

The Holocaust and the Historical Revisionists

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The Third Reich was to last for a thousand years. In fact, it lasted for twelve years and four months, specifically, from January, 1933 until April, 1945. During that time, more than twenty-nine million persons were killed—six million of them Jews, slaughtered because they were Jewish.

The claim that the extermination of the Jews at the hands of the Nazis was a greater tragedy than what has befallen other persecuted people is both unfeeling and heartless. It is, however, the uniqueness of their annihilation that is historically significant. It is significant in order that we understand the awesome and terrible event so that we can then comprehend the differences between good and evil, man's inhumanity to man, and the moral choices which lie ahead for ourselves and our children.¹

According to Eli Wiesel, Chairman of the President's Commission on the Holocaust, there is no subject more urgent than the teaching of the Holocaust. In a speech delivered at the Conference on "Teaching About Genocide and the Nazi Holocaust in Secondary Schools," (October 9th-11th, 1977), Wiesel dealt with the vision of the survivors and the realities of today:

There is no subject more linked to justice; for today, the greatest injustice is being accomplished—the obliteration of those memories, the erasing of those events. I received a

postcard addressed to me at Boston University. It said "I recently completed reading 'The Hoax of the 20th Century,' and the professor who wrote the book claims that the six million is a total fiction, that no Jews were gassed or toasted in the ovens in German concentration camps, that there was nothing in German records to substantiate the Jewish claims, that the confessions that were obtained, were obtained under duress. I guess Hitler was right when he said that the Jew is master of the Big Lie . . ."²

Wiesel continued by saying that he received a second letter from a professor at the Sorbonne. "Yes," the letter stated, "there were ovens in the Camps, but only for the sick people. . . never were there any Gas Chambers."

If one is to believe such materials, constructed by those who seek to rewrite history (rather than to learn from it), then Hitler's policy in dealing with the "Jewish Problem" was really one of emigration not extermination, then the killers did not kill and the victims did not perish, then Auschwitz was a fraud, Treblinka a lie, and Bergen-Belsen a convalescent home. It is to these materials, to the pseudo-historians who selectively dissect history in the manner of their choice, and to the publishing companies and institutes which cater to the sick, bigoted, fringe elements in our society, and which act as the literary vehicles for these enterprises, that we shall shortly direct our attention.

¹ *The Record*. New York: A.D.L. of B'nai B'rith in cooperation with the National Council for the Social Studies, 1970, p. 1.

² From a speech at the Conference "Teaching About Genocide and the Nazi Holocaust in Secondary Schools," October 9th, 1977.

The Revisionists

In France, Robert Faurisson, a professor at the University of Lyons, announced that the Holocaust had never happened. Genocide didn't occur, he said, and Hitler had been defamed. Reports to the contrary are a Zionist hoax, according to Faurisson.

Faurisson was hauled into Court by a coalition of Holocaust survivors and human rights organizations who accused him of falsifying history. Falsification of history is against the law of France. This led to a civil liberties campaign on the question of the extent of academic freedom.

What do Faurisson and his supporters believe? Faurisson has provided a summary labelled "Conclusions after thirty years of research by Revisionist authors." Revisionist, is what the adherents of this no-Holocaust view call themselves. In translations distributed in the United States by the Liberty Lobby, the first five points are:

1. The "Hitler gas chambers" never existed.
2. The "Genocide" (or the "attempted Genocide") of the Jews, never took place. In other words, Hitler never gave an order or permission that anyone should be killed for his race or religion.
3. The alleged "gas chambers" and the alleged "Genocide" are one and the same lie.
4. This lie, which is largely of "Zionist" origin, has made an enormous political and financial fraud possible, whose principal beneficiary is the State of Israel.
5. The principal victims of this lie are the German people (but not the German rulers) and the entire Palestinian people.

Faurisson thinks that the Jews were a major power in Europe and bear a responsibility for World War II. They were trying to destroy Germany, which therefore had to defend itself. Hitler acted reasonably, he says, by rounding up the Jews in concentration camps, which he designates as prison or labour camps, and not camps for extermination. It was among "Zionists"

that the lie about Genocide began. The whole world fell for this.

