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00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:12,890

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00:00:12,890 --> 00:00:17,000

If you take the Law for the
Protection of German Blood

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00:00:17,000 --> 00:00:23,560

and Honor, which was enacted
on September 15, 1935,

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00:00:23,560 --> 00:00:27,280

you will find that
this provision that

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00:00:27,280 --> 00:00:32,650

outlaws intermarriage and sexual
intercourse between Germans

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00:00:32,650 --> 00:00:41,480

and Jews goes back to the Synod
of Elvira of the years 306.

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00:00:41,480 --> 00:00:44,360

If you look at the law
for the re-establishment

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00:00:44,360 --> 00:00:48,810

of the professional civil
service of April 7, 1933,

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00:00:48,810 --> 00:00:50,390

you will find that
Jews were barred

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00:00:50,390 --> 00:00:57,890

from holding public office by
the Synod of Clermont, 535.

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00:00:57,890 --> 00:01:05,519

If you would look at a
decree of July 25, 1938,

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00:01:05,519 --> 00:01:10,950
whereby Aryans are not supposed
to be seeing Jewish doctors,

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00:01:10,950 --> 00:01:12,810
that particular
provision goes back

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00:01:12,810 --> 00:01:20,280
to synod all the way,
again, to the Middle Ages.

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00:01:20,280 --> 00:01:21,300
Even this?

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00:01:21,300 --> 00:01:23,600
Even this.

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00:01:23,600 --> 00:01:29,200
It's the Trullanic Synod of
the year 692 in this case.

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00:01:29,200 --> 00:01:34,770
If you look at such a decree
as a Sozialausgleichsabgabe

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00:01:34,770 --> 00:01:37,200
which provided the Jews
had to pay a special income

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00:01:37,200 --> 00:01:41,370
tax for the support of
eleemosynary organizations

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00:01:41,370 --> 00:01:45,080
and so on, then you'll
find that that goes back

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00:01:45,080 --> 00:01:49,310
to the Synod of Gerona
from the year 1078.

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00:01:49,310 --> 00:01:52,940

Added to that, of course,
are the more famous measures,

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00:01:52,940 --> 00:01:56,720

marking the Jews with a star,
compulsory ghettoization,

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00:01:56,720 --> 00:01:59,940

all of which have
origins in canon law

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00:01:59,940 --> 00:02:05,660

and synods and
decisions of the Church.

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00:02:05,660 --> 00:02:09,440

There is thus a great reservoir
of experience to draw upon

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00:02:09,440 --> 00:02:12,110

and the remarkable
thing about bureaucracy

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00:02:12,110 --> 00:02:15,050

everywhere is that they
invent as little as possible

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00:02:15,050 --> 00:02:18,428

and use as much of
the past as they can.

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00:02:18,428 --> 00:02:20,470

And that's illustrated in
this case, especially--

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00:02:20,470 --> 00:02:23,240

You said there was
propaganda too.

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00:02:23,240 --> 00:02:27,170

The same is true of propaganda,
because the German version

34
00:02:27,170 --> 00:02:32,630
in the years of the 1930s,
alleging that the Jews are

35
00:02:32,630 --> 00:02:36,860
world conquerors, would go out
to conquer the world if they

36
00:02:36,860 --> 00:02:39,200
could, that the
Jews are criminals,

37
00:02:39,200 --> 00:02:42,920
that the Jews are
parasites, all these themes

38
00:02:42,920 --> 00:02:46,640
can be found in the writings
of Martin Luther, Von den Juden

39
00:02:46,640 --> 00:02:51,050
und Ihren Lugen,
published in 1535.

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00:02:51,050 --> 00:02:54,480
Matter of fact, I might
interpolate a personal story.

41
00:02:54,480 --> 00:03:00,080
When I was in Munich
as a young soldier,

42
00:03:00,080 --> 00:03:02,713
immediately after the
capture of the city--

43
00:03:02,713 --> 00:03:03,880
You mean it's American Army.

44
00:03:03,880 --> 00:03:07,790
In the American army, as if
it's necessary to add that,

45

00:03:07,790 --> 00:03:12,840

and as the American army
that captured Munich

46

00:03:12,840 --> 00:03:17,790

I found a book by Luther
published by the Nazi party.

47

00:03:17,790 --> 00:03:20,490

I could not of course, believe
that this really was Luther,

48

00:03:20,490 --> 00:03:21,360

you see.

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00:03:21,360 --> 00:03:24,260

I couldn't believe my
eyes when I read it.

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00:03:24,260 --> 00:03:26,940

But subsequently I went to
the New York Public Library

51

00:03:26,940 --> 00:03:30,610

and found the original
book, and could

52

00:03:30,610 --> 00:03:35,350

verify that the Nazi Party
version, except for spellings,

53

00:03:35,350 --> 00:03:40,000

was entirely the same as
Luther's original book.

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00:03:40,000 --> 00:03:44,080

So once again, you see,
even the propaganda

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00:03:44,080 --> 00:03:47,170

could rest upon earlier
conceptions and writings going

56
00:03:47,170 --> 00:03:51,210
back in this case
to the 16th century.

57
00:03:51,210 --> 00:03:53,200
Nothing new here.

58
00:03:53,200 --> 00:03:54,940
The newness came with
the Final Solution

59
00:03:54,940 --> 00:04:00,520
itself, because all
of these measures

60
00:04:00,520 --> 00:04:04,430
supported church
policy, which was

61
00:04:04,430 --> 00:04:08,340
in the first instance of
conversion of the Jews,

62
00:04:08,340 --> 00:04:11,610
to make their life miserable
sufficiently so that they

63
00:04:11,610 --> 00:04:14,860
would see the light
and become Christians.

64
00:04:14,860 --> 00:04:19,190
But the church could not
go further than that.

65
00:04:19,190 --> 00:04:20,930
The church would not
kill for it, then

66
00:04:20,930 --> 00:04:25,820
would lose its basic objective,
and that's the reason

67
00:04:25,820 --> 00:04:28,670
that when it came to
the Final Solution,

68
00:04:28,670 --> 00:04:31,820
the Germans had to become
inventors and innovators

69
00:04:31,820 --> 00:04:33,060
on their own.

70
00:04:33,060 --> 00:04:35,420
The church that not
the same course.

71
00:04:35,420 --> 00:04:36,200
No, of course not.

