



The headline, “NAZIS SMASH, LOOT AND BURN ...” evokes strong reactions from readers, both now and at the time it was published. But it was not typical of how the US media conveyed news about the Holocaust, which often ran on the inside pages with less dramatic headlines. The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum is trying to reconstruct how Americans learned about the persecution and murder of European Jews during what later became known as the Holocaust. You can help the Museum by researching how Nazi persecution was reported in your community. In the process, you will learn valuable research skills and gain a new perspective on how news stories today add up to a bigger picture.

To begin, you will need to select a member of your group to fulfill each of the following roles:

- **Researcher**—Lead your group’s research efforts using microfilm and/or online databases.
- **Analyst**—Lead the group in reviewing the article(s) obtained by the researcher or team and help the group identify key information about the article.
- **Recorder**—Record information identified by the analyst and group members on the attached sheet. Submit this information to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum using the History Unfolded website at newspapers.ushmm.org.
- **Reporter**—Take notes about the group’s process, findings, and analysis. You will report the group’s findings to the whole class during the final session.

List the individuals on your team who will fulfill these roles in the space below:

Researcher: _____

Analyst: _____

Recorder: _____

Reporter: _____

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US NEWSPAPERS AND THE HOLOCAUST

Use the chart below and the event information at newspapers.ushmm.org/events/events-all, to predict the media coverage you will find of one or more events:

| Event title and date | Brief description of event | Do you think your paper covered it? | Why or why not? |
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I. Discuss the specific event(s) your group has been tasked to research:

- a) Your group is in charge of researching the following event: _____
- b) What date range do you plan to explore? _____
- c) Why did you choose this range?

- d) What keywords will you be looking for?

- e) What are some challenges that your researcher may encounter while performing research?

- f) Is there additional information that might help you to perform this research? If so, what might help?

2. Upon completing your research, discuss the following with your group members:

- a) What did you learn about historical research that you didn't know before or didn't expect?

- b) Did you find any material related to your topic? If so, what? If not, what else was happening that the newspaper editors thought was important for the community to know about?

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DATA COLLECTION FORM

Using the article(s) found by your Researcher(s), please provide the information requested on the form below. The Analyst is in charge of leading this discussion. For assistance in filling out the fields on this form, see the sample provided on the next page. Once complete, allow your teacher to check this form before the Recorder submits the information on newspapers.ushmm.org.

| Requested Information | Your Article |
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| Research Topic | |
| Group Members | |
| Newspaper Name (as it appears on the masthead, e.g., Toledo Blade) | |
| Newspaper Location (City/State) | |
| Publication Date (MM/DD/YYYY) | |
| Page (Beginning Page) | |
| Article Headline | |
| Sub-Headline(s) | |
| Byline (Individual author's name or wire service, e.g. AP, UPI, etc.) | |
| Article Type (select one) | <input type="checkbox"/> News Article <input type="checkbox"/> Political Cartoon <input type="checkbox"/> Editorial <input type="checkbox"/> Letter to the Editor <input type="checkbox"/> Opinion Piece <input type="checkbox"/> Other |
| Notes (Use this space to provide the following) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Brief article summary, including names of people and events referenced in the article. ▪ If article is an editorial, opinion piece, political cartoon, or letter to the editor, does it advocate a specific action or policy? | |
| URL (if article was found online) | |

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SAMPLE FORM

| Requested Information | Your Article |
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| Research Topic | Rabbi Wise Delivers Speech Condemning the Final Solution |
| Group Members | John Doe, Jane Smith, Bill Brown |
| Newspaper Name (as it appears on the masthead, e.g., Toledo Blade) | Toledo Blade |
| Newspaper Location (City/State) | Toledo, OH |
| Publication Date (MM/DD/YYYY) | 11/25/1942 |
| Page (Beginning Page) | 1 |
| Article Headline | Hitler Orders All Jews Exterminated, Report Says |
| Sub-Headline(s) | Said to Be Confirmed by F.D.R. Aide; Affects Nazi-Occupied Europe |
| Byline (Individual author's name or wire service, e.g. AP, UPI, etc.) | AP |
| Article Type (select one) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> News Article <input type="checkbox"/> Political Cartoon <input type="checkbox"/> Editorial <input type="checkbox"/> Letter to the Editor <input type="checkbox"/> Opinion Piece <input type="checkbox"/> Other |
| Notes (Use this space to provide the following) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Brief article summary, including names of people and events referenced in the article. ▪ If article is an editorial, opinion piece, political cartoon, or letter to the editor, does it advocate a specific action or policy? | This article describes the plan to exterminate European Jewry including numbers killed, and deportation plans. It is coming from authentic sources via the State Department and mentions that Himmler is in charge of this process. An additional article below mentions the arrest of 2,300 Jews in Norway. |
| URL (if article was found online) | https://news.google.com/newspapers?nid=8_tS2Vw13FcC&dat=19421125&printsec=frontpage&hl=en |