Faurisson and his colleagues have unquestionably come up with the most sensational Juda-phobic paranoid conspiracy theory. According to Paul Berman,

Their theory of the Holocaust as a Zionist lie is without doubt the greatest paranoid conspiracy theory of our times, greater even than the Argentine theory that the Jews are going to seize Patagonia. Stop to consider the number of people involved, the size of the conspiracy you must have to deceive the whole world about events involving tens of millions of people—six million Jews to begin with, who have, each and every one, cooperatively, kept their mouths shut . . . (it is the power of "conformism" that makes them do this, according to Faurisson); plus thousands of other Camp inmates who admit to having survived but lie in a perfectly synchronized manner about their experiences, plus any number of former Nazis who, after the War, made the fiendishly clever decision to back the Zionist lie by concocting perfectly coordinated stories about fictional acts of Genocide; plus hundreds of thousands of random witnesses, judges, jurors, and historians; plus an enormous clandestine army of scribes, clerks, typists, who must have spent a busy year back in 1945 fabricating, doctoring, distorting, forging, and systematically misinterpreting millions upon millions of pages of Nazi documents and War records, strictly in accordance with secret orders from Zionist Central. And all this without a single slip-up. What an operation those fantasy Zionists have!!!³

Revisionist thinking is obsessed with tiny details, the tinier the better. It tends to pass with alarming speed from vague notions of how Zionists manipulate global history to the specific properties of Zyklon B Gas, the problems created by piles of cadavers, the unlikelihood that a hole in a certain gas chamber could have been used

³ Paul Berman, "Gas Chambers Games—Crackpot History and the Right to Lie," *The Village Voice*, New York, June 10-16. p. 38.

to pour in the gas, and the meaning of individual phrases in an Auschwitz doctor's diary. They tend to accumulate an immense number of details.

Their "explanation" that the Holocaust is a gigantic hoax can be seen through Faurisson's use of an Auschwitz doctor's diary, which has become a classic among the Revisionists. His study has been printed numerous times in France and by the Liberty Lobby and an organization called The Revisionist Press in the United States under the title of *The Problem of the 'Gas Chambers' or 'The Rumour of Auschwitz'* (the Revisionists disturbing use of quotation marks is common.). These publications are offered through the Institute for Historical Review (I.H.R.), a California-based foundation putting forward the theory of the Holocaust Hoax.

Faurisson's use (or misuse) of the diary is one of the charges presently laid against him, that of falsifying history. The French scholar Georges Wellers analyzed this for *Le Monde*. His analysis does show the nature of the Revisionist mind.

The diary was written by the S.S. Doctor Johann-Paul Kremer during the three months he spent at Auschwitz in 1942. Kremer's entry for October 18th, 1942, reads in full: "This Sunday morning in a cold and humid weather, I was present at the 11th Special Action (Dutch). Atrocious scenes with three women who begged us to let them live."⁴

How does one interpret this passage? Faurisson's view is that nothing extraordinary happened at Auschwitz, and that nothing extraordinary is revealed in this entry. According to Faurisson, a "Special Action" was the sorting out by doctors of

the sick from the healthy among the inmates during a typhus epidemic. The "atrocious scenes" were, in his words, "executions of persons who had been condemned to death, executions for which the doctor was obliged to be present. Among the condemned were three women who had come in a convoy from Holland; they were shot." Faurisson concludes by adding a footnote citing from Auschwitz camp records; all in seemingly good scholarly form.

But Wellers shows that the Kremer October 18th entry means something very different. Wellers looked in the Auschwitz archives and discovered that a convoy from Holland did indeed arrive on that date. There were 1,710 persons in this convoy, according to the documentations. However, only 116 persons, all women, were actually brought into the Camp. Wellers observes: "the archives are silent about the fate of the 1,594 others: they were not introduced into the Camp, they were not reembarked and sent elsewhere. They disappeared!"⁵

The meaning of "Special Action" now comes into focus. It has always been recognized that "Special Action" was the occasion when S.S. Doctors selected victims for the Gas Chambers. Evidently, that is what a "Special Action" meant for the 1,594 people from Holland on October 18th, 1942. Note that Kremer's entry mentions that this was his eleventh such action. He would actually participate in fourteen.

