

BEN HECHT AND THE LIBEL OF THE SIX MILLION

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Recently over Station WABC-TV, Channel 7, New York, Ben Hecht, who gloats, "my hatred is a Jewish hatred," has been so gruesomely embroidering the favorite but unproved charge that the Nazis "gassed" six million Jews that all decent people, as well as Washington and Bonn, must at last realize that this slanderous charge hurts not so much dead Nazis but live German Christians, that it indeed serves as a blackmail against all Christendom and the Free World.

Ben Hecht, whom TV engages to "instruct" the American people, screeched: ". . . the atrocities, meaning the murder of 6,000,000 Jewish men, women and children of all ages, that murder was performed by the German people, not by the Nazis" (Oct. 22, 1958). BUT who, we ask, are "the German people"? They are some thirty million Catholics and some thirty million Lutherans or Protestants! AND, as a sign that the figure of six million is a bloated libel, whereas most Jewish and Communist publicists speak of the six million as "gassed" to death, Ben Hecht adds lyc to the gas; he calls them "burned alive" in lime! WHEN ATROCITY MONGERS CANNOT AGREE ON HOW THEIR ATROCITY HAPPENED, IT IS PROBABLY BECAUSE MOST OF IT DID NOT HAPPEN AT ALL.

The Sinister Influence Politically

This paid "educator" of the American television audience prophesies "the Germans trying it again and perhaps conquering the world in their third try." That is the propaganda line of the Commies, which in the Morgenthau Plan of Henry Morgenthau and Harry Dexter White blueprinted the betrayal of some 700,000,000 Asians and East Europeans into Bolshevik slavery. The third-world-war line is the bilge of "The Society for the Prevention of World War III," officered by Isidore Lipschutz, Dr. Albert Simard, Rex Stout, on whose Advisory Council sits German-hater Ben Hecht. DOROTHY THOMPSON, in "On the Record" (May 31, 1950), warned of this clique's "sinister influence on American foreign policy." She declared:

"This organization whose trustees include members of reputable people (e. g. Honorary Chairman Mark van Doren of Columbia University) has conducted a systematic campaign against any constructive peace with Germany. It supported the Morgenthau Plan, and vilified every person in public life who tried to warn that procedure along Morgenthau lines would encompass the ruin of Europe."

Ben Hecht Who Vilifies Germans Also Hates Christ

Let Ben Hecht and his ilk's hatred of the German people be their pet eye-for-an-eye-ism. What cannot be tolerated is their publically slandering that Christian people. As for their hatred, it is a compliment to Christians to be hated by the Synagogue of Satan. Who would want to be loved by a Judas Iscariot! Racist Hecht who racialized about Germans, "I read in the fatness of their necks the mark of the murderer" (1944), also approved in A Jew in Love the hellish Jewish atrocity against the Son of God. In the most shocking blasphemy on record, Ben Hecht talmudized:

"One of the finest things ever done by the mob was the Crucifixion of Christ. Intellectually it was a splendid gesture. But trust the mob to bungie. If I'd had charge of executing Christ I'd have handled it differently. You see, what I'd have done was had him shipped to Rome and fed to the lions. They never could have made a Savior out of mincemeat."

Surely one should wish only hate from such a Satanized blasphemer! BUT, by what right should such an anti-Christian beast be engaged to entertain the American people over TV? HOW LONG would a Gentile last on TV, radio, or the movies who would rant against Moses or the Jews as Hecht has done against Christ and against the Germans? Where is the Anti-Defamation League, so touchy about anti-Semitism, that it does not repudiate such vulgar and vicious anti-Germanism and anti-Christianity?

The Issue, However, Is Not Hate, but Falsehood

However, what essentially matters is not the hatred of Ben Hecht and his ilk. Let them stew in their own bile. What may not be tolerated is their libels and slanders against the Christian German people. They may talk and write about real German atrocities. WHAT THEY SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO DO IS GROSSLY MAGNIFY ATROCITIES OR INVENT THEM.

Ben Hecht imputes to the German people "grabbing 2,000,000 children from the age of one to the age of ten, making them naked, putting them into gas chambers, suffocating them, killing them, putting excrement on their head. . ." WHERE IS THE PROOF OF THIS? Let Bonn and Washington demand the facts and the truth in this charge.

Ben Hecht, over the air waves, imputes to the German people "grabbing 2,000,000 women from youth to old age, raping them by the thousand, stripping them of their clothes, putting them into lime kilns, and letting the lime eat them up alive." ACCUSING the German people of such mass rape on Jewish women is a lie! If Jewish women were raped en masse it was by the type of anti-Germans who expelled fifteen million Oder-Neisse, Sudeten, and Balkan Germans, history's greast and proven mass atrocity--about which Hecht and his ilk do not speak!