72
00:04:36,200 --> 00:04:44,910

73
00:04:44,910 --> 00:04:46,690
More

74
00:04:46,690 --> 00:04:49,000
(film slating)

75
00:04:49,000 --> 00:04:54,180
What seems to me
remarkable, and I

76
00:04:54,180 --> 00:04:59,920
would like to have you
comment on this point,

77
00:04:59,920 --> 00:05:04,350
is how the Germans
have stolen the Jews--

78
00:05:04,350 --> 00:05:09,940
during all the steps of the

process of this friction,

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00:05:09,940 --> 00:05:12,730
and at all levels--

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00:05:12,730 --> 00:05:15,820
how they started
with expropriations

81

00:05:15,820 --> 00:05:20,740
of the Jewish enterprises
and industries.

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00:05:20,740 --> 00:05:26,250
To go at the end with the
looting in the ghettos,

83

00:05:26,250 --> 00:05:32,350
and even with robbery of
the belongings of the Jews

84

00:05:32,350 --> 00:05:35,530
in front of the gas
chambers, and even the

85

00:05:35,530 --> 00:05:40,130
pulling out of the
golden teeth, and I

86

00:05:40,130 --> 00:05:42,820
see it's really astonishing.

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00:05:42,820 --> 00:05:48,130
Our modern state, highly
industrialized state,

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00:05:48,130 --> 00:05:50,950
the state of Krupp,
IG Farben, could

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00:05:50,950 --> 00:05:57,770
think of pulling the
golden teeth out,

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00:05:57,770 --> 00:06:03,480
and it seems that it's an
ideology of antiproducativeness,

91
00:06:03,480 --> 00:06:06,745
of non-productivity, completely
the other way around,

92
00:06:06,745 --> 00:06:11,300
real ideology of destruction.

93
00:06:11,300 --> 00:06:13,810
The process of
taking away property

94
00:06:13,810 --> 00:06:16,450
is a parallel one with the
destruction of the Jews,

95
00:06:16,450 --> 00:06:22,180
because it accompanies every
step that is being taken.

96
00:06:22,180 --> 00:06:25,270
In actual fact, we see
it going on from 1933

97
00:06:25,270 --> 00:06:28,630
until the very end,
because it doesn't even

98
00:06:28,630 --> 00:06:31,900
stop when the Jews
have been gassed.

99
00:06:31,900 --> 00:06:34,610
The personal belongings have to
be shuffled through the system,

100
00:06:34,610 --> 00:06:40,750
and thus we see it
even being interrupted,

101
00:06:40,750 --> 00:06:43,840
as it were, when the Allies
capture the various camps,

102
00:06:43,840 --> 00:06:47,520
and capture Berlin, and
capture the Reichsbank.

103
00:06:47,520 --> 00:06:50,190
The very first step
taken was the dismissal

104
00:06:50,190 --> 00:06:56,580
of Jewish civil servants,
and that is 1933.

105
00:06:56,580 --> 00:07:01,170
It is the first step of
economic destruction.

106
00:07:01,170 --> 00:07:05,100
Next come the Aryanizations
which pit German firms

107
00:07:05,100 --> 00:07:07,680
against Jewish enterprises.

108
00:07:07,680 --> 00:07:09,600
The process, of course,
is being controlled

109
00:07:09,600 --> 00:07:12,810
by the economy ministry,
which is trying

110
00:07:12,810 --> 00:07:16,440
to avoid a situation in which
there is too much bidding

111
00:07:16,440 --> 00:07:19,080
for what the German
firms and German banks

112
00:07:19,080 --> 00:07:23,190
were calling objects,
Objekte, because here you

113
00:07:23,190 --> 00:07:25,950
see is the last stage
during which Jews

114
00:07:25,950 --> 00:07:27,810
are capable of bargaining.

115
00:07:27,810 --> 00:07:30,790
And that bargaining
has to be suppressed.

116
00:07:30,790 --> 00:07:32,280
So we have here
the stage of what

117
00:07:32,280 --> 00:07:34,230
is called a voluntary
Aryanization,

118
00:07:34,230 --> 00:07:39,270
with banks always acting as
middlemen in the process,

119
00:07:39,270 --> 00:07:40,600
taking some commissions.

120
00:07:40,600 --> 00:07:42,570
This is where the
Dresdner bank was involved

121
00:07:42,570 --> 00:07:45,520
to a very great degree.

122
00:07:45,520 --> 00:07:49,950
And in the main, in this
Aryanization process,

123

00:07:49,950 --> 00:07:52,320

German industry is
more concentrated.

124

00:07:52,320 --> 00:07:54,930

It becomes even larger.

125

00:07:54,930 --> 00:07:59,150

That is to say, the relationship
between large enterprises

126

00:07:59,150 --> 00:08:01,340

and small enterprises
has now changed

127

00:08:01,340 --> 00:08:03,440

in favor of the
larger enterprises,

128

00:08:03,440 --> 00:08:05,570

because it is the
larger ones that

129

00:08:05,570 --> 00:08:08,540

tend to acquire
Jewish properties,

130

00:08:08,540 --> 00:08:12,413

insofar as they are industrial
undertakings of any sort.

131

00:08:12,413 --> 00:08:14,080

The larger one who
has the money which--

132

00:08:14,080 --> 00:08:17,510

Will have the money and will
have the know-how, and who

133

00:08:17,510 --> 00:08:21,200

have the means and billable
funds with which to operate

134

00:08:21,200 --> 00:08:24,370
quickly and efficiently.

135
00:08:24,370 --> 00:08:27,390
But you must remember that
in Germany the cartelization

136
00:08:27,390 --> 00:08:33,390
law in general favored larger
enterprises and Aryanizations

137
00:08:33,390 --> 00:08:36,700
fit into this general process.

138
00:08:36,700 --> 00:08:40,539
Now by 1938 we see the
voluntary Aryanizations

139
00:08:40,539 --> 00:08:42,760
becoming compulsory.

140
00:08:42,760 --> 00:08:45,780
Now after Kristallnacht
that is the big step.

141
00:08:45,780 --> 00:08:48,130
There are to be no more
Jewish enterprises,

142
00:08:48,130 --> 00:08:50,500
and those that are not
worthy of being continued,

143
00:08:50,500 --> 00:08:53,410
that is to say the small
ones, are to be liquidated

144
00:08:53,410 --> 00:08:55,690
and the stocks are
to be acquired.

145
00:08:55,690 --> 00:08:58,660
The inventories are to be

acquired by German trade

146
00:08:58,660 --> 00:09:00,410
associations.

147
00:09:00,410 --> 00:09:04,295
So we have now even fewer
enterprises in operation,

148
00:09:04,295 --> 00:09:05,920
because you must
remember, most of them

149
00:09:05,920 --> 00:09:07,960
are liquidated rather
than Aryanized.

150
00:09:07,960 --> 00:09:10,500
They're not even
being continued.

151
00:09:10,500 --> 00:09:12,030
It is very interesting
to see what

152
00:09:12,030 --> 00:09:13,710
happens after Aryanization.