And what about Faurisson's claim that the three women had been condemned to death and were shot; Wellers observed that this is not Kremer's diary. The entry says nothing about people being condemned to death, nothing about the women being shot. Faurisson got this from a different source, which, upon examination, turns out to have been Kremer's testimony at a

⁴ *Ibid.* Faurisson has since been convicted on three counts: one of libelling historian Leon Polakoff, one of Racial Defamation for having stated that the Gas Chambers and Genocide Reports were lies and swindles concocted by the Jews, and one of not discharging the responsibilities of an historian.

⁵ *Ibid.*

war crimes trial in Poland after the War. Kremer testified concerning October 18th, 1942: "the three Dutch women did not want to go into the gas chamber and begged to have their lives spared. They were young women in good health, but, in spite of that, their prayer was not granted and the S.S. who were participating in the "Action," shot them on the spot."

So there *were* gas chambers and people *were* put in them and Faurisson relies on the very testimony which shows this. But, he conceals all mention of the gas chambers for the truth is not his goal. Rather than be accused of anti-Semitism, Faurisson has "revealed" that anti-Semitism itself is a Jewish plot.

But Faurisson is not alone.

Over the past several years this "Jewish Hoax" has arisen in France, England, Germany, Sweden, and the United States. What is more astonishing is that the world centre of this movement is based in Torrance, California.⁶ It is known as the Institute for Historical Review (I.H.R.).

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The Institute publishes what it seems to consider a scholarly quarterly, the *Journal of Historical Review*, holds conferences and distributes books, including: *The Six Million Swindle*, *The Six Million Lost and Found*, *The Six Million Reconsidered*, *Anne Frank's Diary: A Hoax*, and *I was Quisling's Secretary*.

In an effort to give itself an aura of scholarship, the Institute's journal lists an Editorial Advisory Board of individuals who are using their academic titles (often unrelated to the subject study) to lend credence to the insidious campaign to deny the Holocaust. Among the members of the Editorial Board is a Doctor Reinhard Buchner, a member of the faculty of the California State University, Long Beach.

Doctor Buchner, a fifty-five year old professor of Physics and Astronomy, was born in Germany and served in the Wermacht during World War II before coming to the United States twenty years ago. He believes that the Holocaust could not possibly have happened because "an undertaker will tell you that you cannot burn bodies as fast as they were supposed to do at Auschwitz."⁷ The photos and eyewitness accounts of the mass murder of Jews are false, Auschwitz was simply a labour camp and if a few Jews died there, they died of hard work and fresh air, according to Professor Buchner.

Recently uncovered information on the leadership of the I.H.R., however, casts considerable doubt on the credibility of the organization. Lewis Brandon, twenty-nine, the Director of the I.H.R., was recently identified by the Board of Deputies of British Jews as William David McCalden, a former member of Britain's Neo-Fascist National Front. McCalden edited anti-Semitic and racist publications in England before becoming a resident alien in the United States in 1978. He defected from the National Front in 1975 to help form the National Party which espouses "British Racial Nationalism."

According to Russel Chandler, religion writer for the *Los Angeles Times*, the present whereabouts of McCalden alias Brandon, is unknown. He apparently left California to avoid a law suit initiated by a Mel Mermelstein and Simon Wiesenthal, the noted Nazi hunter. Mr. Mermelstein, who saw his mother and his two sisters taken to the gas chambers at Auschwitz in 1944, is suing the I.H.R. for the \$50,000.00 prize it offered to establish proof of the Gas Chambers. Mr. Mermelstein also sued for \$17,000,000 in damages. Russel Chandler reports that it was not known exactly when

⁶ Jewish Telegraphic Agency daily News Bulletin, April 25th, 1980.

⁷ Simon Wiesenthal Centre for Holocaust Studies (Los Angeles: Wiesenthal Centre, Vol. 5, February, 1981).

McCalden came to Southern California and became associated with the I.H.R. where he was paid an annual salary of \$22,000.00.⁸

The Liberty Lobby

There appears to be a relationship between the I.H.R. and the utmost right Liberty Lobby which has waged a ceaseless propaganda war against Blacks and Jews for many years. The war is waged through radio programs which the Liberty Lobby claims to distribute to some 500 stations and a weekly newspaper, *The Spotlight*, (281,000 subscribers). It has been through *The Spotlight* that the Lobby has provided the I.H.R. with its publicity. The similarity of content, articles and authors is striking.⁹ The head of Liberty Lobby is Willis A. Carto.

