

Lesson #101 U.S. History War Crimes and Industry

War Crimes – 1. Planning, preparing and waging war
2. Plunder, spoliation of conquered peoples
3. Slavery and mass murder

Japan Home Front and Behind lines:

“Comfort Stations” – (sex slaves) called “Houses of Relaxation” Government denied involvement – blamed business community – documents proved “houses” run by military – Allied report of November 15, 1945 was a 36-page report that stated that approval of contracts were issued by government (military) to civilian operators with licenses.

By 1930’s Japan code of honor was turned upside down
Genju Shobun “Harsh Disposal” or *Genchi Shobun* (local disposal)

Massacre in Peking

Admiral Iwabuchi ordered all civilians in Japanese controlled area to be put to death.

Philippines massacre – entries in one soldier’s diary

- February 7, 1945 - killed 150 today 10 personally
- February 8, 1945 - rounded up 1,184 guerillas
- February 9, 1945 – burned 1,000 guerillas
- February 10, 1945 – guarded 1,600 guerillas
- February 13, 1945 – burned all guerillas to death

Japanese control of POW’s

- 16-hour work shift
- No medical treatment
- Cholera and malaria high
- 1 in 3 died in Japanese control and plan to kill all if Japan invaded
- 1 in 10 died in German control

Camp 731 (war crime) in China established in 1933

1. experimented with mustard gas on humans (mostly Chinese)
2. experimented with cold on humans --20 degrees Celsius
3. experimented with infecting humans with Cholera, tetanus, anthrax, dysentery, typhoid, and others
4. made clay bombs with bugs for balloons to be carried by wind to America

At the end of the war 56 Chinese were found alive in the camp.

Tokyo Trials – Not that public

- 5,700 trials
- 3,500 imprisoned
- 984 sentence to death

Cold War allowed Japanese to keep secret their actions in camp for many years

Nuremberg Trials

22 major trials

200 minor trials

23 Industrialist defendants – Krupp was dropped in first trial of Nazi leadership as being too sick, so he was placed in 2nd trial with the industrialist. May 12, 1948 after 152-day trial and 16,000 pages of transcript the industrialist were found guilty. Longest sentence was for 8 years.

Klaus Barbie the “Butcher of Lyon” held responsible for the death of Jean Moulin in 1943, the killing of 44 Jewish children on April 6, 1944, the deportation of 86 Jews in 1943 and 650 in 1944. He also was charged with torturing individuals between 1943-44 in Lyon. The United States help him escape justice after the war. He was arrested and tried in 1987. The trial was quick too many secrets could be exposed.

Many ex-Nazis stayed in plain sight. During the 1980’s Kurt Waldheim, President of Austria and acting as a U.N. official was reported to be a Nazi. He said he had been an anti-Nazi. Then papers were discovered that showed he was a member of Hitler Youth. He said yes, but it was just as a social function. Then papers discovered that showed he was in the German army. Then said he was in the Balkans only once and had taken no actions there against the Jews. Then papers provided that showed that he sign the papers for the deportation of 40,000 Jews in 1942.

U.S. intelligence agencies did not work together Army (G-2), Navy (ONI) and F.B.I.

The CIA came out of OSS Office of Strategic Services

Industry and Political Power:

1932 Hitler helped into power with 38 big industrialist

Swiss Banking used to hide funds – Jewish relatives want their property returned were told they need a death certificate.

The French resistance did not begin with any force until Germany invaded Soviet Union.

The Roman Catholic Church and aid to German leadership that were anti-communist.

The Cold War made ex-enemies (Germany & Japan) valuable partners to combat the Spread of the Communism. Effort to rebuild these economies after the war.

Trading with the Enemy

United States Companies

Chase Bank
Standard Oil
Ford
DuPont
G.M.
G.E.
I.T. & T.

German Companies

I.B. Farben
Krupp
Bayer
Bosch

Standard Oil had to be sued for company patents they claimed were German property.
Created a public relation problem. Standard Oil hired a firm to clean up the mess.
Campaign of loyal American Company: A Chevron of Red, White and Blue.



Navy Chevron



Army Chevron

1935 the FBI arrested William Lonkowski (code name sex) with documents on a new plane.
It was at night and he was told to report in the morning. He did not.