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Once the group has recorded key information about its article(s), the Analyst should lead the group in discussing the following questions, which will be shared by the Reporter during the class discussion.

Article Comparison

Reference Holocaust Encyclopedia article(s) on the relevant event page(s) to answer the questions below (as assigned by your teacher).

- 1. What does a close read of the article tell you? What words and phrases stand out for you in how the author conveys this news? Are there any words that may convey bias to the reader? Are there any phrases that convey other emotions such as outrage, skepticism, or disbelief?**

- 2. How does the reporting in this newspaper reflect the facts of this event?**
 - a. Is the event fully and accurately reported, based on what we now know?

 - b. Does the byline credit an individual or wire service as the author? Why is that important? Does the article reflect any bias on the part of the author or editor?

 - c. What do the article's headline, length, and placement in the paper indicate about how the editors viewed its importance?

- 3. Does the article give any sense of how government leaders, organizations, and individuals in the community or the nation responded to the threat of Nazism and the persecution and murder of European Jews?**

- 4. What else was being reported in this newspaper at this time? Compare the placement, size, and tone of those articles to the one you researched. How might other events have influenced how readers viewed news related to the Holocaust?**

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EVENT SUMMARY

In the space below, as a group, summarize the topic of your research to share with the class. Explain why the topic was historically important, how it was (or was not) covered in the local newspaper, and what questions you have about why the local paper did or did not cover this event.

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As each group shares their information, the Recorder fills in the chart below. Following all the presentations, discuss the implications of the research with your group before beginning the concluding activity.

| Event | Did this newspaper cover this event? | If so, on what page was it covered? | Is this coverage more or less than you predicted? Why do you think this was the case? |
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TOLEDO BLADE

One of America's Great Newspapers

The Associated Press-United Press-International News Service—Chicago Daily News Foreign Service

Nazi Planes Mass For Attacks On Africa

They Were Strangers When Photo Was Taken, Now They Will Marry



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Some C Gas Ration Books May Be Recalled By OPA

Issuance Is Subject to Scrutiny, Says Report, Hearing of Excess Allotments

If you have received a C gas ration book with less than 64 pounds of gas, you may be asked to return it.

Ford Men Stay Out In Windsoor

Equal Pay Principle Demanded by 13,500

WEDNESDAY, Nov. 23 (AP)—Ford Motor Co. workers in Toledo, Ohio, today demanded equal pay for men and women doing the same work.

YOUR BABY and MINE

A new, daily feature devoted to the care and feeding of babies and growing children, by MYRTLE MEYER ELDER. Starts TODAY. On the Magazine Page. Supplementing The Services of DR. GARY C. MEYER. And Enriching The BLADE. To Be Like To You. The Advice of TWO Outstanding HEALTH AUTHORITIES.

Hitler Pulls Air Strength From Russia

Main Allied Force Moves Eastward As Fight Grows Intense

By EDWARD W. HEWITT
LONDON, Nov. 23 (AP)—Hitler is pulling his main force of German fighters from the Russian front to fight the Battle of Britain.

Whip Cream Banned Now

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Whipped cream is no longer to be used in the preparation of ice cream.

Today's Laugh

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African Fight in Critical Phase, Eden Tells House

Declines to Discuss Arrangements Made With French, Defends De Gaulle Curb

LONDON, Nov. 23 (AP)—British foreign secretary, Lord Eden of Hartington, today told the House of Commons that the African campaign is in a critical phase.

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REDS TIGHTEN TRAP ON 300,000 NAZIS

How Hitler's Worries Spread Over Europe



Hitler's worries spread over Europe as the Red Army tightened its trap on 300,000 Nazis.

