

# Obersalzberg Speech

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### The Legacy of World War I

**I have given orders to my Death Units to exterminate without mercy or pity men, women and children belonging to the Polish-speaking race. It is only in this manner that we can acquire the vital territory which we need. After all, who remembers today the extermination of the Armenians?**

**Adolf Hitler, 22 August 1939**

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The German Chancellor's 22<sup>nd</sup> August 1939 Obersalzberg Speech, delivered behind closed doors, to the chief commanders and commanding generals was extremely assertive. There exists a translation of the entire Speech forwarded from the British Embassy in Berlin by the Counsellor at the Embassy, Sir George Ogilvie-Forbes on 25<sup>th</sup> August 1939 – with an informative covering letter – to the Foreign Office in London. *Documents on British Foreign Policy 1919-1939*, London, HMSO, third series, 1954, vol. VII, document 314.

Patently, the amazingly unreasonable eastward directed and broadly expansionary objective developed long after the end of the Paris Peace Conference of 1919-20, when peace terms with Germany were concluded. [Paris Peace Conference](#). Subsequent aims - as highlighted - contrived additional broad factors. Thus, the Weimar Republic's overall objective in the East and those of the Third Reich are markedly different. Consequently, supplementary qualifications remain appropriate.

Reference to the former annihilation of the Armenians is projected as an example of a mass destruction that had not been challenged by the United States, Western Europe and, of course, Russia – the foremost malefactor. The onset of a dangerous syndrome. They were aware of the facts.<sup>1</sup> Nazi hierarchy – irrespective of Hitler's reference – was also aware of Armenia's catastrophic fate, as well as the aforementioned dangerous syndrome. Thus, as a mendacious observance, it is deemed reasonable to inflict a similar national destruction, in this instance, upon a neighbor in the East with decisive impunity. Poland was to be eliminated as a country, a resolute objective. Subsequently, the premeditated maximalist violence also destroyed the Hebrew Nation in Central and Eastern Europe. A thoroughly broad Genocide on all counts, strictly encased within an iron ringed Final Solution.

<sup>1</sup> Nevertheless, it is reasonable to note that, the United States President Woodrow Wilson awarded Western Armenia's sovereignty to the Republic of Armenia, in agreement with the West European Allies and on behalf of the international community.

The Obersalzberg Speech, as classified during the Nuremberg Trials, possesses three variants. Translations from German to English are reasonable. The original comprehensive format — as promptly obtained by the British diplomats in Berlin — remains the example that provides the true spirit and rationale of the Third Reich's calculated outlook. Indeed, the Speech contains graphic language and was so brazen that, *Reichsmarschall* Herman Göring -- the First World War veteran and the recipient of the Blue Max – promptly jumped on to a table and made “bloodthirsty promises and danced like a wild man.” The few that had misgivings remained silent. Additionally, of course, it is prudent to take into account the affect of the secretly negotiated non-aggression treaty with Soviet Russia, the Molotov – Ribbentrop Pact, which was to be signed next day in Moscow. It significantly improved the expansionist prospects of the Third Reich – especially in the East. Moreover, the Speech profoundly affirmed the planned invasion. For the ardent National Socialists [Nazis] it is time for audacious jubilations.

The comprehensive version of the document originated from a General present at the meeting, who had been horrified at what he had heard and sought to curb this extremism by providing the full details; initially, through a Staff Officer who successfully passed the information to the Associated Press of America. That organization immediately communicated the document to the British Embassy in Berlin.

It was obvious that the comprehensive version of the Speech was morally unsuitable, even for a confidentially organised circulation. Consequently, the subsequent discovery of partial variants is not surprising. The comprehensive version can also be the combination of two speeches delivered that day. During the meal that followed a temperamental Chancellor stated that military operations had to commence immediately, as he was unlikely to live long. Evidently, his successor would be unable to carry out the disclosed objectives. He also predicted that, within two years, the military situation would be rendered practically impossible.

The document also possesses a covering letter from Sir Neville Henderson, the British Ambassador in Berlin, to the Foreign Office in London, regarding certain poignant coordinates. He notes, the Chancellor had decided to “risk the gamble” and adds that he had warned the Chancellor regarding certain characteristics of war in general: “...while anyone can foresee the beginning, no one can foretell its course or its end; and that early victories do not mean victory in the end.” Henderson is plainly correct, yet the integral consequences of the Speech are significant. Its extremist text will be surpassed. Successional developments will prove to be apocalyptic.

