00:01:46,960 --> 00:01:47,960 Sieg heil.

24 00:01:47,960 --> 00:01:48,960 Heil.

25 00:01:48,960 --> 00:01:49,960 Sieg heil.

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00:01:49,960 --> 00:01:50,960 Heil.

27 00:01:50,960 --> 00:01:51,960

Sieg heil.

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00:01:51,960 --> 00:01:53,336

Heil.

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00:01:53,336 --> 00:01:53,836

Sieg heil.

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00:01:53,836 --> 00:01:55,243

Heil.

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00:01:55,243 --> 00:01:56,181

Sieg heil.

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00:01:56,181 --> 00:01:59,528

This is murder,

deliberate murder--

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00:01:59,528 --> 00:02:00,504

Sieg heil.

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00:02:00,504 --> 00:02:01,480

Heil.

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00:02:01,480 --> 00:02:02,456

Sieg heil.

36

00:02:02,456 --> 00:02:03,920

Heil.

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00:02:03,920 --> 00:02:04,896

Sieg heil.

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00:02:04,896 --> 00:02:05,880

Heil.

39 00:02:05,880 --> 00:02:06,753 Sieg heil.

40 00:02:06,753 --> 00:02:08,229 Heil.

41 00:02:08,229 --> 00:02:08,729 Sieg heil.

42 00:02:08,729 --> 00:02:12,570 --defying every written and unwritten law of man,

43 00:02:12,570 --> 00:02:23,820 not only premeditated but carried out by official decree,

44 00:02:23,820 --> 00:02:26,640 American soldiers shot in the back while

45 00:02:26,640 --> 00:02:30,480 wearing American uniforms in open defiance of established

46 00:02:30,480 --> 00:02:33,230 rules of warfare.

47 00:02:33,230 --> 00:02:36,100 Surely, I have the right to remove millions,

48 00:02:36,100 --> 00:02:37,200 Adolf Hitler said.

49 00:02:37,200 --> 00:02:40,130

50 00:02:40,130 --> 00:02:47,900 And this is one promise their Fýhrer kept, 51 00:02:47,900 --> 00:02:51,560 for if the Nazis were to carry through their master plan,

52 00:02:51,560 --> 00:02:54,620 they had to wipe out every trace of opposition,

53 00:02:54,620 --> 00:02:58,370 religious opposition, political opposition,

54 00:02:58,370 --> 00:03:02,480 the opposition of peace-loving nations.

55 00:03:02,480 --> 00:03:04,310 When our troops pried open the doors

56 00:03:04,310 --> 00:03:08,750 of the human slaughterhouses, we found Poles, Frenchmen,

57 00:03:08,750 --> 00:03:12,980 Russians, German Jews, Spanish anti-fascists,

58 00:03:12,980 --> 00:03:14,630 and some Americans.

59 00:03:14,630 --> 00:03:17,630 I'm Lieutenant Senior Grade Jack H Taylor, US Navy,

60 00:03:17,630 --> 00:03:19,340 of Hollywood, California.

61 00:03:19,340 --> 00:03:22,730 Two American officers at least have been executed here. 62 00:03:22,730 --> 00:03:26,240 Here is the insignia of one, the US Naval officer,

63 00:03:26,240 --> 00:03:30,800 and here is his dog tag, and here is the Army officer,

64 00:03:30,800 --> 00:03:35,180 executed by gas in this lager.

65 00:03:35,180 --> 00:03:40,190 Lieutenant, how many ways were your fellow prisoners killed?

66 00:03:40,190 --> 00:03:44,930 Five or six ways, by gas, by shooting, by beating, that is,

67 00:03:44,930 --> 00:03:49,280 beating the clubs, by exposure, that is,

68 00:03:49,280 --> 00:03:52,520 standing out in the snow naked for 48 hours and having water

69 00:03:52,520 --> 00:03:56,000 thrown on them in the middle of winter, starvation,

70 00:03:56,000 --> 00:03:59,930 then pushing over 100-foot cliffs.

71 00:03:59,930 --> 00:04:03,590 How can we rectify these crimes?

72 00:04:03,590 --> 00:04:07,070 We may arrest the sadist in charge of Buchenwald, 00:04:07,070 --> 00:04:10,220 but we cannot torture him to death as he tortured his

74 00:04:10,220 --> 00:04:11,120 victims.

75 00:04:11,120 --> 00:04:14,000 We may accuse the physician who used medicine not

76 00:04:14,000 --> 00:04:17,899 as an instrument of life but as an instrument of death,

77 00:04:17,899 --> 00:04:21,649 but we cannot inject him with deadly germs as he injected his

78 00:04:21,649 --> 00:04:23,040 patients.

