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0 - 4 Dr. Robert Ross introduces himself - Minister of the American Baptist Church, Professor at the University of Minnesota; specialty - American Christianity in the Holocaust. Introduction to questions, America knew everything that was happening (including the churches), and nothing was done.

4 - 7 He started research in 1972 - once involved, you can't stop being involved. Things are not resolved easily. Not Jewish, raises other certain questions. Germany was the land of the Reformation. "Where were the Christians?"

7 - 10 "The Silence" - failure of Christians to act. Hitler was a Roman Catholic and was never excommunicated. Others (Nazis) were also not excommunicated. 96-98% involved were baptized Christians.

10 - 13 Average daily death tolls: Birkenau - 20,000; Treblinka - 9,000; "Post Auschwitz" 1945 with "Death March"

13 - 16 "I'm a specialist, I teach on American Religions." Study of phenomena of religion. "I'm now reading (1.) Christians in the Light of Human Holocaust by John Polokowski.

16 - 19 "This is the Century of Genocide... more people have been killed by genocide in this century than all history before this time."

19 - 22 And (2.) The Nazi Dictatorship Problems in Perspectives and Interpretation. by Ian Kershaw. 1942 - Germany decided to build Death Camps, and not one person said "why are we doing this?"

22 - 25 [Reads from book, introduces other book, Less Than Slaves.]

25 - 28 Prisoners were not paid for the labor they performed, but on paper they received an hourly wage. In reality, the wages were paid straight from the industries to the government, not to the Jews. Ross asks, "Who knew among American Christians?" - EVERYONE. "How soon?" - almost immediately. When he started in, 1974, no one knew the answers to these questions.

28 - 31 [Tells of his research] In the 1930's there were one thousand underground Religious presses (one with an estimated circulation of 40,000,000)

31 - 34 He examined everything from the years from 1933 to 1946, any and all religious writings on the Holocaust. February 13, 1933 - a quote regarding Anti-Semitism in Germany, Austria, Poland (specifically mentioning the Nazis in Germany) in "American Protestant Religious Press"

34 - 37 Secular press produced even more evidence.

37 - 40 How many camps were there? - at their height there were 1,635; How soon did word get out of mass genocide? - within three weeks; a high Nazi official rode on horse to notify the International Red Cross in Geneva.

40 - 43 Swiss businessmen traveling through Germany were told of what had occurred - Ross tells of Jan Karski.

43 - 46 By 1943, five of six death camps had been named in religious publishing. Everyone in the Western World knew!

46 - 49 Roman Catholic Church knew everything [Ross reads a quotation regarding Pope Pious XII's Germanophilic nature - he was more concerned about offending Germany than helping the plight of the Jews.

49 - 52 What was done? {video recording becomes very bad - picture unstable}

52 - 55 Ross calls FDR disrespectful for "never being a Friend to Jews" - he also dispels the myth of FDR and Eleanor Roosevelt being part Jewish as well as the myth of Hitler being part Jewish.

55 - 58 Tells of widespread Anti-Semitism even today; In the 1930's, Minneapolis was very Anti-semitic. H. H. Humphrey (mayor) turned that around. {tape quality improves}

58 - 61 {again tape becomes unstable, but not as bad} 80% of Jewish intellectual life was killed/destroyed, among the victims were over 1,000,000 children.

61 - 64 1944 - The last words of Warsaw Underground Radio from the Ghetto "Will somebody please save us? Help!" Could anything have been done? YES!

0 - 1 {last minute of tape one}

1 - 4 The survivors don't know how/why they made it; not from faith, religion, (they say we should have bombed - even this would have been a relief)

4 - 7 Should have bombed trains, tracks, camps. Treblinka became solely a death camp. At one point, no person was to live more than three hours from time of entry. Ross then poses the hypothetical question, "if you were an architect, designer, etc., would you design or build the death camps and their tools of death?"

7 - 10 Asks "would you build a Ford Pinto?" As it is an extremely unsafe car. Could things have been done earlier? Yes. Congress refused to let 20,000 Jewish children enter the United States. Six or seven ships of Jews were turned away from much of Europe, the U.S. and South America. They went to Holland from which many were later found, rounded up and killed.

10 - 13 Talks of Evian-Le-Bain Conference in 1938. Many countries complained/petitioned so they wouldn't have to take Jewish refugees. At present there are about 14,000,000 Jews, which is still 2,000,000 fewer than in 1933.

13 - 16 On Revisionists: "Ask them what happened to the 6,000,000 Jews" This they cannot answer. In fact the figure may be low; it could be as high as 13,000,000 killed. Poles numbered almost 3,000,000 killed.

16 - 19 3 to 3.5 million were gassed. Questions from the audience.

19 - 22 Depersonalization of killing.

22 - 25 Vociferous audience member rambles on about his tour of duty in Japan, WWII. The Holocaust was more than just man's inhumanity to man. It was an organized effort.

25 - 28 The worst part is that genocide can be seen as the latest and necessary action of practical politics. End of lecture. Audience questions: Apartheid.

28 - 31 More audience questions on Apartheid

31 - 34 Audience questions: the point - we at least should have done something; then back to more questions on Apartheid

34 - 37 Questions on consistency of Nazi strategy, comments on history of Anti-Semitism (back to 6,000 years ago).

37 - 40 Jew hatred is very old; audience questions "Where was God?" answer: "Ask a survivor."

40 - 43 Ross comments on Night by Elie Wiesel, stories of Religious perseverance in Dachau.

43 - 46 A question relating Chernobyl to Holocaust and reluctance to get involved.

46 - 48:06 Ross talks about the Depression; Chernobyl  
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