



The Legacies of Nuremberg:

60 years later, a series of dynamic lectures and exhibits exploring the Holocaust, the Nuremberg Trials, and their lasting influence on our system of justice.



*March 29 & 30, 2006
Chicago, IL*



The Trials

“The privilege of opening the first trial in history for crimes against the peace of the world imposes a great responsibility. The four great nations flushed with victory and stung with injury, stay the hand of vengeance and voluntarily submit their captive enemies to the judgment of the law.”

Just 60 years ago, United States Chief Prosecutor Robert Jackson began the first Nuremberg war crimes trial with these powerful words. He went on to say, “The crimes which we seek to condemn and punish have been so calculated, so malignant, so devastating, that civilization cannot tolerate their being ignored, because it cannot survive their being repeated.”

Between November 1945 and October 1946, the International Military Tribunal (IMT) at Nuremberg tried 22 “major” war criminals on charges of conspiracy, crimes against peace, war crimes, and crimes against humanity. Twelve of those convicted were sentenced to death; three defendants were sentenced to life imprisonment; four to prison terms ranging from 10 to 20 years, and three of the defendants were acquitted. Subsequently, American military tribunals conducted 12 further trials of high-ranking German officials at Nuremberg.

The Trials' Legacy

Through a series of symposia, The Chicago Bar Association, the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, and the Chicago Public Library come together during this special event to examine the Trials' lasting effects on justice and how we can utilize that vision in today's world.

“THE NUREMBERG TRIALS: WHAT IS JUSTICE?” AN INTERACTIVE COMPUTER DISPLAY

March 15 – April 15, 2006

Harold Washington Library Center, Chicago Public Library

400 S. State St., 7th Fl., Chicago

Woodson Regional, Chicago Public Library

9525 S. Halsted St., Chicago

Sulzer Regional, Chicago Public Library

4455 N. Lincoln Ave., Chicago

The Holocaust was an unprecedented crime—millions of murders, wrongful imprisonments, tortures, rape, theft, and destruction. In the immediate aftermath of the Holocaust, the world was faced with a challenge—how to seek justice for an almost unimaginable scale of criminal behavior. The International Military Tribunal (IMT) held at Nuremberg, Germany, attempted to broach this immense challenge on a legal basis. This original interactive display created by the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum marks the 60th anniversary of the IMT, a watershed moment in international justice. Visitors are invited to view historical photographs, examine artifacts, and watch testimony video from eyewitnesses to the trials. The Nuremberg trial provoked questions—what is its legacy today?

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WITNESS TO HISTORY: SURVIVORS OF THE HOLOCAUST RELATE THEIR EXPERIENCES & OPENING BREAKFAST

Wednesday, March 29, 2006 • 7:30 – 9:00 a.m.

The Standard Club (320 S. Plymouth Ct.)

\$30 per person (*for breakfast cost*)

The opening breakfast will provide an overview of the two day program, “Legacies of Nuremberg.” As a poignant reminder of why the Nuremberg Trials were necessary, there will be a special presentation by a survivor of the Holocaust.

WITNESS TO HISTORY: SURVIVORS OF THE HOLOCAUST RELATE THEIR EXPERIENCES

Wednesday, March 29, 2006 • 9:30 – 11:00 a.m.

Woodson Regional, Chicago Public Library (9525 S. Halsted St., Chicago)

Sulzer Regional, Chicago Public Library (4455 N. Lincoln Ave., Chicago)

Survivors of the Holocaust will talk about their own personal experiences during the Holocaust and how it has affected their lives and the lives of their families. This unique opportunity gives people a chance to meet and hear from someone who is indeed a witness to history.

BRINGING NAZIS TO JUSTICE

Wednesday, March 29, 2006 • 11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

The Standard Club (320 S. Plymouth Ct.)

\$45 per person (*for lunch cost*)

Over six decades after the end of World War II, perpetrators of the Holocaust continue to be identified and prosecuted in courtrooms around the world. Panelists discuss these efforts from their inception in 1945 until today, with special focus on the United States and Germany.

In the Beginning: The U.S. Army Trials in Dachau, 1945-1947

Chair - Dr. Lisa Yavnai, J.D., Visiting Scholar Programs, CAHS, USHMM

Forever Judging the Past: The Changing Course of Postwar West German Nazi Trials

Dr. Rebecca Wittman, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of History, University of Toronto, and former Fellow, CAHS, USHMM

Hunting Nazis: The U.S. Office of Special Investigations, 1979 to Present

Dr. Peter Black, Ph.D., Senior Historian, CAHS, and USHMM

THE THIRD REICH AND THE LEGAL PROFESSION

Wednesday, March 29, 2006 • 2:30 – 4:00 p.m.

