project." However, Horthy was a prisoner of the Nazis in his palace, and his ministers acted at the sufferance of the Nazis—including, of course, the agriculture minister for whom Soros's "protector" worked. Hecht writes that every aspect of the looting of Hungary's Jews was directed by SS Lt. Gen. Kurt Becher, who ran what was called the Economics Department.

General Becher personally looted the bigger estates, as in the case of the estate of the Manfred Weiss family, the richest Hungarian Jews. This identifies arch-war criminal Becher as the overseer of the activity in which Soros admits to having collaborated.

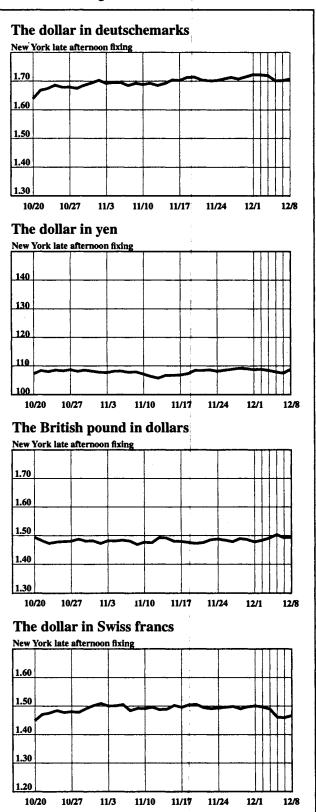
According to Hecht: "Becher distinguished himself as a Jew slaughterer in Poland and Russia. He became an important liaison figure between Hitler and Heinrich Himmler. He was appointed by Himmler as Commissar of all German concentration camps and made Chief of the Economic Department of the SS Command in Hungary. Together with Becher in the 'Economic Department' was Adolf Eichmann. The Economic Department was . . . a German locution . . . for the Germans employed in removing the gold fillings from the millions of teeth of the dead Jews . . . and in figuring out effective methods of torture to induce the Jews awaiting death to reveal where they had hidden their last possessions."

Soros's apprenticeship in the looting of Jews for the Nazis fits into an even darker picture, of British use of the holocaust for geopolitical ends. *Perfidy* tells the story of a postwar Israeli official, Dr. Rudolf Kastner, who had been wartime head of the British-spawned Jewish Agency in Hungary, and who was charged with collaboration with General Becher in the extermination of 600,000 Hungarian Jews. Courtroom testimony proved Kastner's guilt, but also showed he was "just following orders."

As Hecht puts it: "The Nazis' patronage of Kastner, and their agreement to let him save six hundred prominent Jews, were part of the plan to exterminate the Jews. . . . Kastner's . . . agreement fixed the division of the nation into two unequal camps: a small fragment of prominents, whom the Nazis promised Kastner to save, on the one hand, and the great majority of Hungarian Jews whom the Nazis designated for death, on the other hand."

Hecht asserts that Dr. Kastner was merely following Jewish Agency policy: "It remained unwavering in its loyalty to British policy. When British policy required silence and inaction toward the extermination of Hungary's Jews, the Jewish Agency and its now world famous factotums upheld this policy." Hecht also reveals, "Jewish Agency collaboration with the British . . . sabotaged the rescue of Europe's Jews and contributed to their annihilation." A prime example was the response to "Eichmann's offer of a million Jewish lives for a few thousand trucks" in 1944. Lord Moyne, head of the British Mandate over Palestine, dictated the response of the Jewish Agency: "What can I do with this million Jews? Where can I put them?"

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