Carto has built up a network of loosely affiliated publications and organizations dispensing openly anti-Jewish propaganda of varying degrees of virulence. These have included the *American Mercury*, the *Washington Observer Newsletter*, *Noontide Press* (a publisher of racist and anti-Semitic books), the Nordic-racist *Western Destiny* (now defunct), and the openly Neo Nazi *National Youth Alliance* and its successor, *Youth Action*.¹⁰

During the 1960's, Liberty Lobby con-

⁸ J.T.A., *op.cit.*, Friday, May 8th, 1981; In October, 1981, California Superior Court Judge Thomas Johnson, ruled on one part of the law suit, that he will take "judicial notice" of the fact that "Jews were gassed to death in Auschwitz."

⁹ *Spotlight Reprint*, December 24th, 1979.

¹⁰ Arnold Forster and Benjamin R. Epstein, *The New Anti-Semitism*. New York: McGraw-Hill, 1974, p. 294. *Quarterly Report*, Canadian Jewish Congress, Fall-Winter, 1981, Vol. 1, No. 1 reports that *Noontide Press* is a subsidiary of Liberty Lobby which operates out of Washington and distributes anti-Semitic materials through Liberty Bell Publications. Both "The Hoax of the 20th Century" and "Did Six Million Really Die?" are published by the so-called Historical Review Press (Surrey, England), publication arm of the notorious National Front in Britain.

tinued to pursue its "conservative" political goals. It took a firm stand critical of Israel but one which avoided the outspoken anti-Jewish attitudes of those less savory groups in the Carto complex.

As the 1970's dawned, however, Liberty Lobby began to take off all the wraps. The significant event was the publication by the organization of an anti-Israel, allegedly "pro-American" booklet entitled *America First*.¹¹ Under the pretext that it is a plea for American "neutrality" in the Middle East, *America First* not only is admittedly "harsher against Israel" than against the Arabs, but is an anti-Semitic broadside that unhesitatingly defames all Jews of the past and the present.

The book details allegations of a "World Zionist Conspiracy" in terms reminiscent of the Protocols. Israel, it asserts, is a "bastard-state," the product of the political machinations of one political group—Zionists—made up largely of atheistic Jews."

But the Jews of all times have been equally guilty conspirators, according to the Liberty Lobby view of history. Most Americans, the book asserts, are "unaware that Hitler's hostility towards the Jews originated in the Zionist leaders having pushed the United States into World War I on the side of the Allies." As for World War II, it complains that "those who singled out the Jews for their part in getting us into the War, were scorned and ridiculed." In going back through history, "almost all of the early Bolsheviks were Jewish." Finally, "the Jews rejected their Messiah, even had him crucified."¹²

Historical Distortions

Apart from Carto's financial empire, older members of the I.H.R. have an

¹¹ *America First* (The Mideast Problem in the Light of America's Traditional Policy of non-Intervention), Summer, 1972.

¹² Forster & Arnold, *op. cit.*, p. 293-4.

additional strength which originates from an intellectual movement of these men's youth. It is a legacy which has now taken a degenerate form. The Movement traces itself back to the efforts of "progressive" historians in the 1920's to "debunk the ideology of the centralized state and above all, to oppose American involvement in foreign wars," notably World War I. These historians tore apart America's justification for having entered World War I. They argued that America had been tricked into it and the arguments were reasonably good and quite popular (i.e., that the Kaiser was not the Satanic foe of popular belief and that America had only harmed itself by its involvement). It can be defined as the original "historical Revisionism."¹³

The principle figure in the 1920's and 1930's was Harry Elmer Barnes, who, with his associates, campaigned both before and after World War II on the same basis as they had against World War I. They suspected military conspiracies everywhere and denied reports about the Nazis in the same way that they had denied reports about the Kaiser. On the basis of this reasoning, Barnes later played a role in the development of the Holocaust-Hoax ideology now enshrined as part of the I.H.R.'s platform. It was this lurch into anti-Semitic delusion that cost him his ultimate support.