Climax Nears At Buna, Gona

Japanese Forces In 'Last Stand'

WARSAW, Nov. 23 (AP)—The Japanese are expected to make a last stand at Buna and Gona.

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Says Ohio Butter Supply Adequate

Head of Creamery Urges Cartelment

COLUMBUS, Nov. 23 (AP)—The Ohio Creamery Association today said that the state's butter supply is adequate.

Food Shortage Growing In San Francisco District

Two Carloads of Meat Received From East Spoiled, Official Says

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 23 (AP)—A food shortage is growing in the San Francisco district.

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WASHINGTON, Nov. 23 (AP)—A classification card must be carried by all citizens.

3-Pronged Drive Closes Gap To Only 30 Miles

Moscow Says Enemy Dead and Captured Now Total 100,000

MOSCOW, Nov. 23 (AP)—The Red Army today closed the gap between it and the German forces to only 30 miles.

4 Ships Sunk Off Mozambique

50 Survive U. S. Freighter Loss

LONDON, Nov. 23 (AP)—Four ships were sunk off Mozambique today.

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Affects Nazi-Occupied Europe

WASHINGTON, Nov. 25 (AP)—Details of a campaign which Dr. Stephen S. Wise said was to exterminate all Jews in Nazi-occupied Europe by the end of the year are to be laid before a committee of leading Jewish organizations today in New York.

The story, which Dr. Wise said was confirmed by the State Department and a personal representative of President Roosevelt, deals with how more than 2,000,000 Jews already have been slaughtered in accordance with a race extermination order by Adolf Hitler.

Before leaving for New York to address the committee this afternoon, Dr. Stephen S. Wise, chairman of the World Jewish Congress and president of the American Jewish Congress, said he carried official documentary proof that "Hitler has ordered the extermination of all Jews in Nazi-ruled Europe in 1942."

Called Authentic

After a consultation with State Department officials, he announced they had termed authentic certain sources which revealed that approximately half of the estimated 4,000,000 Jews in Nazi-occupied Europe already had been killed and that Hitler was wrathful at "failure to complete the extermination immediately."

To speed the slaughter of the other half during the remaining month before the edict's deadline, Dr. Wise said the Nazis were moving some four-fifths of the Jews in Hitler-ruled European countries to Poland. There, he said Nazi doctors were killing them at the rate of "more than 100 men an hour a doctor," by injecting air bubbles into their veins—"the simplest and

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Says Ohio Butter Supply Adequate Head of Creamery Urges Curtailment

COLUMBUS, Nov. 25 (AP)—Ohio has enough butter "to go around with reasonable curtailment" of consumption, mostly through use of substitutes in cooking and baking, a Columbus creamery official asserted today.

Neil R. Baker, general manager of the Fairmont Creamery Co., cautioned against a "run on the bank" and estimated that the average Ohioan now consuming 20 pounds of butter a year could get along on 15 without any hardship if substitutes were used.

Only one Ohio city, Toledo, reported a definite shortage. Many grocers there had no stocks and some restaurants were reducing allotments to customers.

Some Youngstown chain stores reported stocks 40 per cent under normal and were considering limiting purchases to one pound a customer.

There apparently was no scarcity in Akron, Cincinnati, Cleveland and

Says All Jews Ordered Slain

Report Reveals Plan
Of Nazi Leaders

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cheapest method' they could find.

Dr. Wise, who heads the committee, asserted that already the Jewish population of Warsaw had been reduced from 500,000 to about 100,000.

Says Extermination Ordered

(The Polish government-in-exile reported in London yesterday that Heinrich Himmler, Nazi Gestapo chief, had ordered the extermination of one-half of the Jewish population of Poland by the end of this year and that 250,000 had been killed through September under the program. Only 40,000 Jews—skilled workers in the German war industry—are to remain in the Warsaw ghetto, the government said.)

In addition to the State Department which he said had provided the documentary proof of previous rumors and reports, the chairman said a "representative of President Roosevelt, recently returned from Europe," had confirmed other stories and told him that "the worst you thought is true."

Whether details of the gruesome campaign will be revealed publicly will be decided by the committee, Dr. Wise said, adding that any contemplated action will be announced after today's meeting.