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HISTORY > IBM's Unique Role In WWII

There were dozens of companies that were also trading with the Hitler regime. There were companies in Canada. There were many companies in the United States. Standard Oil continued to sell petroleum and refinery goods and services to the Third Reich right through the war. But Hitler understood about the internal combustion machine. And refineries and petroleum before he ever made a deal with Standard Oil.

Ford and GM of course produced cars but Hitler knew how to drive a car. There was a, there was a department store in Great Britain that sold uniforms to the Hitler regime. But Hitler knew how to sew a uniform. But IBM was in a special position. IBM controlled by monopoly its technology. It was the holder of the magic of tabulation and data processing.

They controlled 95% of the market place worldwide and they litigated against anyone who tried to horn in on their profit stream. As late as 1942, IBM was suing printers in Germany for trying to print punch cards that were compatible with IBM machines.

Throughout the late 40's, excuse me, the early 40's, during the war time years IBM was suing a Bull company in France to prevent them from selling machines to the Third Reich. Only IBM could provide these machines to the Third Reich. Only IBM could print billions of punch cards.

Only IBM could provide the spare parts and only IBM could lease these machines, not sell them and repair these machines. And service these machines once a month on site. Even if that site was Dachau, Buchenwald or any other concentration camp.

...Even if Hitler had amassed millions of these machines they only had a two to six week supply of punch cards. If Watson only would have stopped and I refer now to Thomas J. Watson the president of IBM, if Watson at IBM had only stopped printing the punch cards then Hitler's operation would have ground to a halt.

Now no one is saying, it's important to include this, no one is saying that the Holocaust would not have happened without IBM. 'Cause the Holocaust would have occurred under any conditions and any circumstances. In the east Jews were marched one by one out of town and shot with simple bullets. And they were laid crisscross in tank trenches.

...It's true only people killed not machines. But there was a point when the Nazi's understood that they needed a technologic solution to the murder of the Jews

and they stopped shooting them in trenches one by one and they started gassing them in gas chambers thousands at a time. That was a technologic improvement.

The Reich was organized. Of course we've all heard of Nazi efficiency but here we also had American ingenuity. And that American ingenuity was in the name of IBM.

HISTORY > IBM: Blood Money

IBM after the war facing the enormity of the destruction of World War II and the Holocaust never said it's not our money. It's not our equipment. It's blood money. It's illegal. IBM told the State Department and told all the countries of Europe that's our equipment and our money.

And IBM recovered all the money and all the bank accounts and all the equipment from all the camps that were salvageable.

HISTORY > What IBM Knew And When They Knew It

The European managers of IBM in Europe had a complete understanding of what was going on in Europe at all times with its machinery due to the fact that billions of punch cards were being provided. And that new applications were being done that billing was coming in, the machines were insured. And this all has been done pursuant to permission from New York.

The specifics. I don't think that IBM in, in New York had an understanding that its machines were in concentration camps involved in this practice. But what they did know was that their machines were in concentration camps generally. And they knew that Jews were being exterminated.

How did they knew? Because as at about December of 1942 the allies published in forty countries that five million Jews are about to be the exterminated. And anyone who continues to cooperate with the Nazi regime will be guilty of war crimes. A little girl hiding in an attic in the summer of 1942 wrote in her diary they're gassing Jews in Poland says British radio.

HISTORY > IBM: Hiding History

Where are these archives today?

There is no document with Hitler's signature on it that says kill the Jews. But by the IBM rationale which says all information in its archives is somehow sacrosanct. There could be an actual correspondence with Hitler. There is none.

But there could be an actual correspondence with Hitler. And in an IBM archive and it would be protected.

Why is it protected in a corporate archive? But it's not protected in any other archive in existence. And I think what the world needs to say is that anyone who was involved in genocide loses the right to confidentiality and, and protection.

For heaven sakes a man can fall down the steps in Hoboken, New Jersey and die and no information is protected. Six million Jews were killed, millions of other Europeans were massacred and murdered. The continents were enslaved and these documents are protected.

IBM will not tell us where they are, there are archives in Poland, archives in France, archives in Switzerland. There are archives in Somers, New York. They will not open these archives and they will attempt to confuse journalists, journalists will say well we want these documents. And IBM will say, well we gave our documents to New York University.

They gave them to a biblical archeologist. About a thousand pages. There are thousands of other documents which have never been given to anyone to examine. These documents must now follow the course of all other Nazi era documents. They must become public. Not some of them, not a token trickle but thousands and thousands of them across America and across Europe.