153
00:09:13,710 --> 00:09:17,100
There is a lot of conversation
about the retention

154
00:09:17,100 --> 00:09:19,440
of Jewish firm names.

155
00:09:19,440 --> 00:09:21,000
And now you find,
all of a sudden,

156
00:09:21,000 --> 00:09:25,830
that for example Rosenthal
Porzellan, a Jewish enterprise

157

00:09:25,830 --> 00:09:32,670
but acquired by Germans, should
have of course a new name.

158

00:09:32,670 --> 00:09:34,980
The extirpation of the
Jewish name, of course,

159

00:09:34,980 --> 00:09:37,100
was part of the
destruction process.

160

00:09:37,100 --> 00:09:38,820
One is supposed to
change street names,

161

00:09:38,820 --> 00:09:41,700
one is supposed to change
all kinds of names insofar

162

00:09:41,700 --> 00:09:43,110
as they are Jewish.

163

00:09:43,110 --> 00:09:45,930
But they knew possessors
of these enterprises

164

00:09:45,930 --> 00:09:48,480
resist this particular demand.

165

00:09:48,480 --> 00:09:50,940
Because it was intended
as a good label?

166

00:09:50,940 --> 00:09:52,290
Well, it was a very good label.

167

00:09:52,290 --> 00:09:54,720
It was a property, you know?

168

00:09:54,720 --> 00:09:57,720
After the war, what was

going to sell Rosenthal china

169
00:09:57,720 --> 00:09:59,140
all over the world.

170
00:09:59,140 --> 00:10:01,380
So you see, it paid off.

171
00:10:01,380 --> 00:10:04,333
And this was not the only
enterprise of its kind.

172
00:10:04,333 --> 00:10:06,000
There was a great
deal of correspondence

173
00:10:06,000 --> 00:10:08,370
about simply retaining
Jewish names.

174
00:10:08,370 --> 00:10:10,590
Even that was a problem.

175
00:10:10,590 --> 00:10:12,570
Now after the Jews
have lost property

176
00:10:12,570 --> 00:10:14,470
and particularly after
the German armies

177
00:10:14,470 --> 00:10:17,550
are marching into Poland and
into other countries, where

178
00:10:17,550 --> 00:10:20,880
this whole process is being
repeated in Poland and France,

179
00:10:20,880 --> 00:10:23,790
and of course, especially
in Holland and so on.

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00:10:23,790 --> 00:10:24,960

In the same way.

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00:10:24,960 --> 00:10:28,260

In the same way, the
entire destruction process

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00:10:28,260 --> 00:10:32,010

gets repeated as soon as the
Germans arrived somewhere.

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00:10:32,010 --> 00:10:33,930

And that means one
has to define what

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00:10:33,930 --> 00:10:35,910

is meant by a Jewish
enterprise, and then one

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00:10:35,910 --> 00:10:38,700

has to set maximum
limits to the price that

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00:10:38,700 --> 00:10:40,530

may be paid for a
Jewish enterprise,

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00:10:40,530 --> 00:10:42,030

and then one has
to specify what is

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00:10:42,030 --> 00:10:44,490

to happen to liquidated
enterprises, what

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00:10:44,490 --> 00:10:48,540

is to happen to securities, what
is to happen to other papers.

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00:10:48,540 --> 00:10:52,260

This is a rather elaborate
and complex process.

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00:10:52,260 --> 00:10:53,590

It is a difficult one.

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00:10:53,590 --> 00:10:54,750

It is a very difficult one.

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00:10:54,750 --> 00:10:56,460

It involves the
stock exchanges, it

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00:10:56,460 --> 00:10:59,610

involves everything
that is part and parcel

195

00:10:59,610 --> 00:11:02,670

of the commercial
and financial world.

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00:11:02,670 --> 00:11:08,850

But the Jews are now left in
a position of having to labor.

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00:11:08,850 --> 00:11:09,600

We have to change.

198

00:11:09,600 --> 00:11:11,960

It was not completely full.

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00:11:11,960 --> 00:11:18,340

200

00:11:18,340 --> 00:11:23,500

After the outbreak of war,
the expropriation process

201

00:11:23,500 --> 00:11:27,550

is aimed at taking from
the Jews their labor

202

00:11:27,550 --> 00:11:30,200

or their personal belongings.

203

00:11:30,200 --> 00:11:33,200

That is to say, there
is now much less

204

00:11:33,200 --> 00:11:37,430

to be gotten from any economic
measures against the Jews

205

00:11:37,430 --> 00:11:39,060

than there was before.

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00:11:39,060 --> 00:11:40,640

This is no longer
the period when

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00:11:40,640 --> 00:11:45,320

coal mines or other major
enterprises can be obtained.

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00:11:45,320 --> 00:11:48,320

There is no more major
property, such as that

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00:11:48,320 --> 00:11:50,520

of the Petscheks
or the Rothschilds,

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00:11:50,520 --> 00:11:52,700

or the Weinmanns to be taken.

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00:11:52,700 --> 00:11:56,890

Instead one is now looking
at very poor people.

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00:11:56,890 --> 00:11:58,390

One is exploiting them.

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00:11:58,390 --> 00:12:00,710

One is exploiting their labor.

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00:12:00,710 --> 00:12:04,520

And one is trying to get the

last ounce of whatever there

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00:12:04,520 --> 00:12:06,380

is to be gotten.

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00:12:06,380 --> 00:12:08,360

And what is sometimes

astonishing to me

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00:12:08,360 --> 00:12:12,140

is the fact that here again,

we see the relentlessness

218

00:12:12,140 --> 00:12:13,460

of the destruction process.

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00:12:13,460 --> 00:12:17,360

We see all of the expertise,

we see all of the specialists,

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00:12:17,360 --> 00:12:20,420

we see all of the

procedures being employed

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00:12:20,420 --> 00:12:22,760

to take the little things.

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00:12:22,760 --> 00:12:26,330

Just as much energy is poured

into the process at this point

223

00:12:26,330 --> 00:12:28,350

than there was before.

224

00:12:28,350 --> 00:12:31,170

So they are meeting in the

labor ministry, for example,

225

00:12:31,170 --> 00:12:35,545

to try to figure out how to tax

these very small Jewish wages.

226

00:12:35,545 --> 00:12:36,920

And this is how
they come up with

227

00:12:36,920 --> 00:12:40,070

the Sozialausgleichsabgabe,
which was also

228

00:12:40,070 --> 00:12:42,470

incidentally imposed on Poles.

229

00:12:42,470 --> 00:12:47,300

Or they are trying to have
various wage regulations.

