

Irving Misuses Evidence

In a speech in 1993, Irving quotes Adolf Eichmann talking about how the Holocaust was ordered. Eichmann meets Reinhard Heydrich, and, according to Irving:

Heydrich utters to him the fateful words, "I've come from the Reichsführer SS [Himmler]. The Führer [Hitler] has given the order for the physical destruction of the Jews."

Irving admits here that Hitler ordered the physical extermination of the Jews. But for the past 20 years he's become famous for arguing that Hitler never did this! He has to find a way out, so he says:

*Well, if you look just at that sentence, we can say that you've only got to **change one or two words** and you get a completely different meaning. If it wasn't "The Führer has ordered the **PHYSICAL DESTRUCTION** of the Jews," but rather "the extirpation of Judaism," you've only changed the words by a fraction and yet you've got a totally different meaning.*

Historians shouldn't **change words** if their documents contradict their claims.

Immediately afterward, Eichmann said that ditches were being dug to carry out Hitler's order. How would the Nazis have buried "Judaism" in a ditch? Irving doesn't say.

Questions to Ask Irving

- In 1994, he said **600,000** Jews died in the Holocaust. In July 1995 it was **four million** . In 1996 it was back to **600,000** or **one million** . Why can't this expert make up his mind?
- Is he a Holocaust "revisionist"? If not, can he name anyone other than a revisionist who agrees with his views?
- Is he an antisemite? His usual answer is "not yet" — what does that mean?
- If he believes in free speech, why is he suing Americans for libel in England? (England has the most draconian libel laws in the world.)
- The National Alliance is one of the nation's leading neo-Nazi hate groups. Why did he speak at a National Alliance meeting on Sept. 20, 1996?
- Why did he then say, on Nov. 8, 1996, "I don't give speeches to neo-Nazis"?
- If he believes in free speech, why did he threaten to sue if the unedited tape of that speech was released?
- Has he done any more research on the Listerine® anti-German conspiracy?

(From Irving's May, 1995 Newsletter: "there's currently a black and white newsreel-type Listerine commercial showing on American television with a sinister man intoning the message, "They're Germs — show no mercy!" and slurring the G-word so it sounds like something else. Watch for it. And learn.")

Who is David Irving?

This pamphlet is too small to list all the lies and distortions David Irving has told about the Holocaust. Instead, it presents some analysis of a few of them.

Holocaust-denial is not a field of history. Irving has written many popular books, but is not a trained historian and his view of history is very selective.

For more information and references, visit the world wide web URL given inside.

Irving Tells Outright Lies

Goebbels' diary on the Jews:

...the greater the number of Jews liquidated, the more consolidated will the situation in Europe be after this war.

Joseph Goebbels,
March 6, 1942

The procedure is a pretty barbaric one and not to be described here more definitely. Not much will remain of the Jews. On the whole it can be said that about 60 per cent of them will have to be liquidated whereas only about 40 per cent can be used for forced labor.

Joseph Goebbels,
March 27, 1942

Short shrift is made of the Jews in all eastern occupied areas. Tens of thousands of them are liquidated.

Joseph Goebbels,
April 29, 1942

Irving on Goebbels' diary:

I am very familiar with the Goebbels diaries... There is no explicit reference either implicit in these documents or legible in these documents to liquidation of Jews.

David Irving,
April 22, 1988
(in sworn testimony!)

Irving Tries to Mislead

Between 1,000,000 and 1,500,000 people, mostly Jews, were killed at Auschwitz. Almost all of them were cremated in ovens fueled by coke.

Irving said in a radio interview, on November 8, 1996:

...what happened to those one million people? Were they cremated? The answer is you couldn't have cremated them, there wasn't sufficient crematorium capacity, there wasn't enough coke. It would have taken forty thousand tons of coke...

He claims it takes 80 pounds of coke to cremate each body, thus, very few people could have been killed at Auschwitz.

This is mendacious.

Just as meat burns on a barbeque when the fire gets hot enough, the fuel for cremating a corpse can be the corpse itself. Burning a pound of flesh gives off 1,000 BTU of heat. **Once the oven is heated enough with coke, it stays hot, and many corpses can be burned in a row.**

The Nazis' own operating instructions for the Auschwitz ovens read:

After each incineration, the temperature rises in the furnace. For this reason, care must be taken that the internal temperature does not rise above 1100°C (white heat)...

A Speaker to Neo-Nazis

On September 20, 1996, David Irving was the featured speaker at a meeting of the National Alliance.

The National Alliance is "the largest neo-Nazi group in America," according to Klanwatch. It gained notoriety when its leader's book *The Turner Diaries*, a battle plan for race war, was shown as Exhibit A in Timothy McVeigh's trial.

Its membership handbook talks about using National Socialism (Nazism) to recruit:

The recruiter who is working with the right sort of member ... can use the National Socialist idea ... for opening the mind of his prospect to the Alliance message.

But in an Australian radio interview just two months later, Irving said "I don't give speeches to neo-Nazis." And he has threatened a lawsuit to keep a recording of his secret speech off the internet.

More information, more complete quotes, and citations for the quotes given are at

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