

The Jewish Holocaust

While in 10th grade, I read the book “The Scourge of the Swastika” by Lord Russell published in 1954 while Lord Russell was assistant judge advocate general in the British Court System. Russell estimated that between 6 and 12 million civilians were murdered by the Nazis during and before W.W. II. Russell stated that of these, at least 6 million were Jews. I read the book with horror and became un-analytically sympathetic with anyone who was a Jew. My reading of the book was my introduction to the Jews and if anyone asked me, “Who are the Jews?” I would have said, “They are the people 6 million of whom were murdered during the Second World War”.

Gradually my views hardened as I realized that non-Jews of my acquaintance made a distinction between themselves and Jews based on reasons I did not fathom. I myself made no distinction until I reached graduate school and realized that the Jews of my acquaintance made a sharp distinction between them selves and non-Jews. Later at Berkeley as I began to “tune in” to the service that I, my sister and parents had preformed during the 2nd world war, I began to doubt the validity of the Jewish Holocaust. I did not doubt that at least 6 million civilians had been murdered, but who were the murdered civilians?

Later, during the 1980’s I met and had many conversations with a man related to Goring who had been at first a pilot in the Luftwaffe and later served in the Wehrmacht on the Eastern Front. We gradually got to know of one another and on occasion discussed the War. During one conversation I realized that his “Read” of what occurred at the Wannsee Conference held on January 20, 1942 was not what is reported to this day. On the basis of our conversation, I began to believe that what occurred was an agreement among the SS participants that the Jews in Nazi occupied lands were to be transported by cattle cars to Constantinople and there loaded onto ferry boats and transported to Anatolia. From there, they were to walk to what is now, the modern state of Israel. Further, their Jewish names were to be listed as the names of the civilians actually murdered by the Nazis the vast majority of whom formally lived in the Ukraine. The surviving Jews took new names.

On the basis of this and my own experience with Jewish Academics, I lost my sympathy for the Jews, while retaining an appreciation of those Jews that hold a love of academic scholarship above their love for salary or faculty position.

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