Let Hecht and his ilk hate the German people if they wish, but let us not tolerate their grossly slandering them. The Germans did not commit rape by the thousands on Jewish or any other women. They did not suffocate two million Jewish children. They did not put two million Jewish women in lime kilns. And the whole figure of six million is a bloated libel. Exact facts and figures and the truth of such charges are thirteen years overdue! WHY HAS ANYONE BEEN SMEARED AS AN ANTI-SEMITE WHO URGED VERIFICATION OF THE CHARGES? Because the facts would expose as gross slanderers those who talk about six million gassed or limed and build monuments and plant trees to this figure. They would brand these smear terrorists either as colossal gulls or infamous liars!

In any case, IT OUGHT FINALLY BE OBVIOUS THAT THE FACTS MUST BE ESTABLISHED AND VERIFIED IF THE BLOATED FIGURE OF SIX MILLION IS TO BE STOPPED FROM LIBELLING NOT MERELY THE WHOLE GERMAN PEOPLE BUT ALL OF CHRISTENDOM AND THE FREE WORLD! Let Bonn and Washington and all reputable research and publicity agencies go to work and find out just how many Jews were killed--by whom how, and for what. And also how many of those executed had been cheats, spies, or treasonable Commies!

In the meanwhile, let Bonn and Washington put Israel and World Jewry on notice that unless they stop erecting hate monuments to the obviously bloated and grossly slanderous figure of "six million," all subsidies and indemnities, although pressured by no matter how much blackmail, will be discontinued!

What You and I Should Do

We should demand the creation of an IMPARTIAL FACT-FINDING COMMITTEE. This should work along accepted principles of historical research. Then let the chips fall where they may. Let the Committee establish just how many of the alleged six million were in fact executed, how they were, and why they were, AND, how many escaped, including how many got safely smuggled into New York and elsewhere.

SEND a copy of this memorandum with or without a letter to: The Federal Communication Commission, New Post Office Bldg, Penna. Ave and 12th Street, Wash., D.C.; AND to: ABC Television, 7 West 66th Street, New York City, N.Y.; and to any congressman, politician, editor, past or, public figure you have time to send it to. We do not want to whitewash the German people: We want the fair truth and real facts! We are not afraid of the facts; WHY ARE THE MORGENTHAUISTS AFRAID OF THEM?

MORAL AXIOMS TOUCHING A HOT PROBLEM

Discretion is the better part of valor--but justifying discretion with phony reasons is neither honest nor wise.

An unjustified killing is murder, and murder is a crime: one million murders are one million crimes, six million murders are six million crimes-- a difference of five million.

If killing one million is the same as killing six million, then killing two Rosenbergs is the same as killing a million of them.

If killing the Rosenbergs was justified because they had been Communistic spies-- and if the executions of 140,000 Frenchmen in 1945-46 by the DeGaulist regime was justified because they had been "fascists"--then the killing of one million or of six million may not be called so many crimes until why they were executed has been ascertained: How many of them, for example, had been like the Rosenbergs Communist spies or saboteurs!

If "A" killed one million, then to accuse him of having killed six million is a gross slander.

But gross slander is also a crime, a particularly heinous one because it poisons history, sours relations between peoples for generations, and serves as a cloak for manifold contemporary shady actions and injustices.

Therefore, as it is a duty of everyone to do what he can to prevent murder when he sees it, so it is his duty to counteract in any possible way gross slander when he smells it.

Those who because of kinship or special knowledge or enunciated purposes are in the best position to recognize a gross slander, who may even be expected by the public to signal the wrong, have proportionately the greater duty to protest the slander.

The fact that the East Berlin government does not protest the gross slander against "A" does not make the slander less a slander, nor does it relieve anyone who knows it to be a slander from the duty of protesting against it.

The fact that Bonn or Washington do not protest a gross slander or undertake to verify the facts in the accusation does not relieve honorable citizens everywhere, singly and collectively, from the duty of urging that the exact facts be ascertained and the particles of truth be sifted from the mountain of unsubstantiated charges.

Democracy means, not waiting for the government, but pushing it; not accepting as right what the government wants but requiring the government to want what is right. Being a good American, <sup>means</sup> basing one's standards on the Ten Commandments and striving, individually and collectively, to get government policy harmonized with right and wrong.

In the case of a gross slander, propagated by a vicious minority, calculated to poison international relations, it means pressing all organs of news and information, including the government, to get the facts before endorsing probable gross slander.

Any person or organization that recognizes a gross slander and does not protest against it gives consent by silence--and to do so is wrong. Only discretion and justified fear of smears and reprisals may perhaps excuse silence--but it cannot excuse false reasoning. To do what one can to correct the slander of the six million is the duty of everyone whose sense of honor is greater than his love of the lie or his fear of the smear!