79 00:04:23,040 --> 00:04:26,520 We may indict the scientist who developed the gas chamber,

80 00:04:26,520 --> 00:04:30,230 but we cannot strangle him to death slowly as his gas has

81 00:04:30,230 --> 00:04:32,970 strangled thousands of others.

82 00:04:32,970 --> 00:04:33,470 Why?

83 00:04:33,470 --> 00:04:36,290

84 00:04:36,290 --> 00:04:38,870 The answer of law-abiding nations 85

00:04:38,870 --> 00:04:42,350 is found in the words of the historic Moscow Declaration.

86 00:04:42,350 --> 00:04:45,860 The United States of America, Great Britain, and the Soviet

87 00:04:45,860 --> 00:04:49,040 Union agreed the Germans who take part

88 00:04:49,040 --> 00:04:51,830 in wholesale shootings, executions,

89 00:04:51,830 --> 00:04:55,160 and have shared in the slaughter inflicted on innocent people

90 00:04:55,160 --> 00:04:58,880 will be judged by the people they have outraged in order

91 00:04:58,880 --> 00:05:00,980 that justice may be done.

92 00:05:00,980 --> 00:05:03,650 What kind of justice do we need?

93 00:05:03,650 --> 00:05:07,120 Do we mean the justice of Dr. Hans Frank, Nazi

94 00:05:07,120 --> 00:05:09,700 Minister of Justice, who said--

95 00:05:09,700 --> 00:05:12,730 The law is an instrument in the hands of the Fýhrer

96 00:05:12,730 --> 00:05:15,970 for the realization of national socialism.

97 00:05:15,970 --> 00:05:19,930 Anything which benefits our nation is just.

98 00:05:19,930 --> 00:05:22,490 Or do we mean the Democratic concept of justice

99 00:05:22,490 --> 00:05:25,690 our nation fought to establish, fought to develop,

100 00:05:25,690 --> 00:05:28,330 and is fighting to preserve?

101 00:05:28,330 --> 00:05:31,990 Public trial, equality before the law,

102 00:05:31,990 --> 00:05:33,580 the right of defendants to prepare

103 00:05:33,580 --> 00:05:37,360 their own defense, a trial so orderly, so

104 00:05:37,360 --> 00:05:41,500 thorough, so free from passion that no would-be martyrs will

105 00:05:41,500 --> 00:05:44,710 ever be able to point to themselves as victims of enemy

106 00:05:44,710 --> 00:05:48,490 lynch law so that the guilt of the accused

107 00:05:48,490 --> 00:05:51,220 can be convincingly brought home to the German people who

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00:05:51,220 --> 00:05:53,560 benefited from their crimes.

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00:05:53,560 --> 00:05:57,490 That is the kind of justice we are establishing.

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00:05:57,490 --> 00:06:00,190 We cannot expect to translate our traditional concepts

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00:06:00,190 --> 00:06:02,860 of justice into the unprecedented machinery

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00:06:02,860 --> 00:06:08,200 of international law overnight, but three types of trials are

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00:06:08,200 --> 00:06:09,620 already in operation.

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00:06:09,620 --> 00:06:12,070 Number one, national traitors are

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00:06:12,070 --> 00:06:14,890 being returned to the countries they betrayed

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00:06:14,890 --> 00:06:17,800 to be tried by the law of their own courts

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00:06:17,800 --> 00:06:19,720 as Quisling faces trial in Norway.

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00:06:19,720 --> 00:06:22,600

119 00:06:22,600 --> 00:06:26,140 Number two, criminals who committed specific crimes

120 00:06:26,140 --> 00:06:29,650 in specific localities will be tried in the countries

121 00:06:29,650 --> 00:06:31,690 where their crimes were committed,

122 00:06:31,690 --> 00:06:35,470 as these Germans have been tried at Kharkov.

123 00:06:35,470 --> 00:06:38,200 Number three, members of the Gestapo,

124 00:06:38,200 --> 00:06:41,260 SS men, Stormtroopers, and any other offenders

125 00:06:41,260 --> 00:06:45,160 charged with murdering or mistreating American soldiers

126 00:06:45,160 --> 00:06:48,040 are being tried by American army courts

127 00:06:48,040 --> 00:06:50,260 under the supervision of general Weir,

128 00:06:50,260 --> 00:06:53,620 head of the War Crimes Office for the Judge Advocate General.