230

00:12:47,300 --> 00:12:51,740

Interestingly enough
in Poland, very often

231

00:12:51,740 --> 00:12:57,800

Jews were employed without any
salary, any pay whatsoever.

232

00:12:57,800 --> 00:13:01,910

But the situation was so
chaotic, the situation was

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00:13:01,910 --> 00:13:05,090

so absolutely out of
hand, that finally

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00:13:05,090 --> 00:13:07,190

the German
administration decided

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00:13:07,190 --> 00:13:12,380

that Jews were in principle to
receive 80% of the Polish wage.

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00:13:12,380 --> 00:13:15,980

Whereupon, in one Kreis,
the Wehrmacht immediately

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00:13:15,980 --> 00:13:18,110
dismissed all of its Jews
because they were not

238
00:13:18,110 --> 00:13:20,580
going to pay 80%.

239
00:13:20,580 --> 00:13:22,850
And the Stadthauptmann
in Czeszochowa

240
00:13:22,850 --> 00:13:27,530
says, well, I assume that such a
regulation, like several others

241
00:13:27,530 --> 00:13:29,930
I have received, can
safely be thrown away,

242
00:13:29,930 --> 00:13:32,450
and I have done so accordingly.

243
00:13:32,450 --> 00:13:35,900
He is not going to obey any
directive that forces him

244
00:13:35,900 --> 00:13:39,440
to pay even 80% of the wage.

245
00:13:39,440 --> 00:13:43,510
So we find here that
basically the process goes on

246
00:13:43,510 --> 00:13:45,400
in the labor field.

247
00:13:45,400 --> 00:13:47,050
Later on, of course,
when the Jews

248
00:13:47,050 --> 00:13:49,330
are sent to various
concentration camps,

249
00:13:49,330 --> 00:13:52,180
and particularly
also Auschwitz, we

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00:13:52,180 --> 00:13:54,790
find that now the
companies are required

251
00:13:54,790 --> 00:14:00,370
to pay the wages to the SS,
who own the Jews as slaves.

252
00:14:00,370 --> 00:14:01,570
And there they are.

253
00:14:01,570 --> 00:14:04,170
The very same companies
that were employed

254
00:14:04,170 --> 00:14:07,320
in the expropriation process.

255
00:14:07,320 --> 00:14:09,570
The ones that we're
looking for Objekte., now,

256
00:14:09,570 --> 00:14:14,160
the employers of Jewish
labor, IG Farben or Krupp

257
00:14:14,160 --> 00:14:15,510
as an example.

258
00:14:15,510 --> 00:14:19,230
And just as efficiently as they
had done those other things,

259
00:14:19,230 --> 00:14:24,090
they now also use Jewish
labor for production.

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00:14:24,090 --> 00:14:28,800
Sometimes when the Jews are
being shipped out of Germany,

261
00:14:28,800 --> 00:14:32,190
questions arise as to what is
to happen to their pensions.

262
00:14:32,190 --> 00:14:36,210
What is to happen to the
payments that were being made

263
00:14:36,210 --> 00:14:39,640
to retired Jewish employees?

264
00:14:39,640 --> 00:14:44,190
And here we find a very
crass example indeed.

265
00:14:44,190 --> 00:14:46,950
In 1942, after the
first transports

266
00:14:46,950 --> 00:14:49,470
had left with Jews to the East--

267
00:14:49,470 --> 00:14:50,400
Of German Jews.

268
00:14:50,400 --> 00:14:52,530
German Jews now.

269
00:14:52,530 --> 00:14:55,410
The Oberfinanzpresident
in Berlin,

270
00:14:55,410 --> 00:14:58,200
that is the chief
representative of the finance

271
00:14:58,200 --> 00:15:00,600
ministry in the
Berlin district, is

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00:15:00,600 --> 00:15:05,130
trying to collect from companies
that had been paying pensions

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00:15:05,130 --> 00:15:08,580
to Jewish employees
who were now retired

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00:15:08,580 --> 00:15:12,020
the sums that, up to then, had
been paid to these employees.

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00:15:12,020 --> 00:15:15,900
He says, now we, the German
Reich under the 11th ordinance

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00:15:15,900 --> 00:15:19,710
of the bank citizenship
law, the Elfte Verordnung,

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00:15:19,710 --> 00:15:24,000
we have now the legal
right to these pensions,

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00:15:24,000 --> 00:15:28,950
because we are by law the
successors of the Jews

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00:15:28,950 --> 00:15:31,530
and furthermore it
is a basic principle

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00:15:31,530 --> 00:15:34,800
that only the Reich profits from
the destruction of the Jews.

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00:15:34,800 --> 00:15:38,710
There's not supposed to be
a private profit from it.

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00:15:38,710 --> 00:15:40,150
And what do we find?

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00:15:40,150 --> 00:15:44,260

We find here a letter from the
Berliner Handelsgesellschaft,

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00:15:44,260 --> 00:15:48,870

which is an employer in
this case, and which as one

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00:15:48,870 --> 00:15:50,610

of the more forward
looking employers

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00:15:50,610 --> 00:15:53,340

had been having
a pension system,

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00:15:53,340 --> 00:15:57,920

although not one that was
vested in the pensioner.

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00:15:57,920 --> 00:16:01,410

They have an Old Age
security and assistance

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00:16:01,410 --> 00:16:06,210

society, which paid these
pensions to former employees.

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00:16:06,210 --> 00:16:09,060

And now they are
saying that, and this

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00:16:09,060 --> 00:16:13,923

is July 20, 1942, a
rather early time,

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00:16:13,923 --> 00:16:15,840

and this is the legal
division of the Berliner

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00:16:15,840 --> 00:16:19,500

Handelsgesellschaft

writing to the economy

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00:16:19,500 --> 00:16:22,280

group of the German bankers.

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00:16:22,280 --> 00:16:24,760

It is entirely out
of the question

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00:16:24,760 --> 00:16:27,430

that they would hand over
pensions heretofore paid

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00:16:27,430 --> 00:16:32,230

to Jewish employees
to the German Reich.

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00:16:32,230 --> 00:16:36,300

And now they are so
crude as to refer to Jews

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00:16:36,300 --> 00:16:39,730

who had been shoved
off, abgeschoben.

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00:16:39,730 --> 00:16:42,790

And the reason, they
say, is that there

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00:16:42,790 --> 00:16:48,070

isn't even any indication
that the Jews in question

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00:16:48,070 --> 00:16:50,290

are still alive.

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00:16:50,290 --> 00:16:53,810

Are still alive.

