

British royals under scrutiny for covering up Nazi genocide

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It is appropriate that, at a time when increasing international publicity is being directed to genocide being committed by British-orchestrated forces in Central Africa, and when the British are leading efforts to obstruct intervention that might stop that genocide, a controversy has been unleashed, over how the British royal family, World War II Prime Minister Winston Churchill, and other British Establishment influentials impeded actions, in the 1940s, to stop the Nazi Holocaust against the Jews.

On May 19, new archive material was released by the British Public Records Office (PRO) in Kew, England, providing new and shocking evidence, that Churchill and other British leaders knew, without question, that the Nazi regime was carrying out mass murder against Jews. The PRO documents indicate that this was known, as early as the first massacres in June 1941, up to the final concentration camp gassings in 1945.

The PRO documents are based on previously classified transcripts of German police radio messages, intercepted by British code-breakers. They show that senior British officials knew where Jews were being killed, almost from day to day. The transcripts document the executions that followed in the wake of the Nazi army's military successes. Some of the executions involved just a few Jews, and others, tens of thousands.

While there is nothing new, as such, in the information that British leaders were aware of the genocide before it became widespread public knowledge, what is new about the PRO records, is that they show that senior wartime British officials had much more information about the killings than previously believed.

On May 21, Oxford University historian Dan Stone upped the ante. Stone seized upon the PRO story, to argue that the British Foreign Office and British press willfully covered up what was happening to the Jews in Nazi Germany. He presented additional evidence. According to Stone, "At the start of September 1942, Gerhard Riegner, a representative of the World Jewish Congress in Geneva, sent a cable of his discussion with a well-placed German informant, to Jewish leaders in London and New York." Riegner presented a "startlingly accurate" description of the planned Final Solution, writing that the plan, as worked out by Nazi leaders in Wannsee, was that "all Jews in countries occupied or controlled [by] Germany, numbering 3.5 to 4 million, should, after deportation

and concentration in the East, be exterminated at one blow."

But, Stone commented, "on the advice of the British Foreign Office and the U.S. State Department, the Jewish leaders chose not to publish the report until November."

He went on: "Even earlier than the Riegner telegram, in May 1942, the Jewish underground in Warsaw managed to send, via the remarkable figure of the messenger Jan Karski, a report on the systematic annihilation of the Jews, to the Polish government-in-exile in London." The British Broadcasting Corp. made a couple of broadcasts about this, but only one British newspaper, when the report was made public in July, published the report, and "then hid it on an inside page." The lack of publicity drove one Polish Jewish leader, Shmuel Zygielbojm, "in despair, to commit suicide in protest, in 1943."

In a discussion with *EIR*, Stone commented that such accounts have great relevance now, not only because of what is happening in Central Africa, but because of the earlier record of the British Foreign Office in covering up for the mass slaughter by the Greater Serbs in Bosnia.

Did the royal family know?

Matters escalated on June 21, when filmmaker Artur Brauner, president of the B'nai B'rith Janusz Korczak Lodge in Berlin, placed a full-page advertisement in the *London Times*, entitled "Who Is Responsible?" He focussed on what responsibility *the British monarchy* had, in preventing action to stop the Holocaust.

Brauner began by noting that that weekend was the 56th anniversary of the June 22, 1941 launching of Hitler's "Operation Barbarossa" drive to the East, which began "the most gruesome and brutal war in the history of mankind. . . . It cost 55 million humans their lives." The "mass execution" of the Jews began with the "Barbarossa invasion" against Russia. "Special detachments of SS and SD rounded up unarmed and helpless Jews, driving them into ditches ruled by firing squads, locking them into gas chambers and ghettos, killing millions of men, women, and children. . . . Around 40% of the Jewish population were murdered."

Brauner charged that none of the ensuing events were "concealed," because "the headquarters for deciphering war messages in London Bletchley Park managed to crack SS-codes [sic] on the 18th of July 1941, thus being exactly in-



President Franklin Roosevelt (left) and British Prime Minister Winston Churchill at Yalta. "Proof has been delivered, that Prime Minister Winston Churchill was informed about the genocide. Why he stood by without interfering or informing the public while the massacre took place, must be clarified in the name of humanity," says Artur Brauner, president of the B'nai B'rith Janusz Korczak Lodge in Berlin.

formed about the systematic decimation of Jewish inhabitants under the German occupation from then on. Further gruesome details about the genocide gradually became known by messengers or refugees that had managed to escape the ghettos and concentration camps."

Reporting that he had "lost 49 relatives from both sides of my family" in the Holocaust, Brauner wrote: "I want to appeal to the Royal Family, the British government, and the British people, to open their archives, dating from 1941-45, and make them fully accessible to the public. It is high time, that the British nation and the rest of mankind were informed about the accessories that are to be held responsible for keeping this genocide secret."

Indicating the "accessories" he has in mind, Brauner posed three questions: "Did the Royal Family know what was happening? Had they been informed? How did the Queen react to this horrific revelation?"

The ad showed photos of atrocities being committed, interspersed with such comments as: "Meanwhile proof has been delivered, that Prime Minister Winston Churchill was informed about the genocide. Why he stood by without interfering or informing the public while the massacre took place, must be clarified in the name of humanity." One caption asked why "railway lines leading from the ghettos of Warsaw, Lodz and other cities" to the concentration camps, were not bombed, even though "the radius of American and British bombers would have enabled them" to do so. "Who carries the responsibility for this 'standstill agreement'? How many of my relatives died in the gas chambers because of it? . . . No

bombardments took place. Who gave the orders and why?"

In a June 26 interview with this correspondent (see below), Brauner stated that he is "convinced" that the British monarchy "was informed" about the Holocaust, and "consulted" on the matter with Churchill, who was determined to suppress public discussion of the matter. Brauner also provided *EIR* with the text of a June 24 letter he wrote to the *Times* (see below), punching holes in British rationalizations for their heinous behavior, and stating that "accessories and witnesses to a crime are guilty, if they fail to intervene helpfully."

This stands as an indictment of the British royal family, even if Brauner shrinks from drawing parallels between what happened then, and what is happening now, in Africa. While his indictment is, in this sense, limited, it draws attention to the relationship between the royal family and genocide, at a time when Royal Consort Prince Philip's open call for mass reduction of the global human population, has become notorious in recent years.

And, this is far from the end of the story. On June 24, the *Berliner Morgenpost's* London correspondent Siegfried Helm asked Buckingham Palace for its reaction to the Brauner ad in the *Times*. The evasive response was: "We haven't seen such an advertisement." Asked further, whether Churchill had informed King George VI, who then reigned, that Britain knew of the ongoing genocide against the Jews, the Palace spokesman snapped: "Audiences of prime ministers are absolutely confidential."

Her Majesty is evidently not amused.