Northwestern School of Law, Lincoln Hall
(357 E. Chicago Ave., Chicago)



Thursday, March 30, 2006 • 9:30 – 11:00 a.m.

Illinois Institute of Technology Chicago-Kent School of Law
(565 W. Adams, Ogilvie Auditorium, Chicago)



Dr. William Meinecke, Historian USHMM, will emphasize the response of the German legal community to the end of democracy and the Nazi rise to power in 1933. By adaptation and concessions, even undermining the rule of law, legal professionals sought to defend the existing legal order, but became in this way an instrument of repression for the regime. The relatively easy integration of non-Nazi legal professionals—lawyers, judges, and prosecutors—into the Nazi system of law marked the utter failure of the profession and illustrated the contribution of Law to the injustices of the Holocaust.

THE LAW AND POLITICS OF PREVENTING GENOCIDE: THE HOLOCAUST TO DARFUR

Wednesday, March 29, 2006 • 2:30 – 4:00 p.m.

DePaul University (1 E. Jackson, Room 8005, Chicago)

Thursday, March 30, 2006 • 9:30 – 11:00 a.m.

Loyola University School of Law
(25 E. Pearson, Rubloff Auditorium, Chicago)



Jerry Fowler, Staff Director for the Committee on Conscience USHMM, will present an overview of how the law to combat genocide was created after the Holocaust and how that law has developed in the years since then. Focus will be given to an examination of both the legal and political challenges of preventing and responding to genocide.

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THE DIARIES OF JAMES G. MCDONALD: AN ARCHIVAL DISCOVERY

Wednesday, March 29, 2006 • 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

Harold Washington Library Center, Chicago Public Library
(Pritzker Auditorium, 400 S. State St.)

Wednesday, March 29, 2006 • 7:30 – 9:00 p.m.

Beth Emet Temple (1224 Dempster St., Evanston, Illinois)

Through the work and tenacity of Stephen Mize, archivist USHMM, the diary of a little-known American, James G. McDonald, the high commissioner for refugees at the League of Nations in the 1930s and ultimately the first U.S. Ambassador to Israel, was discovered. McDonald's diaries offer insightful and first-hand views on many defining moments in America's diplomacy with Nazi Germany as he struggled to save the lives of thousands of Europeans facing persecution. A shrewd observer, McDonald meticulously recorded his remarkable experiences, and the diaries are filled with his insider's perspectives, candor, eloquence, and insights.

EUTHANASIA ON TRIAL

Thursday, March 30, 2006 • 9:30 – 11:00 a.m.

Harold Washington Library Center, Chicago Public Library

(Pritzker Auditorium, 400 S. State St., Chicago)

Historian Dr. Patricia Heberer, USHMM, will discuss postwar efforts to bring to justice the Nazi perpetrators who murdered institutionalized disabled patients at the Hadamar “euthanasia” facility. The discovery by American forces in the last weeks of the war of the systematic murder of institutionalized disabled patients killed at a “euthanasia” facility (Hadamar) by the Nazi regime led to the first mass atrocity trial in the American zone of occupation. The American judicial strategies laid important precedents for all further atrocity trials in the U.S. zone. In 1947, a German court again tried Hadamar perpetrators, encountering still different obstacles and pursuing different strategies.

THE LEGACIES OF NUREMBERG: THE LEGAL FRAMEWORK FOR PREVENTING GENOCIDE

Thursday, March 30, 2006 • 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.

The Chicago Bar Association Building (321 S. Plymouth Ct., Chicago)

\$20 per person (includes box lunch)

This roundtable discussion will focus on the lessons and legacies of the Nuremberg Trials on international law.

Speakers:

Jerry Fowler, *Staff Director of the Committee on Conscience, USHMM*

Professor Alberto Coll, *DePaul University School of Law*

Associate Professor Christopher Rassi, *Case Western Reserve University School of Law*

NUREMBERG REVISITED: DRAMATIC READINGS FROM THE NUREMBERG TRIAL

Thursday, March 30, 2006 • 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Harold Washington Library Center, Chicago Public Library

(Pritzker Auditorium, 400 S. State St., Chicago)

Through the use of historical film footage, historical photographs, and the actual trial transcripts, the court room at Nuremberg and the trial will be recreated in a dramatic fashion. The last 45 minutes of the program will be dedicated to discussing the lessons and legacies of the Nuremberg Trials.

Registration:
The Legacies of Nuremberg

- March 29: Opening Breakfast
\$30 per person (# of tickets _____)
- March 29: Luncheon: Bringing Nazis to Justice
\$45 per person (# of tickets _____)
- March 30: Luncheon: The Legacies of Nuremberg
\$20 per person (# of tickets _____)

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Charges cover cost of food and beverage.