

## INTRODUCTION

The "Pohl Case" was tried at the Palace of Justice in Nuernberg before Military Tribunal II. The Tribunal convened 194 times, and the duration of the trial is shown by the following schedule:

Indictment filed	13 January 1947
Indictment served	13 January 1947
Arraignment	10 March 1947
Prosecution opening statement	8 April 1947
Defense opening statements	14-15 May 1947
Prosecution closing statement	17 September 1947
Defense closing statements	17-20 September 1947
Final statements of defendants	22 September 1947
Judgment	3 November 1947
Sentences	3 November 1947
Concurring opinion of Judge Musmanno (Filed)	3 November 1947
Order of the Military Governor reconvening Military Tribunal II	7 June 1948
Order of the Tribunal permitting the defendants to file additional briefs	14 July 1948
Supplemental judgment	11 August 1948
Confirmation and revision of sentences by the Military Governor	30 April, 11 May 1949
Order of the United States Supreme Court denying writ of habeas corpus on behalf of all defendants	2 May 1949

The English transcript of the Court proceedings runs to 8,461 mimeographed pages. The prosecution introduced into evidence 734 written exhibits (some of which contained several documents), and the defense 614 written exhibits. The Tribunal heard oral testimony of 21 witnesses called by the prosecution; of 27 witnesses, excluding the defendants, called by the defense; and of one witness called by the Tribunal. Each of 18 defendants testified in his own behalf, and each was subject to examination on behalf of other defendants. The exhibits offered by both the prosecution and defense contained documents, photographs, affidavits, interrogatories, letters, maps, charts, and other written evidence. The prosecution introduced 95 affidavits; the defense

416 affidavits. The prosecution called no defense affiants for cross-examination; the defense called 3 prosecution affiants for cross-examination. The Tribunal was in recess between 25 April 1947 and 14 May 1947 to give the defense additional time to prepare its case.

The members of the Tribunal and prosecution and defense counsel are listed on the ensuing pages. Prosecution counsel were assisted in preparing the case by Walter Rapp (Chief of the Evidence Division), Erik J. Ortmann, Kurt Ponger, Larry L. Wolff, interrogators, and Paul S. Siebenschein, Howell Webb, Hans J. Wolffsohn, and Frank Young, research and documentary analysts.

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