

# Nuremberg Trials



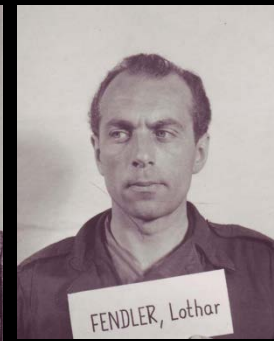
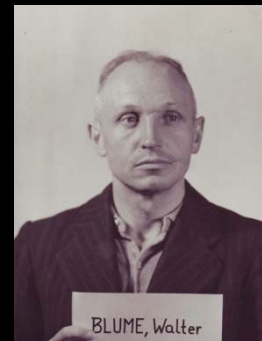
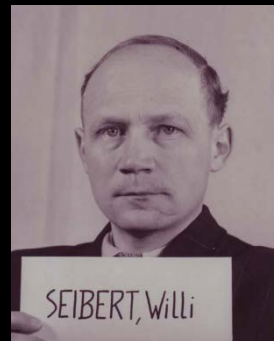
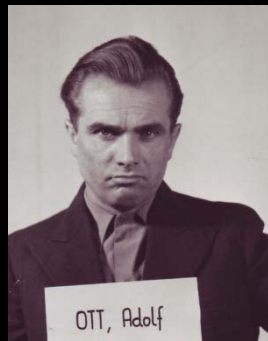
## Nuremburg Trials (cont.)

- Held for the purpose of bringing Nazi war criminals to justice, the Nuremberg trials were a series of 13 trials carried out in Nuremberg, Germany.
  - 1945- 1949
  - The defendants: Nazi Party officials, high-ranking military officers, German industrialists, lawyers and doctors
  - Indicted on such charges as;
    - crimes against peace
    - crimes against humanity



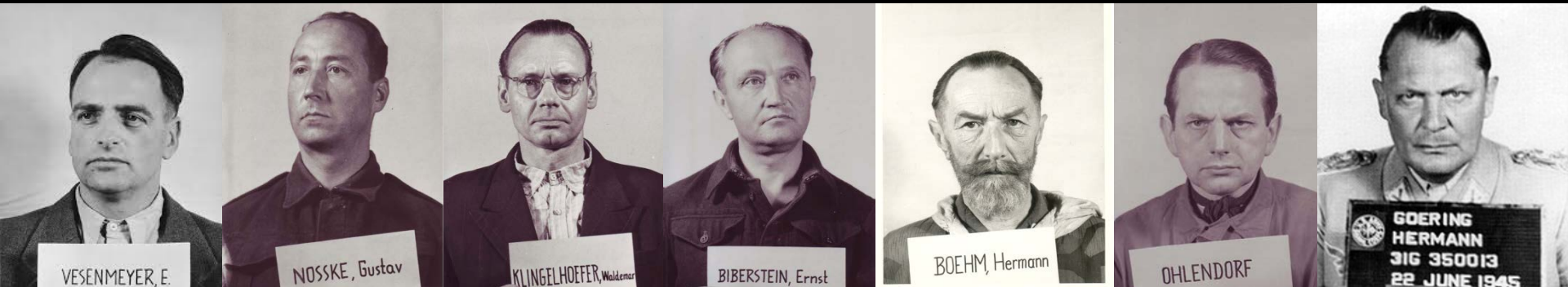
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- Nazi leader Adolf Hitler (1889-1945) committed suicide and so was never brought to trial.
- Although the legal justifications for the trials and their procedural innovations were controversial at the time, the Nuremberg trials are now regarded as a milestone toward the establishment of a permanent international court,
- An important precedent for dealing with later instances of genocide and other crimes against humanity.
  - Military leaders and officers can be held accountable for their crimes during war.



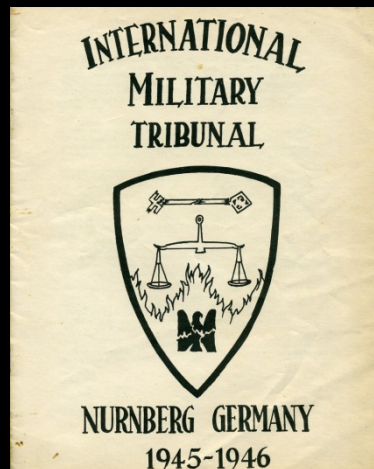
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- Among other things, the charter defined three categories of crimes:
  1. Crimes against peace
    - including planning, preparing, starting or waging wars of aggression or wars in violation of international agreements
  2. War crimes
    - including violations of customs or laws of war, including improper treatment of civilians and prisoners of war
  3. Crimes against humanity
    - including murder, enslavement or deportation of civilians or persecution on political, religious or racial grounds.
- It was determined that civilian officials as well as military officers could be accused of war crimes.



# Nuremburg Trials (cont.)

- Many were sentenced to death or life in prison.
- The death sentences imposed in October 1946 were carried out by Master Sergeant John C. Woods (1903-50), who told a reporter from Time magazine that he was proud of his work.
- *"The way I look at this hanging job, somebody has to do it . . . ten men in 103 minutes. That's fast work."*



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