

Editorial

Now, as then

Hundreds of previously classified documents, recently released from British government archives, prove that Prime Minister Winston Churchill and other British leaders knew that Nazi Germany was killing Jews, from the first massacres in June 1941, to the concentration camps in 1945. Yet they found it more expedient, more in conformity with their racial and geopolitical doctrines, to keep that information secret, and to block actions that would have halted the genocide.

Today, as hundreds of thousands of men, women, and children are being murdered in Zaire/Congo by the soldiers of newly installed dictator Laurent Kabila, it is harder for government officials to pretend that they don't know what is going on. Some certainly try, like the U.S. State Department official who was told by an *EIR* representative that genocide was being committed—that, according to Doctors Without Borders, a quarter of a million Rwandan refugees had already been killed. “No, this is not true!” he exclaimed. “Your figures are *wildly* wrong. . . . There is an enormous difference between killing and genocide. There is *no conclusive evidence of genocide*. No one is allowed access, therefore there can be no conclusive evidence of genocide.”

Cracks are beginning to emerge in this wall of official hypocrisy and indifference. U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Bill Richardson is returning to Zaire to demand an investigation of the atrocities. German Foreign Minister Klaus Kinkel has called upon the European Union to send a diplomatic mission to Kinshasa, to tell Kabila “and the responsible persons in the other states” to stop the genocide.

Press accounts are finally telling at least some of the truth. The *Philadelphia Inquirer* on June 5, for example, published an account from eyewitnesses, of the massacre of at least 550 Rwandan Hutus in the town of Mbandaka on May 13. After four hours of killing, an aid worker reported, “Red Cross workers had dug a mass grave for burial of hundreds of bodies. A soldier brought them the body of a woman and her eight-month-old child. The child was still alive. ‘We said we can't bury someone living,’ a Red Cross worker said. ‘And he took

this stick and hit the child on the head until he was dead.’ ”

Why is this happening? How could such atrocities occur, in a world which said, in 1945, “Never again!” Look at who backed Hitler then, and who is backing Kabila now.

As historian Anton Chaitkin documented in an article in the weekly *New Federalist* on June 9, Hitler was financed by the Anglo-American grouping of financiers that included Bank of England Gov. Montagu Norman, and a British-controlled Wall Street grouping around Averell Harriman and Harriman's partner Prescott Bush, the father of the later U.S. President George Bush. These were the sponsors of Reichsbank chairman and later Nazi economics minister Hjalmar Schacht, the man who hosted a meeting of German businessmen on Feb. 20, 1933, after Hitler's appointment as chancellor, and raised 3 million gold marks for the final drive to Nazi dictatorship.

Today, as *EIR* has reported, the same financial interests are grabbing up Africa's raw materials, precious metals, and other resources, as a hedge against what they see as a coming worldwide financial blowout. George Bush is the Senior Honorary Adviser of Barrick Gold Corp., which has gobbled up thousands of square miles of gold-mining territory in Zaire. On May 9, Kabila met in Lubumbashi, Zaire, with some of the leading financiers of the British Commonwealth, working out a deal that would give the British and allied financiers unimpeded control over the country's vast mineral wealth.

EIR's staff is currently assembling a Special Report, scheduled for release on June 18, titled “Never Again! London's Holocaust Against Africans.” This will put official Washington on notice: No more hiding behind bureaucratic routine. Our government must act immediately to prevent the death of a single additional human being. Call genocide by its right name; investigate the war criminals and their financial backers; and begin the process of rebuilding the economy of the African continent, in the interests of its people, not to line the pockets of foreign looters.