

# Outline Nazi Endeavours To Wipe Out Christianity

Nuernberg, Dec. 18. — (AP) — Seeking conviction of thousands of minor Nazi party officials as war criminals along with Hitler's top leaders, Allied prosecutors to-day outlined details of an alleged Nazi plot to exterminate the Jews and wipe out the influence of Christian churches in Germany and the rest of Europe.

Orders for anti-Jewish programs and confiscation of Christian church properties were carried out through the 600,000 members of the Nazi Leadership Corps who spread Hitler's anti-religious doctrines throughout Germany, it was alleged in evidence laid before the international military tribunal.

## Listen Closely

The score of top Nazi leaders on trial for war crimes listened intently as prosecutors also demanded the conviction of members of the Leadership Corps and five other

Nazi organizations for carrying out the orders of Hitler's inner circle.

For the second consecutive day, Security Police Chief Kaltenbrunner, complaining of violent headaches, was absent from the prisoners' box. Medical authorities allowed him to rest to lessen the danger of complications from a cranial hemorrhage that had kept him out of the court room for the first three weeks of the trial.

Relating how Nazi party leaders secretly inspired anti-Jewish pogroms, the prosecution read a directive from party headquarters at the Munich Brown House that "the party should not appear outwardly as the originator of the demonstrations but in reality should organize and execute them."

Answering questions of Lord Justice Sir Geoffrey Lawrence, pre-

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siding, as to how the low-ranking Nazi block leaders could have been responsible for orders from high party leaders, the prosecution declared that the block leaders, who numbered more than 450,000 received their orders verbally and thus there were few documents linking them directly with Nazi policy.

The tribunal indicated some doubt that minor Nazi officials shared in war guilt responsibility with their leaders, Lord Justice Lawrence yesterday questioning the prosecution's evidence that Heinrich Himmler's Gestapo was ordered to co-operate with gauleiters in staging anti-Jewish demonstrations.

Lord Justice Lawrence remarked that this seemed to him to be a police, rather than a party affair.

## Attack on Church

Turning again to evidence that Nazi gauleiters led the campaign to confiscate church property, the prosecution produced an Elite Guard (S.S.) report that "all real estate owned by the churches is being claimed by the local 'Gau' administration."

It was charged that defendant Alfred Rosenberg, official philosopher of the Nazi party, and Martin Bormann, Hitler's missing deputy, who is being tried in absentia, were the leaders in the Nazi attack on the church.

The prosecutor produced a directive from Bormann to Rosenberg for closing 11 Catholic theological schools.

The prosecution introduced orders to gauleiters from Robert Ley, German Labour Front boss, who committed suicide to avoid trial, to show how the Nazi party methodically proceeded to swallow up labour unions and make them "safe for Naziism."

Rosenberg was named as the leader in the looting of art treasures from European museums "for the cultural impoverishment of virtually every community in Europe and enrichment of Germany."

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