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00:16:53,810 --> 00:16:58,430

This is being written
as early as July 1942,

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00:16:58,430 --> 00:17:02,090
and quite obviously one doesn't
pay pensions to dead people,

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00:17:02,090 --> 00:17:06,230
and quite obviously there can
be no question of transferring

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00:17:06,230 --> 00:17:09,440
these pensions to the Reich
because you cannot receive

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00:17:09,440 --> 00:17:12,710
a pension when you are dead.

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00:17:12,710 --> 00:17:16,030
This however, does not apply
to the personal belongings

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00:17:16,030 --> 00:17:16,630
of people.

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00:17:16,630 --> 00:17:18,520
Those personal
belongings certainly

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00:17:18,520 --> 00:17:20,202
can be acquired
by the Reich and--

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00:17:20,202 --> 00:17:21,910
May I just get you
repeat the same story,

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00:17:21,910 --> 00:17:24,460
as a matter of fact,
that the insurance

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00:17:24,460 --> 00:17:26,349
won after the Kristallnacht.

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00:17:26,349 --> 00:17:27,430

Absolutely.

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00:17:27,430 --> 00:17:30,900

Except that here, of course, the question was more complicated.

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00:17:30,900 --> 00:17:34,360

In Kristallnacht, you will remember,

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00:17:34,360 --> 00:17:38,950

the party organized certain violence

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00:17:38,950 --> 00:17:43,000

against Jewish establishments, and it's called Kristallnacht

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00:17:43,000 --> 00:17:47,720

because rocks were thrown into windows of Jewish shops.

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00:17:47,720 --> 00:17:49,490

What was not calculated, of course,

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00:17:49,490 --> 00:17:52,750

was that the buildings in which these shops were located

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00:17:52,750 --> 00:17:54,790

belonged to Aryans.

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00:17:54,790 --> 00:17:57,730

The owners of these buildings were not Jews.

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00:17:57,730 --> 00:18:00,100

Therefore the windows that were broken

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00:18:00,100 --> 00:18:04,000

were windows that were

the property of Germans.

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00:18:04,000 --> 00:18:07,900

These windows were insured with
the German insurance companies.

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00:18:07,900 --> 00:18:10,120

The insurance company had
to pay the German owners

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00:18:10,120 --> 00:18:11,920

for the damage done.

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00:18:11,920 --> 00:18:14,410

Furthermore, the
difficulty now was

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00:18:14,410 --> 00:18:16,540

that the glass that
was being broken

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00:18:16,540 --> 00:18:18,190

had been manufactured
in Belgium,

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00:18:18,190 --> 00:18:21,580

so that foreign currency would
have to be used at a time

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00:18:21,580 --> 00:18:23,860

when it was badly needed
for other purposes

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00:18:23,860 --> 00:18:26,350

to restore the
street appearance.

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00:18:26,350 --> 00:18:29,770

And the only thing that Goering
could do for these poor people

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00:18:29,770 --> 00:18:31,510

was to make sure

that the Jews would

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00:18:31,510 --> 00:18:34,240

pay for the restoration
of the street appearance,

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00:18:34,240 --> 00:18:37,630

thus giving the insurance
company, for once, something

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00:18:37,630 --> 00:18:39,610

that they really
were not entitled to.

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00:18:39,610 --> 00:18:43,210

They were not, you see, entitled
to being off the hook here.

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00:18:43,210 --> 00:18:45,850

But Goering took
pity on the guys

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00:18:45,850 --> 00:18:47,920

who represented the
insurance companies,

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00:18:47,920 --> 00:18:51,690

and even joked about
it at a meeting.

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00:18:51,690 --> 00:18:55,300

And he said, here I am an angel,
in somewhat corpulent form,

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00:18:55,300 --> 00:18:58,230

rescuing you from your
legal obligations,

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00:18:58,230 --> 00:19:00,600

and thought that the
insurance company

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00:19:00,600 --> 00:19:02,970

should be grateful for that.

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00:19:02,970 --> 00:19:06,470

He convinced them that he
helped them to earn money.

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00:19:06,470 --> 00:19:09,880

That's right, well,
yes of course.

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00:19:09,880 --> 00:19:13,360

But as the destruction
process proceeded and went

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00:19:13,360 --> 00:19:18,280

on its course, the last
vestige of what the Jews owned

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00:19:18,280 --> 00:19:19,870

was taken away.

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00:19:19,870 --> 00:19:22,270

When Jewish apartments
were closed,

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00:19:22,270 --> 00:19:24,910

the furniture was
taken over and was

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00:19:24,910 --> 00:19:28,240

distributed after bombings
began, to the bombed

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00:19:28,240 --> 00:19:30,210

out Germans.

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00:19:30,210 --> 00:19:33,670

The furniture of Jews in
Belgium and the Netherlands

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00:19:33,670 --> 00:19:36,580

and in France, was
taken, hauled off

361
00:19:36,580 --> 00:19:40,120
by Einsatzstab Rosenberg,
which he operated in the West,

362
00:19:40,120 --> 00:19:43,630
and was shipped to
deserving German families,

363
00:19:43,630 --> 00:19:45,580
bombed out, et cetera.

364
00:19:45,580 --> 00:19:47,770
Incidentally, some
portion of this furniture

365
00:19:47,770 --> 00:19:50,800
went to railroad employees in
recognition of the services

366
00:19:50,800 --> 00:19:52,240
that the railroads
were rendering

367
00:19:52,240 --> 00:19:56,020
in transporting the Jews under
these difficult conditions.

368
00:19:56,020 --> 00:19:59,230
And, interestingly enough,
very little furniture

369
00:19:59,230 --> 00:20:03,820
was used from Poland because it
was in such horrible condition

370
00:20:03,820 --> 00:20:07,660
that it wasn't fit for
Germans, quite obviously.

371
00:20:07,660 --> 00:20:13,180
So we find that, and also
the mere fact of an apartment

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00:20:13,180 --> 00:20:18,210
shortage in Germany,
that apartment shortage

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00:20:18,210 --> 00:20:22,890
had a tremendous
effect on the desire

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00:20:22,890 --> 00:20:27,000
of the various regional
people to evacuate Jews,

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00:20:27,000 --> 00:20:30,270
to shove them off, as they would
say, as quickly as possible.

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00:20:30,270 --> 00:20:32,340
Indeed, the apartment
shortage was

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00:20:32,340 --> 00:20:36,000
given as one of the main reasons
for starting the deportations

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00:20:36,000 --> 00:20:38,330
in Germany itself.

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00:20:38,330 --> 00:20:41,520
And that's why they begin
there, in the fall of 1941,

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00:20:41,520 --> 00:20:44,190
before there even is any
killing center, before there

381

00:20:44,190 --> 00:20:46,860
is any place to which
these people can be sent.

