

THE HOLOCAUST

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JEWS TARGETED

- All 'non-Aryans' to be removed from government jobs: April 7, 1933
- Anti-Semitism (hatred of Jews) not a new thing
- Jews were blamed for the economic troubles of the Germans (weren't, but that was beside the point)
- 1935 Nuremberg Laws
 - removed German citizenship, jobs, and property
- Star of David for identification



KRISTALLNACHT

- November 9-10, 1938: the Night of Broken Glass
- Jewish homes, businesses, and synagogues were attacked all across Germany
- 100 +/- Jews were killed and 30,000 + were arrested



A FLOOD OF JEWISH REFUGEES

- Jews fleeing Germany had few places to go
- Other countries set quotas on how many refugees they could/would take
- The United States took about 100,000 refugees
- Why? Anti-Semitism; Great Depression



After the Anschluss (German annexation of Austria), Austrian Jewish refugees disembark from the Italian steamship "Conte Verde." Shanghai, December 14, 1938.



During a three-week stretch in 1943, the Danish resistance managed to smuggle 86% of Denmark's Jews to safety in Sweden, after word got out that Hitler was about to abrogate the terms of Denmark's armistice and round the Jews up for extermination.

THE PLIGHT OF THE *ST. LOUIS*

- German ocean liner
- Made it to Miami, Florida in 1939
- 740 of the 943 passengers had U.S. immigration papers
- Ship was forced to return to Europe
- More than half would later be killed



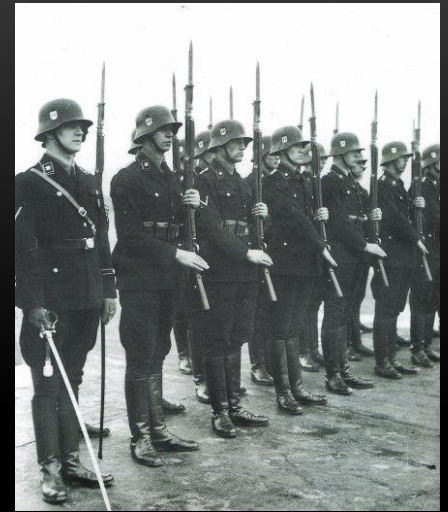
Canada was the last country to reject the plea of the St. Louis ship, before it was sent back to Germany with all its desperate passengers

HITLER'S FINAL SOLUTION

- 1939
- Genocide – the deliberate and systematic killing of an entire population

THE CONDEMNED

- Those who were viewed by the Nazis as inferior or unworthy
 - Enemies of the state: communists, socialists, liberals
 - Gypsies, Freemasons, Jehovah's Witnesses
 - Homosexuals, mentally handicapped, mentally ill, physically disabled, sick



Schutzstaffel



FORCED RELOCATION

- Ghettos were sealed off with barbed wire and stone walls – turned into prisons
- Not enough food, clean water; hard work in factories
- Resistance movements
 - Schools, newspapers
 - Some fighting



CONCENTRATION CAMPS

- Camps were initially set up as prisons for political prisoners
- Turned over to the SS who transformed them into labor camps of amazing cruelty



MASS EXTERMINATIONS

- 1942 meeting determined the ultimate end to the Final Solution – death by poison gas
- Death camps were built for the purpose of eliminating humans
- Burial, cremation to eliminate the bodies
- Medical experimentation



THE SURVIVORS

