

First edition of **the first official denunciation of the Holocaust.**

“Jan Karski sought to convey the truth of the Jewish Holocaust to the outside world” (Adam Jones).

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FIRST EDITION OF THIS MAJOR PUBLICATION, THE FIRST OFFICIAL DENUNCIATION PRINTED OF THE JEWISH GENOCIDE PERPETUATED BY THE NAZIS IN POLAND.

Directed to the United Nations, the text was printed in London at the end of December 1942.

Published for the Polish government in exile, this precise and oppressive report in 21 points is signed by Edward Raczynski, the Polish Minister of Foreign Affairs.

It's based on the eye testimony of the Polish resister, Jan Karski (1914-2000), who succeeded in entering the ghetto of Warsaw, then in getting into the camp of Izbica in disguise as an Ukrainian guard.

Arrested and tortured several times, he managed to get back to London, carrying first-hand information on the development of the Final Solution.

The rapport was handed to the British and the American governments: the atrocities of the genocide that was going on in Poland are clearly and coldly detailed in the text.

The account of the survival conditions in the Varsovie Ghetto is terrifying.

Karski gives some details about the daily nazis raids in the ghetto.

The rapport states that, since the war started more than one million of Polish Jews have perished.

The main report is followed by other texts like the reproduction of the order for the Jews deportation by the nazis dated July 22 nd, 1942, the joint statement of the Allies, the Polish government condemnation of the Nazis atrocities towards Jews (December 17th 1942) and the The Polish Minister of Foreign Affairs' text (E. Raczynski) text for the radio.

“A Polish Government emissary in occupied Poland, Jan Karski-Kozielski, was able to bribe his way into a German concentration camp and witnessed the mass extermination of Jews with his own eyes. In November 1942 he arrived in London to report on German atrocities in occupied Poland” (Dabrowa, “Breaking the Enigma Code”).

After that, Jan Karski met several officials he tried to alert in vain; one of them was the American President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

The British Minister of Foreign Affairs, Anthony Eden, told him that Great Britain had already done enough by accepting 100 000 refugees.

The Judge of the American Supreme Court who was in charge of the subject, Felix Frankfurter, told him: *"Mr Karski, I am unable to believe you."*

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