382

00:20:46,860 --> 00:20:49,200
But the apartment
shortage here looms

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00:20:49,200 --> 00:20:51,510

as an important
motivation, and is

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00:20:51,510 --> 00:20:56,170

used as a reason to shove
these people off, as they say.

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00:20:56,170 --> 00:20:58,990

Because they need
badly the flats.

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00:20:58,990 --> 00:21:01,500

Yeah, they need the flats, and
this is before any bombing.

387

00:21:01,500 --> 00:21:03,900

Well actually what
they need is, they

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00:21:03,900 --> 00:21:07,200

need space for people who
have been waiting for better

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00:21:07,200 --> 00:21:09,570

apartments, because the
construction program

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00:21:09,570 --> 00:21:11,100

was severely curtailed anyway.

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00:21:11,100 --> 00:21:15,960

There wasn't normal replacing
of housing in the Hitler years.

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00:21:15,960 --> 00:21:18,180

And therefore these
few Jewish apartments

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00:21:18,180 --> 00:21:22,590

were badly desired by people who
wanted to move up in the world

394
00:21:22,590 --> 00:21:25,450
and use their influence
to get those places.

395
00:21:25,450 --> 00:21:27,630
There's a lot of
correspondence on that alone

396
00:21:27,630 --> 00:21:31,220
in a city like
Munich, for instance.

397
00:21:31,220 --> 00:21:35,180
Now of course, once the Jews
arrive in the death camps,

398
00:21:35,180 --> 00:21:37,220
they just come with
their few kilograms

399
00:21:37,220 --> 00:21:40,790
of personal belongings,
but they may have gold.

400
00:21:40,790 --> 00:21:43,190
They may have foreign currency.

401
00:21:43,190 --> 00:21:45,090
They may have other things.

402
00:21:45,090 --> 00:21:48,320
And in that last
search, those things

403
00:21:48,320 --> 00:21:51,110
are taken and are funneled
through elaborately

404
00:21:51,110 --> 00:21:56,840
through the mechanism of banks
and various other institutions

405

00:21:56,840 --> 00:21:58,830
for final utilization.

406

00:21:58,830 --> 00:22:01,280
And it gets so that
the long hair of women

407

00:22:01,280 --> 00:22:04,970
is cut off for
purposes of making

408

00:22:04,970 --> 00:22:07,490
the cross hairs necessary
in submarines, you see,

409

00:22:07,490 --> 00:22:09,230
for firing torpedoes.

410

00:22:09,230 --> 00:22:11,630
And it gets so that
gold teeth are pulled,

411

00:22:11,630 --> 00:22:14,350
because gold is very valuable.

412

00:22:14,350 --> 00:22:17,930
And it's still a
foreign exchange earner.

413

00:22:17,930 --> 00:22:19,550
And here we see the--

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00:22:19,550 --> 00:22:32,940

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00:22:32,940 --> 00:22:36,600
As much as we see the
efficiency of the Germans

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00:22:36,600 --> 00:22:42,050
in the appropriation
of Jewish property,

417
00:22:42,050 --> 00:22:47,660
it is interesting to note
also that one basic principle

418
00:22:47,660 --> 00:22:50,210
throughout the process,
most particularly when

419
00:22:50,210 --> 00:22:55,290
the Final Solution began, was
that economic considerations

420
00:22:55,290 --> 00:22:59,820
were not to interfere with the
progress of the destruction

421
00:22:59,820 --> 00:23:04,480
process, and most particularly
so with the deportations, which

422
00:23:04,480 --> 00:23:07,830
very frequently were
cutting into the ghettos,

423
00:23:07,830 --> 00:23:10,940
cutting into the
armament plants,

424
00:23:10,940 --> 00:23:15,920
by taking away the labor
literally overnight.

425
00:23:15,920 --> 00:23:21,350
Now there are remarkable
inefficiencies

426
00:23:21,350 --> 00:23:24,420
which are not immediately
apparent in particularly

427
00:23:24,420 --> 00:23:25,170
the ghetto system.

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00:23:25,170 --> 00:23:28,030

429
00:23:28,030 --> 00:23:34,060
It's to be observed that whereas
some of the ghettos in Poland

430
00:23:34,060 --> 00:23:39,460
were established as early as
the end of 1939, others not

431
00:23:39,460 --> 00:23:41,650
until the end of
1940 or even later

432
00:23:41,650 --> 00:23:44,890
than that in the case
of Upper Silesia.

433
00:23:44,890 --> 00:23:48,160
And the reason is that in each
case when a ghetto was being

434
00:23:48,160 --> 00:23:52,450
established, a large price
was paid, in production,

435
00:23:52,450 --> 00:23:56,110
in upsetting the entire
economy of a region,

436
00:23:56,110 --> 00:24:00,040
in the very rerouting
of the traffic flow,

437
00:24:00,040 --> 00:24:04,000
non-collection of rents,
all kinds of upsetting,

438
00:24:04,000 --> 00:24:05,837
upheaval phenomena.

439

00:24:05,837 --> 00:24:07,420

You mean because of
the ghettoization?

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00:24:07,420 --> 00:24:10,210

The ghettoization itself.

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00:24:10,210 --> 00:24:13,210

And then you'll see
that with each ghetto,

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00:24:13,210 --> 00:24:17,200

the economy of the Jews
has to be re-established.

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00:24:17,200 --> 00:24:19,180

If you look inside
Warsaw, you observe

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00:24:19,180 --> 00:24:21,700

that in a population
of more than 400,000

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00:24:21,700 --> 00:24:25,510

ghetto inhabitants, not
more than 10% were employed.

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00:24:25,510 --> 00:24:30,650

Now at 90% unemployment, that
is to say 90% of the people not

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00:24:30,650 --> 00:24:33,230

working, although this would
include children and people not

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00:24:33,230 --> 00:24:38,810

capable of working, you do
see a gross inefficiency.

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00:24:38,810 --> 00:24:43,700

You can't take from people that
which they are not producing.

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00:24:43,700 --> 00:24:47,040

And even when, in
Warsaw for example,

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00:24:47,040 --> 00:24:51,940

the peak of efficiency
at the middle of 1942

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00:24:51,940 --> 00:24:58,040

is roughly 100,000, or barely
100,000 who are working.

453

00:24:58,040 --> 00:25:01,700

And that still means that at
least another 100,000 capable

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00:25:01,700 --> 00:25:03,770

of working are not working.

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00:25:03,770 --> 00:25:08,920

It is at that peak that the
Germans empty out the ghetto.

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00:25:08,920 --> 00:25:09,840

Now clearly--

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00:25:09,840 --> 00:25:13,270

People were working
for the German army?

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00:25:13,270 --> 00:25:15,940

Even including that.

