

May 7, 1945: That concentration camps existed where people were punished and killed solely to gratify the sadistic impulses of Nazi beasts is a blight on a nation's culture. This legacy of Adolf Hitler must remain forever as a warning signal in the history books of mankind.

In the radio broadcast describing the concentration camps it was said that the guilt must be placed on the entire German people. I must take exception to the assertion that all are guilty. Would every single individual in America be guilty if such acts had been carried out there? Those who devised the camps and put the people in them, and those who punished and killed the people are guilty. Along with them exists a very large circle of Germans who also are guilty and carry the moral debt for the concentration camps: primarily, all party members of the NSDAP, as well as all the proponents of the National Socialist system. They cannot deny knowledge of the violent actions of the secret state police. The mechanism of the Gestapo will remain a shame for all times. The Gestapo could take measures against anyone, and force them to do anything, without concern for liberty and property. People were arrested and detained without proper court proceedings on the basis that the Gestapo did not like their world views. No one had the right to complain, and no one could punish the Gestapo for anything. The frightening rule of the Gestapo was inviolable. Whoever complained was shunned if not killed, and made to feel the weight of the whole system.