Poland is invaded on 1<sup>st</sup> September 1939; it is the onset of the Second World War. In order to gain time, Czechoslovakia had already been sold out. The Allies – Britain and France – on the Western Front, promptly declared war on Germany. However, a surprise awaits as the Allies are rapidly disoriented against a briskly advancing mechanised onslaught. The Low Countries are occupied. The swift disintegration of France is most unexpected; indeed, Paris is occupied on 14<sup>th</sup> of June 1940, without a struggle. The British Expeditionary Force, with several French divisions, had to be evacuated from Dunkirk to Britain. Italy joined the Axis powers on 10<sup>th</sup> of June 1940. After securing the Western Front, the Third Reich turned its attention once more to the East, where its primary objectives were situated. In this respect, *Mein Kampf*, penned by Adolph Hitler and edited by Rudolf Hess – the penultimate overlord – had been available since 1925-26, revealing a number of key inimical coordinates. Russian leaders should have examined it diligently.

On 22<sup>nd</sup> June 1941 Nazi Germany invaded Soviet Russia, it is Operation Barbarossa. Undoubtedly, a well planned offensive, Russians are flabbergasted. Four days earlier, Berlin had enhanced its prospects by concluding a non-aggression pact with the Republic of Turkey in Ankara. A state based on the expansionist racist-nationalist ideology of Turkism. A fundamentally extremist regime nurtured as a barrier to Soviet Marxism. The Eastern Front primarily advanced in three directions. The Northeastern thrust – possessing geographic limitations – also involved the Siege of Leningrad, 8<sup>th</sup>

September 1941 – 27<sup>th</sup> January 1944. The centrally based offensive included the battle of Moscow, 2<sup>nd</sup> October 1941 – 7<sup>th</sup> January 1942. Germans failed to capture the Capital.

The Southeastern thrust involved Operations Edelweiss and Case Blue. Their joint objective was to advance beyond the Caucasus Mountains where important oilfields on the Caspian shoreline were situated. This is a geography stretching from the Black Sea to the Caspian Sea. During August 1942 Germans raised the Swastika upon a number of mountain peaks. Iran is the noted southern neighbour, thereafter it is the Gulf and the Indian Ocean. An elated Turkey moved up its army – over twenty five divisions -- to the south of the Caucasus where Soviet Armenia was situated and prepared for a joint invasion with Germany. This would have been the extension of the Genocide. [Genocide Bibliography](#). Germany, however, declined to conduct any joint operations in the region with Turkey and advised accordingly. Turkey's planned invasion was halted. The tiny Republic of Armenia survived. German policy was essentially based upon the intent that it was unwilling to share the strategic attributes of the region as well as its valuable resources. Additionally, of course, joint military operations with Turkey – as experienced during W. W. I – would have been daunting. Albeit, due to serious losses further north, at Stalingrad on the Volga, operations on this front had to be abruptly halted. The order to withdraw from the Caucasus arrived on 28<sup>th</sup> December 1942. By 2<sup>nd</sup> February 1943 the German 6<sup>th</sup> Army had been entirely destroyed at Stalingrad. The subsequent German defeat, at the Battle of the Kursk – the war of the tanks – extending from 5<sup>th</sup> July to 23<sup>th</sup> August 1943, confirmed the elimination of German racist- nationalist objectives in the East. The decisive operations of the Anglo-Americans eliminated the problem in Western Europe. Germany, surrendered on 7<sup>th</sup> May, 1945. Four months later, on 2<sup>nd</sup> September, Japan surrendered, thus ended a war of amazing magnitude.

Among the copious ideological goals of National Socialism was the resolute attempt to re-engineer a European race. This aim was possibly the most unrealistic. It is best to preserve what you already have. Fervent implementation of Nazi ideologies within Continental Europe had to a certain extent, caused misalignments to the stratified equilibrium of the European Civilisation. [Frontiers of Europe](#). Consequently, a set of standards and values had to be reestablished and realigned, inclusive of subsequent enhancements with Global ramifications. [Rights and Values](#). Racist-nationalist ideologies – internally or externally generated – as well as externally driven politicized expansionist religious movements undermining the European Civilisation within its Global Geography – as recorded above – can be extricated decisively. Initially, of course, it is imperative not to repeat the errors of the past.



**Obersalzberg, Bavaria:** the Alpine complex of the Third Reich's hierarchy; it also housed a detachment of SS troops, for the security of the *Führer*. The highest building on the mountain peak was the prestigious Eagles Nest. The complex was destroyed on 25<sup>th</sup> April 1945 by an aerial raid, planned by Allied Bomber Command.

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