

1915 - 1 million Armenians killed by Turks

His book - 1945 Axis rule 700+ pages

spoke 9 languages a legal Turkish  
taught at Duke - worked at State Dept - taught at Yale  
Genocide resolution passed Dec 9, 1948 - Crime  
55-0 in VN

# "A PROBLEM FROM HELL"

America and the Age of Genocide

Samantha Power

Feb 11, 1986 - Senate passed Genocide treaty  
with reservation 83 to 11  
97 nations ahead of U.S.

Billberg changed Reagan's interest

Amnesty Int. - founded in 1961  
Human Rights Watch - 1978

This Is Your Sign - Ralph Edwards never  
mentioned six million Jews lost in Holocaust

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1995 Srebrenica killed in - Sarajevo  
Shame U.S. policymakers into responding - reporting  
Book's findings about genocide  
genocidal - word invented by Raphael Lemkin a Polish Jew  
William Proxmire - 3,211 speeches for genocide treaty over 19 yrs.

300 Interviews 1993-2001 Open Society Institute grant  
1948 Genocide Convention

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Chaps  
→ 20th Century ratified on Oct 16, 1948  
17 yrs. after Lemkin proposed it.

U.S. dragged its feet. "a number problem" - how  
many people have to be killed.

ABA opposed it

rac - southern opposed it. - Xenophobia

Lemkin - people criticized because of his "Jewishness"  
not invited to testify

American opposition had to do with  
Sovereignty

Aug 28, 1959  
died of heart attack  
he was 59  
lived in one room  
apt. - penniless

William Proxmire's first speech on genocide  
Jan 11, 1967  
each speech was  
original  
never missed a roll call in 22 years  
Golden Fleece award

Lemkin - nominated for Nobel - 7 yrs.  
no time for Women

The Holocaust - didn't appear in  
New York Times until 1959

53 - This is Your Life

54 - Diary of Anne Frank - Broadway

54 - film - largely omitted Holocaust reference

61 - Judgment at Nuremberg on CBS - American  
New Assoc. wanted no mention of gas chambers

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Memories of Vietnam led to cautions  
on sending troops

When do you like military force

Why do so many people who were against  
Vietnam intervention want us to go into  
Cambodia Bosnia Rwanda, Iraq, Kosovo.

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When was UN Tribunal at the Hague created

53  
yo. old  
Kristic - 16 months  
128 witnesses  
1,093 exhibits  
Bosnia  
Srebrenica  
impunité for Muslims  
to survive  
first genocide conviction  
in Europe - sentence 46 yrs.

International War Crimes Tribunal

International Criminal Court

International Court of Justice

What is the origin of term "ethnic cleansing"

Impact of Nuremberg on 90's thinking

Rwanda - Security Council vote 14-1 to set up tribunal  
in Arusha, Tanzania

Rwanda voted against - no death penalty

Sept 2, 1998 - first conviction Jean-Paul Akayesu -  
Mayor of Talouma

Cambodia

Cambodia Genocide Program at Yale

Hun Sen didn't want tribunal but relented - It would  
be headquartered in Cam. - the majority of judges will  
be Cam.

Iraq - same group who committed genocide remained  
in power - unlike in Rwanda, Cambodia, and Serbia

International Criminal Court

needs 60 countries ratifying 43 when book out?

U.S. doesn't want ICC

Battle to resist genocide lost in domestic politics  
Reagan moved on genocide convention after Bitburg disaster  
Nato moved with Bosnian air campaign after Dole  
Lake and Rwanda "make more noise"

My Sept 2001 Atlantic article on Clinton's investigation  
into Rwanda led to memo to Bush 43 - margin  
comment "Not on my watch"

Sept 11

Milosevic trial - Kosovo intervention

What happened to Wesley Clark with WAsst officials

Jeddam - Kurds then Kuwait - next poison for U.S.

Raphael Lemkin - died in 59

Arthur Koestler

Romeo Dallaire Rwanda

"The Screamer"

Henry Morgenthau, Sr. - Armenia

Jan Karski

After 516 pages you  
end with quote from  
G. B. Shaw

Elizabeth Becker - Cambodia

Charles Twining - Cambodia

Kenneth Quinn

Peter Galbraith - Kurds

Bob Dole - Bosnia

Frank McCloskey

Richard Holbrooke

Des Forges

Human Rights Watch - who are they - what's been  
their impact.

Srebrenica Trial - Kristic

Mladic

Balkin Prison -  
run by an Serbian

Karadzic

killed 7000 Muslims

Prosecution was progressed from 1993 to Nov 1995. Dayton

Author received grant from George Soros Open Society, funded

Clinton Admin "Craven" refusal to make arrests in  
Balkin war

Human Rights Watch

Amnesty International

International Helsinki Federation

Coalition for International Justice

Where does money for court at Hague come from  
Budget 11 mil in 94' - had 96 mil. in 2000

Staff of 1000 Nov 01' - 48 inmates

Rwanda Court - got off to slow start -

some layed around Arusha on cushy VN jobs



Cambodia -

1975 -

Lowndes - moved to Hawaii after KR came in

Pol Pot - kept everyone out for 3 1/2 yrs.

VN Peacekeeping mission

1956-1977 - 10

1978-1987 - 1

Six years up - 20  
to 1994