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00:25:15,940 --> 00:25:18,730

Now Himmler said repeatedly
that he would not recognize

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00:25:18,730 --> 00:25:20,620

the argument of war production.

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00:25:20,620 --> 00:25:23,740

He says this in a variety

of contexts, whenever

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00:25:23,740 --> 00:25:26,860

it is alleged that the
frequent movements interfere

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00:25:26,860 --> 00:25:29,050

with production in
one way or another.

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00:25:29,050 --> 00:25:30,610

And he says he
will not recognize

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00:25:30,610 --> 00:25:32,862

the argument of war production
in the Final Solution

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00:25:32,862 --> 00:25:33,820

of the Jewish question.

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00:25:33,820 --> 00:25:36,860

He regards it as an excuse.

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00:25:36,860 --> 00:25:41,430

However, it really was a cost
in the destruction process

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00:25:41,430 --> 00:25:45,360

offsetting the gains which
accrue to the Germans

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00:25:45,360 --> 00:25:48,510

from various expropriation
and labor exploitations

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00:25:48,510 --> 00:25:50,130

and confiscations.

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00:25:50,130 --> 00:25:53,190

And ultimately the
cost was greater

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00:25:53,190 --> 00:25:54,960

than the sum total
of gains which

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00:25:54,960 --> 00:25:58,410

could be registered from
these various Aryanizations.

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00:25:58,410 --> 00:26:01,890

The cost was greater because
the relinquishment of labor

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00:26:01,890 --> 00:26:06,390

in a situation of extreme
labor shortage, the foregoing

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00:26:06,390 --> 00:26:09,840

of the opportunity to train
and employ, most especially

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00:26:09,840 --> 00:26:13,950

in Eastern Europe,
people who in any case

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00:26:13,950 --> 00:26:17,970

were heavily concentrated in the
skilled or semi-skilled labor

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00:26:17,970 --> 00:26:18,980

area.

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00:26:18,980 --> 00:26:22,910

That foregoing
was a cost factor.

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00:26:22,910 --> 00:26:25,080

It belongs at the
liability column.

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00:26:25,080 --> 00:26:27,150

The Jews were the
skilled workers.

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00:26:27,150 --> 00:26:30,120

The Jews were skilled
or semi-skilled workers.

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00:26:30,120 --> 00:26:35,040

As soon as you enter Poland
and all the way to the Ukraine,

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00:26:35,040 --> 00:26:37,890

the same situation of
occupational structure

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00:26:37,890 --> 00:26:39,240

shows up.

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00:26:39,240 --> 00:26:43,650

So that the Germans were here
making quite a sacrifice, one

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00:26:43,650 --> 00:26:45,450

which doesn't
appear in the books

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00:26:45,450 --> 00:26:48,900

because while they
would enter meticulously

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00:26:48,900 --> 00:26:53,550

every receipt in their
budget, they would not

492

00:26:53,550 --> 00:26:55,290

enter the foregoing of labor.

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00:26:55,290 --> 00:26:58,170

This is now an estimate
which one can hardly make,

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00:26:58,170 --> 00:27:02,280

because how do you calculate
that which was not produced?

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00:27:02,280 --> 00:27:04,470

And yet we know it.

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00:27:04,470 --> 00:27:06,990

Interestingly enough,
the Jews themselves

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00:27:06,990 --> 00:27:09,930

did not believe that
the Germans would

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00:27:09,930 --> 00:27:12,700

take going production
disrupt it,

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00:27:12,700 --> 00:27:16,380

and simply forego
the benefits of it.

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00:27:16,380 --> 00:27:19,200

And that's why the Jews believed
that so long as they were

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00:27:19,200 --> 00:27:21,570

working, they might be safe.

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00:27:21,570 --> 00:27:23,440

And that was a critical error.

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00:27:23,440 --> 00:27:25,980

That was ideology of
rescue through work.

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00:27:25,980 --> 00:27:29,940

Rescue through work, which would
apply only on the assumption

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00:27:29,940 --> 00:27:32,040

that the Germans were
completely rational

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00:27:32,040 --> 00:27:34,150

in the original economic

sense of the word.

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00:27:34,150 --> 00:27:38,790

Rationality means, I maximize my gains and I minimize my losses.

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00:27:38,790 --> 00:27:41,010

And the Jews thought that the Germans were completely

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00:27:41,010 --> 00:27:46,430

rational in this economic sense, and of course they were not.

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00:27:46,430 --> 00:27:48,860

Which means that the Jews made a grievous error

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00:27:48,860 --> 00:27:51,570

in making that assumption in the first place.

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00:27:51,570 --> 00:27:54,620

This is a very important point because they

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00:27:54,620 --> 00:27:57,710

wanted to steal everything from the Jews--

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00:27:57,710 --> 00:28:01,690

And yet this country, which was completely

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00:28:01,690 --> 00:28:06,500

organized per production, which was to the nth degree prepared

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00:28:06,500 --> 00:28:10,370

to maximize output, would nevertheless

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00:28:10,370 --> 00:28:16,150

forego clear advantages,
and would do so consistently

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00:28:16,150 --> 00:28:19,540
in the Jewish sector, most
especially when the labor

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00:28:19,540 --> 00:28:21,970
shortage would become critical.

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00:28:21,970 --> 00:28:24,630
There might be compromises.

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00:28:24,630 --> 00:28:27,030
In other words, there
would be a situation

522
00:28:27,030 --> 00:28:31,860
of saving the Jews capable of
labor until the last moment.

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00:28:31,860 --> 00:28:33,660
One would make
these distinctions

524
00:28:33,660 --> 00:28:36,840
between productive and
non-productive elements.

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00:28:36,840 --> 00:28:39,570
But in the end, and this
is the crucial thing,

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00:28:39,570 --> 00:28:45,670
Jewish labor, the labor
of Jews, was not labor.

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00:28:45,670 --> 00:28:48,360
In the end it was just Jews.

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00:28:48,360 --> 00:28:51,390

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00:28:51,390 --> 00:28:55,660

And this classification,
the classification

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00:28:55,660 --> 00:28:59,290

that a Jew is a
Jew, took precedence

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00:28:59,290 --> 00:29:02,310

over economic
considerations, and that

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00:29:02,310 --> 00:29:05,740

is a crucial point throughout
the destruction process,

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00:29:05,740 --> 00:29:08,220

and one of its main
characteristics.

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00:29:08,220 --> 00:29:15,530

Yes, and you think that this
was the most dangerous error

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00:29:15,530 --> 00:29:17,120

of the Jews themselves.

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00:29:17,120 --> 00:29:22,980

Yes, it was, because it applies,
of course, to 1941, to 1942,

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00:29:22,980 --> 00:29:24,570

'43, even 1944.