129 00:06:53,620 --> 00:06:57,280 In France under General Betts

and in Italy under General

130 00:06:57,280 --> 00:06:59,860 [? Richmond, ?] trials are underway.

131 00:06:59,860 --> 00:07:05,230 As fast as we can identify, hunt down, and apprehend

132 00:07:05,230 --> 00:07:09,940 those guilty of war atrocities against American prisoners

133 00:07:09,940 --> 00:07:13,060 of war, we are bringing them to trial

134 00:07:13,060 --> 00:07:16,780 and holding them accountable for their acts.

135 00:07:16,780 --> 00:07:20,350 These trials are not to be confused with the United

136 00:07:20,350 --> 00:07:24,160 Nations International Tribunal, which will concern itself

137 00:07:24,160 --> 00:07:28,150 exclusively with major war criminals whose crimes are

138 00:07:28,150 --> 00:07:31,390 so all-embracing that they cannot be assigned to any one

139 00:07:31,390 --> 00:07:35,830 geographical area, the ringleaders who conceived

140 00:07:35,830 --> 00:07:42,010 and engineered the Nazi master plan of world domination.

141 00:07:42,010 --> 00:07:44,980 To head the prosecution these men must face,

142 00:07:44,980 --> 00:07:48,880 President Truman has appointed as our Chief of Counsel Robert

143 00:07:48,880 --> 00:07:53,380 H Jackson, Supreme Court Justice and former United States

144 00:07:53,380 --> 00:07:57,640 Attorney General, assisted by General William J Donovan

145 00:07:57,640 --> 00:07:59,350 and the staff that calls upon some

146 00:07:59,350 --> 00:08:03,250 of America's outstanding legal talent who will join forces

147 00:08:03,250 --> 00:08:06,740 with the most eminent jurists of Great Britain, France,

148 00:08:06,740 --> 00:08:08,650 and the Soviet Union.

149 00:08:08,650 --> 00:08:11,470 They will not contend themselves with hanging a tyrant

150 00:08:11,470 --> 00:08:15,070 by his heels but with laying there

151 00:08:15,070 --> 00:08:18,340 the ugly core of his evil design,

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00:08:18,340 --> 00:08:22,150 the retrogressive blueprint for seizing power,

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00:08:22,150 --> 00:08:27,560 smashing opposition, and waging illegal war.

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00:08:27,560 --> 00:08:30,230 They will not content themselves with convicting a criminal

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00:08:30,230 --> 00:08:34,070 on a single count when he may have been guilty of 50

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00:08:34,070 --> 00:08:37,970 but will seek conviction on conviction in order

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00:08:37,970 --> 00:08:41,299 to put teeth into the international laws that condemn

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00:08:41,299 --> 00:08:46,130 those crimes, not merely punish the murderers of Buchenwald

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00:08:46,130 --> 00:08:48,440 but the Nazi hierarchy who planned

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00:08:48,440 --> 00:08:52,130 a hundred Buchenwalds, a million murders,

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00:08:52,130 --> 00:08:54,740 the systematic enslavement of Europe,

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00:08:54,740 --> 00:08:57,630 the domination of the world.

163 00:08:57,630 --> 00:09:01,010 And so 1945 becomes the year not only

164 00:09:01,010 --> 00:09:07,710 of the Nazi's military defeat but of their public trial that

165 00:09:07,710 --> 00:09:10,960 should serve as an unprecedented warning to those

166 00:09:10,960 --> 00:09:14,940 would plunge the United Nations into another criminal war

167 00:09:14,940 --> 00:09:18,570 in defiance of the laws and treaties of peaceful nations

168 00:09:18,570 --> 00:09:22,110 who have joined together to outlaw man's greatest

169 00:09:22,110 --> 00:09:26,100 inhumanity to man, the crime of war.

170 00:09:26,100 --> 00:09:30,230

171 00:09:30,230 --> 00:09:33,440 I am convinced that we have an opportunity

172 00:09:33,440 --> 00:09:36,710 to bring to a just judgment those

173 00:09:36,710 --> 00:09:43,310 who have thought it safe to wage aggressive and ruthless war.

174 00:09:43,310 --> 00:09:47,090 An historic meeting in London was held.

175 00:09:47,090 --> 00:09:58,790 The chiefs of council for France, Russia, Great Britain,

176 00:09:58,790 --> 00:10:02,810 and the United States signed the International Military Tribunal

177 00:10:02,810 --> 00:10:07,220 charter establishing the laws by which the major war

178 00:10:07,220 --> 00:10:10,120 criminals will be tried.

179 00:10:10,120 --> 00:10:42,000