Following World War II, no one would publish Barnes' works anymore. Even his published defense of Marshall Petain proved useless. His Revisionist historical tradition simply fell apart in the face of the events of World War II, in particular, the Holocaust.

In 1964, however, Barnes discovered the current of French anti-Semitism (of which Faurisson is a part), when he met Faurisson's mentor, a one-time member of the French National Assembly named Paul Rassinier.

Rassinier, whose works are published through the I.H.R., was a left-wing radical, a one-time member of the French Resistance who had been interned in Buchenwald during the War and emerged as a rabid anti-Semite.

Some New York bookstores carry many of Barnes' works, one of which is embellished with a photograph of Paul Rassinier.

Barnes was succeeded by James J. Martin, acknowledged Dean of the Holocaust Revisionists. Martin was the feature speaker at the first I.H.R. Conference in 1979 and is a member of the Advisory Committee of the I.H.R. Journal to which he has contributed an article about the origin of this monumental Holocaust-Hoax. Martin, too, retains a smidgin of respectability. His book *Men Against the State* is considered to be the work of a scholar and he is listed as a contributor to the 1970 *Encyclopedia Britannica*.

Both Barnes and Martin are kept in print by the Libertarians and their Libertarian Party. A magazine called the *New Libertarian* promotes the Holocaust-Hoax cause. Some links have become clear. The magazine has featured debates on the Holocaust. The publisher of *New Libertarian* has even contributed an article to the I.H.R. journal (advocating Palestinian rights) and has joined the I.H.R.'s Advisory Committee.

However, many Libertarians are embarrassed by the association with the I.H.R. and *Inquiry*, and two other magazines associated with the Libertarians, have refused to permit the I.H.R. even to purchase an ad.

Although there is this intellectual stream running through the I.H.R., which traces a lineage from World War I Revisionism, the "Holocaust-Hoax" Movement is deceitful and perverted.

Revisionist Conferences

The descent from the days of Harry Elmer Barnes is very evident as can be seen

¹³ *The Village Voice*, *op. cit.*, p. 40.

in the tapes of the I.H.R. Conference held in Barnes' memory in 1979 at Northrup University in Los Angeles (to that University's subsequent mortification).

The Northrup University Conference, which featured Professor James J. Martin, Professor Arthur Butz, Udo Walendy (from Germany), Professor Robert Faurisson (from France), Dr. Austen J. App (from the U.S.), Professor John Bennett (from Australia), and Willis A. Carto, and others, all notorious anti-Semites, dealt with "the three parasitic inter-related interests alien to the West"—bankers, Communists, Zionists; unique interpretations of the events of World War II; alliances between Zionists and Fascism; and suggestions that a committee be formed to "find" the Six Million.¹⁴ Then, of course, there was the voice on tape suggesting to a laughing audience that the Six Million are really hiding out in old-age homes across the country.

The preamble to a resolution unanimously passed by the convention, read: "Whereas the facts surrounding the allegations that gas chambers existed in occupied Europe during World War II are demonstrably false; and whereas the whole theory of the Holocaust has been created by and promulgated by political Zionism for the attainment of political and economic ends, specifically the continued and perpetual financial support of the military aggression of Israel by the people of Germany and the United States . . .," the Convention resolved that the Congress of the United States should investigate, inter alia, the truth of the alleged extermination of the six million Jews in Europe during World War II.

In the last year, the I.H.R. has launched a massive propaganda campaign aimed at professional historians. Thousands of copies of the I.H.R. journal have been sent

out to American and Canadian historians. A typical I.H.R. propaganda letter from its Director reads something like this:

Dear Historian:

I am writing to you in confidence to share with you some disturbing developments in the academic field.

It appears that there are forces at work in our society whose purpose is not to further mankind's knowledge, but to manipulate it for their explicit political purposes. These sinister forces are at work both within and without our Universities, not just in this country but in Europe as well. Specifically, I am referring to the problem of International Zionism, which wields such clout in academia that those academics who are not conscious agents of this power are paralyzed in fear of offending it.¹⁵

The second annual Revisionist Conference of the I.H.R. was held in Pomona College in Clairmont, California, in August, 1980.¹⁶ Faurisson addressed the Conference dedicated, this time, to the memory of Paul Rassinier. He exhorted the audience to broaden their propaganda to the left and right of the political spectrum.