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00:29:24,570 --> 00:29:25,930

In Å Å³dÅ¼?

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00:29:25,930 --> 00:29:29,030

Yes, absolutely,
and in other places.

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00:29:29,030 --> 00:29:33,620

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00:29:33,620 --> 00:29:39,070
It's always the most
difficult thing to understand,

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00:29:39,070 --> 00:29:41,800
because in one way, what
they said of Germany,

543
00:29:41,800 --> 00:29:45,590
was a highly
industrialized country.

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00:29:45,590 --> 00:29:51,330
And they had the Krupp and they
had the gold teeth of the Jews.

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00:29:51,330 --> 00:29:54,810
Still, you see when you look
at Krupp the gold teeth,

546
00:29:54,810 --> 00:29:59,373
well it is very difficult to see
the acquisition of enterprises

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00:29:59,373 --> 00:30:01,290
and the acquisition of
the gold from the teeth

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00:30:01,290 --> 00:30:03,240
as in being in
the same category.

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00:30:03,240 --> 00:30:04,940
It is.

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00:30:04,940 --> 00:30:08,720
Because although it
seems to us now bizarre,

551
00:30:08,720 --> 00:30:10,700
the fact of the matter

is, to the Germans

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00:30:10,700 --> 00:30:12,410

both were Jewish property.

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00:30:12,410 --> 00:30:17,300

The coal mines belonging to the
Petscheks in the Sudetenland

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00:30:17,300 --> 00:30:20,870

or in Silesia,
and the gold teeth

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00:30:20,870 --> 00:30:25,770

extracted from Jewish
corpses in Auschwitz,

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00:30:25,770 --> 00:30:28,950

those were Jewish
properties, properly,

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00:30:28,950 --> 00:30:34,540

in their view, taken
and booked as receipts.

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00:30:34,540 --> 00:30:38,640

So in that sense for the
Germans it's a plus column.

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00:30:38,640 --> 00:30:39,610

These are assets.

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00:30:39,610 --> 00:30:40,470

These are gains.

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00:30:40,470 --> 00:30:42,100

These are acquisitions.

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00:30:42,100 --> 00:30:45,010

The relinquishment of Jewish
labor on the other hand,

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00:30:45,010 --> 00:30:46,350
is a minus column.

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00:30:46,350 --> 00:30:47,607
These are liabilities.

565
00:30:47,607 --> 00:30:48,315
These are losses.

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00:30:48,315 --> 00:30:51,070

567
00:30:51,070 --> 00:30:54,310
And it is admittedly
very, very difficult

568
00:30:54,310 --> 00:31:00,070
for a normal human being to
see this accounting system

569
00:31:00,070 --> 00:31:05,390
for what it was, to see the
plus and the minus clearly.

570
00:31:05,390 --> 00:31:12,410
To recognize that to these
people, even a radio that

571
00:31:12,410 --> 00:31:17,360
was barely working, even
a pair of binoculars

572
00:31:17,360 --> 00:31:22,370
that had had better
days, even spectacles,

573
00:31:22,370 --> 00:31:28,430
even shoes, worn clothing,
would still be utilized.

574
00:31:28,430 --> 00:31:30,320
It would be cleaned, it
would be disinfected,

575
00:31:30,320 --> 00:31:32,012
it would be distributed.

576
00:31:32,012 --> 00:31:33,470
Everything was
used, however small.

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00:31:33,470 --> 00:31:36,100

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00:31:36,100 --> 00:31:39,990
Yes, this is what I mean,
this is an ideology for death.

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00:31:39,990 --> 00:31:42,440
This is an ideology that is
in conformity with death,

580
00:31:42,440 --> 00:31:44,820
and this is what these
two plus and minus

581
00:31:44,820 --> 00:31:49,650
have in common, because both
have the object, finally,

582
00:31:49,650 --> 00:31:53,700
to eliminate Jewry altogether,
with its property disappearing

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00:31:53,700 --> 00:31:54,760
entirely.

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00:31:54,760 --> 00:31:57,480
But when you see for
instance in Auschwitz,

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00:31:57,480 --> 00:31:59,055
when they gathered the--

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00:31:59,055 --> 00:32:02,530

there were crippled Jews,
where they gather all the

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00:32:02,530 --> 00:32:03,480
[INAUDIBLE].

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00:32:03,480 --> 00:32:05,440
Of course.

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00:32:05,440 --> 00:32:07,740
Why not?

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00:32:07,740 --> 00:32:11,010
You see, in this regard
they are totally rational.

591
00:32:11,010 --> 00:32:15,330
They are rational to the
point of bizarreness.

592
00:32:15,330 --> 00:32:19,980
You are taking what
ordinarily would not be taken.

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00:32:19,980 --> 00:32:22,880
You regard even
what is in the body

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00:32:22,880 --> 00:32:26,130
as the property of the
German Reich in accordance

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00:32:26,130 --> 00:32:28,770
with the 11th to the 13th
ordinance of the Reich

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00:32:28,770 --> 00:32:31,160
citizenship law.

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00:32:31,160 --> 00:32:34,130
And indeed when we notice the
arguments in the war crimes

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00:32:34,130 --> 00:32:40,850

trials, one of these dentist,
he's being asked, now,

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00:32:40,850 --> 00:32:44,220

aren't you participant in
murder by pulling these teeth?

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00:32:44,220 --> 00:32:46,670

He said no, no, I mean
from the legal standpoint,

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00:32:46,670 --> 00:32:50,740

the corpse floats
in no man's land.

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00:32:50,740 --> 00:32:53,200

The teeth, the gold teeth
belong to the Reich.

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00:32:53,200 --> 00:32:56,640

He pulls them, and
he doesn't even

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00:32:56,640 --> 00:33:00,600

consider that this is
particularly wrong.

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00:33:00,600 --> 00:33:01,610

Yes.

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00:33:01,610 --> 00:33:07,040

But it is still so contrary to
what is today a modern consumer

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00:33:07,040 --> 00:33:07,970

society.

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00:33:07,970 --> 00:33:13,410

That's the American one, where
everything is thrown away.

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00:33:13,410 --> 00:33:17,760

Oh, yes, of course,
but the United States

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00:33:17,760 --> 00:33:22,060

is a society of waste
and the Germans were not.

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00:33:22,060 --> 00:33:25,620

Now you have to remember that
very heavy emphasis was placed

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00:33:25,620 --> 00:33:27,840

throughout the Hitler years
upon saving everything

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00:33:27,840 --> 00:33:32,630

that could be saved, because
it was a shortage economy.

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00:33:32,630 --> 00:33:34,016