1937 The Germans were able to seal the plans for the Norden Bombsight by looking
through scientific magazines. The Bombsight was not given to the British until 1940.

I.G. Farben made Zyklon B an insecticide used in Death Camps.

Used slave labor and paid SS 3 Reich Marks per day for unskilled

4 Reich Marks for skilled

1 ½ Reich Marks for children

Offenses at I.G. plants were forfeit of meals, lashes, hanging, and selection

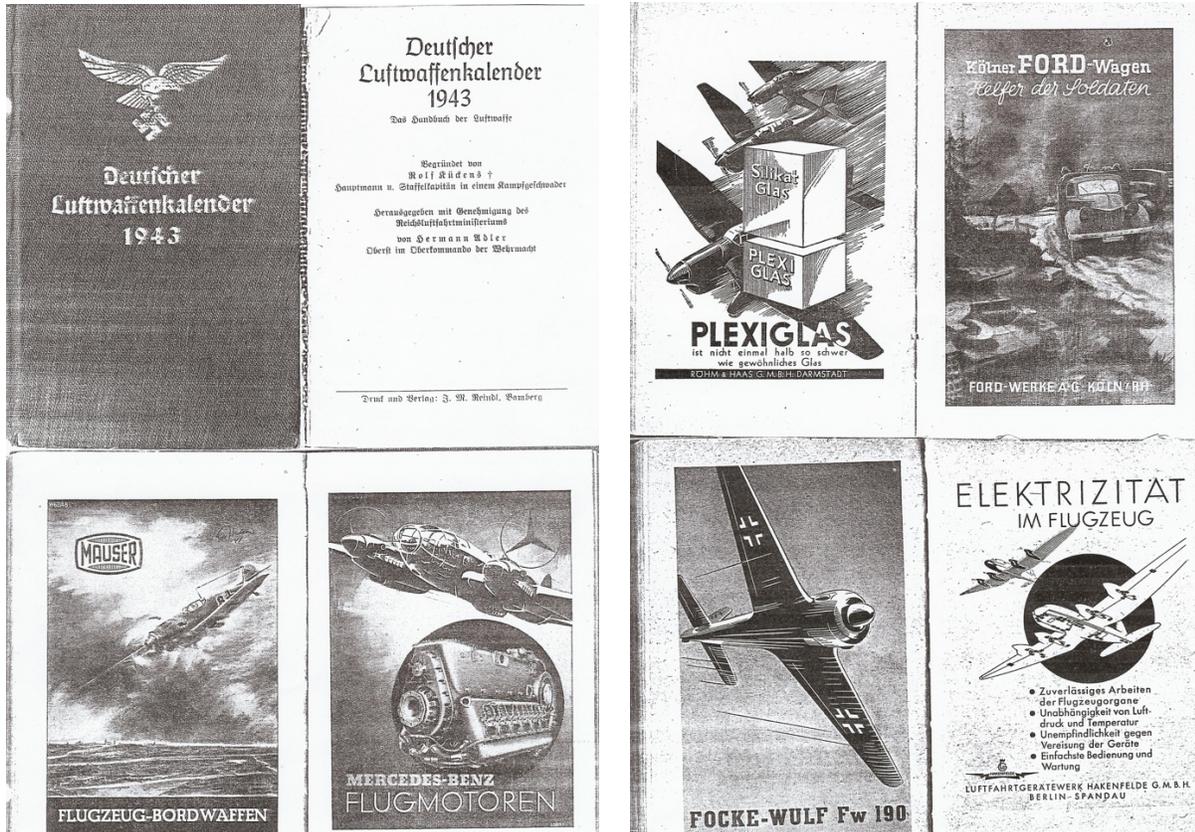
Offenses were lazy, slow to obey, eaten from garbage, begging, smoking, talking
to females and warming hands.

Business made claims for property damage during the war.

May 17, 1967 the U.S. Congress paid the company of IT&T \$27 million for factories the U.S. Air Corp bombed in Germany that were making equipment used for sinking American ship.

At the same time Congress refuse to pay Japanese Americans for property lost during their interment.

German Pilot's Survival Manuel



Big Business is never national!