The third annual Revisionist Conference was scheduled to take place in June, 1981, at the University of California's Lake Arrowhead Conference Centre. On May 20th, 1981, however, the University of California denied the I.H.R.'s use of its Lake Arrowhead facility after it discovered that the reservation had been made under a false name, in particular, Lewis Brandon.¹⁷

Keith Sexton, Dean of the University of California, Extension Programs, cancelled the Lake Arrowhead reservations. Sexton's letter observed, further, that "recent information indicates that the reward offered by Brandon (McCalden) and the I.H.R. for

¹⁵ *The Village Voice*, *op. cit.*, p. 42.

¹⁶ "Trends Analysis Report: Anti-Semitism in America," American Jewish Committee, Discrimination Division, Domestic Affairs Dept., New York.

¹⁷ J.T.A., *op. cit.*, May 19th, 1981.

¹⁴ *Quarterly Report*, Canadian Jewish Congress, *op. cit.*

proof that Jews were gassed at Auschwitz, was a publicity gimmick which was further indication of a pattern of deception."¹⁸

In response to the cancellation, Rabbi Abraham Cooper, Assistant Dean of the Wiesenthal Institute in Los Angeles, in a telegram to David Saxon, President of the University of California state-wide system, said that "while all Americans should be concerned with the safeguarding of freedom of speech, many of us have felt that the academic community, while publicly speaking out on this issue, have not to date actually taken up the fight to safeguard one of the fundamentals of the world of academia, namely, devote their energies to the pursuit of historical truth and accuracy. Cooper continued by noting that "what the I.H.R. sought and what other denouncers and haters seek and will continue to seek, is to utilize their academic and intellectual positions to destroy the truth and to seek to sow the seeds of hatred and misunderstanding."¹⁹

Historians have dealt with the fact of the Holocaust. Research has disclosed that thirty-four of the most prominent historians in France have proclaimed (in *Le Monde*) that the question of the existence of gas chambers is beyond debate. Attempts by Faurisson's supporters to purchase an ad endorsing Faurisson were denied by *Le Monde*.²⁰

So one may ask, why are such things going on? Simply because, with a single stroke of the pen, all theoretical problems disappear. The problem is resolved by resolving that Genocide itself was a false rumor (as was Cambodia, according to Faurisson's urgings to the I.H.R.).

Historical Revisionism began with historians furious at American involvement in foreign wars. So furious were these people that they were unwilling to accept that the

Allies might have been right about Adolph Hitler. The Revisionists of today face a terrible crisis of their ideological traditions as a result of the events of World War II. Modern revisionists "have finally begun to drown in their own outrage, fury, suspicion, and cynicism. Even an impossible cosmic conspiracy sounds more plausible to them than facts as reported by conventional historians. They wind up positing that the facts of history must be a hoax."²¹

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Revisionism in Canada

Canada, too, has its share of Revisionists. A forty-two year old commercial artist residing in Toronto, for example, is the principle author, publisher, and distributor of tons of Neo-Nazi, anti-Semitic literature recently seized by West German authorities in March, 1981, in mass raids on the homes of Neo-Nazis and right-wing extremists in the Federal Republic.

The material, published in fourteen languages and circulated in forty-five countries around the world, is outlawed in the German Federal Republic.²² Ernst Zundel's basic thrust is simply that the Holocaust is a "Zionist Hoax" and the author has also published a number of books, one of which entitled *The Hitler We Loved & Why*, has been published under the authorship of Christoff Friedrich. His literature has also been mass mailed in Canada to members of Parliament, Provincial Legislators, and the mass media.²³

²¹ *Ibid*, p. 43.

²² J.T.A., *op. cit.*, Wednesday, April 1st, 1981; March 27th, 1981.

²³ *The Toronto Sun*, Wednesday, April 19th, 1978, p. 16; March 25th, 1981, p.22.

¹⁸ *Ibid*, May 20th, 1981.

¹⁹ Wiesenthal, *op. cit.*

²⁰ *The Village Voice*, *op. cit.*, p. 42.

The irony appears to be that, while illegal under West German and French law, the distribution of this material is not deemed to be a violation of Canadian Law, and possibly, may even be protected by the Canadian Bill of Rights. In short, it may be perceived as an instance of using the democratic freedoms, in their purest sense, to undermine the foundations of democracy itself.

Section #281 of the Canadian Criminal Code (the hate literature provision), for example, is not broad enough to take into account the "sophistication" of modern anti-Semitic literature which freely uses the term "Zionist" interchangeably with the word "Jewish" (doing so with apparent immunity from prosecution), despite the fact that such a term is impliedly associated with the Jewish people as well as the bond which exists between the Jewish people and the State of Israel. It is identical to the technique presently in use in the Soviet Union, where-by the term "Zionist" is used indiscriminately in a blatant and obvious attempt to circumvent the provisions of the Soviet Constitution which makes publication of anti-Semitic material (i.e.: anti-Jewish material), illegal.

The missionary character of Soviet anti-Semitism was shown by the Soviet attempt at the United Nations in 1975 to have Zionism, Nazism, and Neo-Nazism, (grouped together in that order), classified as racial crimes. Although the reaction was one of shock, the Soviet Union pressed on with its intention and finally succeeded in winning a United Nations majority for the decision that Zionism (which, in fact, symbolizes the ancient dream of an ancient people to return, once more to their ancient homeland to thereby control their own destiny) was a form of racism. That decision was license for the dissemination of anti-Semitism under the cloak of condemnation of racist Zionism by every imaginable group harbouring hostility to the Jewish people.²⁴

In the anti-Semitic literature of Canada today, it is the "Zionists" who are "controlling" the media; "running an international hate campaign;" producing the United States docu-drama "Holocaust;" "attacking our German and Japanese Allies of today as targets of public hatred;"—not to mention "The Zionist Six Million Swindle;" "The Zionist History Distorters;" "The Zionist Genocide Program;" "The Zionist Fundraising Hate Campaign;" the "Zionist Lies and Global Blackmail;"²⁵ and a plethora of assorted other world maladies attributable, beyond the shadow of a doubt, to Zionist Central!

While it may *not* be a priority of the Canadian Federal Parliament to prevent the distribution of such literature world-wide, it is to some nations. Several years ago, a Paris court ruled that anti-Zionist propaganda disseminated by the French manager of an official Soviet Newsletter was, in fact, anti-Semitic and saw no legal distinction other than the attempted deception of the public.²⁶

Furthermore, in the December 21st *Commonweal* (1973), under the headline "The New Anti-Semitism," the Catholic writer Michael Novak, in discussing the manifestations of anti-Semitic literature today noted: . . . "surely, the groundswell of American Jewish identification with Zion is overwhelming. Zion is home, Zion is roots, Zion is heritage, Zion is identity. To be a Zionist is now virtually identical with being Jewish—and the difference between the two is not for a Christian to adjudicate. There is a tone of voice," the Zionists in our midst, "which is as ominous as any tone the human voice can utter."²⁷

²⁴ *Insight: Soviet Jews*. London: European Jewish Publications Ltd., November, 1980, p. 1.

²⁵ *Achtung!* published by Ernst Zundel (Toronto, Canada).

²⁶ Forster and Epstein, *op. cit.*, p. 259.

²⁷ *Commonweal*, December 21st, 1973.

Conclusion

The true challenge for teachers and professors at any and all levels of educational endeavor lies in the area of combatting ignorance in whatever form it may manifest itself. Bigotry, racism, discrimination, man's inhumanity to man, and the history of human civilization, each, represents a different aspect of our evolution on this planet.

If we are to improve the quality of life for our children, and for the children of those whom we teach, then we must look to history for the lessons which it teaches to us. The Holocaust is a fact of history. It is disturbing by its very nature and forces one to confront the grossest depravities of human existence. There are, however,

lessons to be learned from a study of the Holocaust. If students are to learn and appreciate the pluralistic nature of our democratic society, then they must be instilled with tolerance and awareness of our cultural mosaic. If students are to learn the distinctions between right and wrong, then they must come to grips with the moral issues which form the basis of human civilization.

What the revisionists fail to appreciate is that the revision of the past, and, in particular, the selective elimination of the Holocaust from written history, will serve only to draw mankind, inexorably, back into the caves and shadows of human misery.