

POLAND HAS CUT ITS ESTIMATE OF THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE KILLED AT AUSCHWITZ FROM FOUR MILLION TO JUST OVER ONE MILLION. ISRAELI EXPERTS SAID EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT THE LOWER ESTIMATE HAS BEEN MOUNTING FOR SOME TIME SHMUEL KRAKOWSKY, HEAD OF RESEARCH AT ISRAEL'S YAD VASHEM HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL, SAID THE NEW POLISH FIGURES WERE CORRECT.

YEHUDA BAUER, DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION OF HOLOCAUST STUDIES AT THE HEBREW UNIVERSITY OF JERUSALEM'S INSTITUTE OF CONTEMPORARY JEWRY SAYS THE NUMBER OF VICTIMS WHO DIED AT AUSCHWITZ IS LESS THAN HALF OF THE ESTIMATED FOUR MILLION. BAUER SAID THE LARGER FIGURES HAVE BEEN DISMISSED FOR YEARS, EXCEPT IT HASN'T REACHED THE PUBLIC AS YET. THE HISTORIAN SAID HE DOES NOT DOWNPLAY THE NAZI ASSAULT ON THE POLES ALTHOUGH HE DEFINED THE TERMS "GENOCIDE" REFERRING TO THE POLISH EXPERIENCE, AND HOLOCAUST, REFERRING TO THE JEWISH EXPERIENCE, AS SEPARATE FRIGHTFULNESSES.

FOR 47 YEARS THE COURT HISTORIANS HAVE CLAIMED THAT MORE THAN FOUR MILLION JEWS WERE GASED TO DEATH AT AUSCHWITZ. BUT THE FACTS SPREAD BY A FEW HONEST AND COURAGEOUS HISTORIANS HAVE NOW FORCED THE GOVERNMENT OF POLAND TO REMOVE THE OLD SIGNS MAKING THIS FALSE CLAIM AND REPLACE THEM WITH NEW ONES CLAIMING THAT FEWER THAN 1.5 MILLION WERE KILLED THERE. THAT'S A GOOD START BUT THE ACTUAL MAXIMUM FIGURES ARE NOW KNOWN. THE PROOF; THE ORIGINAL CAMP RECORDS WERE RECENTLY MADE AVAILABLE BY THE RUSSIANS AND LIST 72,000 WHO DIED OF ALL CAUSES, AND NONE WERE GASED. THERE ARE THREE MISSING BOOKS OF RECORDS SO THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF DEAD IS 100,000 TO 150,000

DEAR BRIAN,
SOME YEARS AGO I READ A BOOK CALLED
"THE HOAX OF THE 20TH CENTURY" BY PROF.
ARTHUR BUTZ WHICH I DISMISSED LIGHTLY,
IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE NEWSPAPER ARTICLE'S
I AM HAVING SOME DOUBTS. THE FIRST
PERSON WHO HAS THE TEMERITY TO
PUBLICLY DISCUSS THIS SUBJECT WILL
BECOME A HERO TO MOST PEOPLE AND A
PARIAH TO A FEW. I ALWAYS THOUGHT YOU WERE
ONE OF THE FEW HONEST, UNBIASED PEOPLE
IN THE MEDIA. ARE YOU?

Newspaper Conspiracy of Silence

Why does the Establishment media consistently and willfully ignore the biggest news story of the year? We asked some prominent members of the press that question.

EXCLUSIVE TO THE SPOTLIGHT

BY JAMES HARRER

In an extraordinary feat of Orwellian news management, the shadow government of world leaders and financial magnates known as the Bilderberg group has done more than surround its strategic meetings with secrecy: It has succeeded in keeping its existence a secret from the great majority of members of the working press.

This conclusion has emerged from a two-day telephone survey by a SPOTLIGHT reporter among leading Establishment publications in Washington, New York, London and Paris on the question: Why does the world media not cover the exclusive but extremely significant annual conclaves of the Bilderbergers?

A major reason is that the media is coopted by the presence at the meetings of high officials and influential columnists from major news organizations, who participate in the covert planning but who are sworn to secrecy beforehand. There are occasional mentions of the group in the media, but when they occur they are mentioned incidentally and mischaracterize the group either as a collection of "scholars" or as a benign discussion group for influential people who can let down their hair because the proceedings are "off the record."

Another part of the explanation is that a new generation of younger reporters, assigned to cover world events and international finance, is barely aware of the Bilderberg elite's existence as an organization, let alone the strategies it formulates and puts into play throughout the year.

LOST SIGHT OF

"I suppose the Bilderbergers have won their battle for secrecy," commented John Grimmin, foreign editor of the *Economist*, the influential international news weekly edited in England. "They have been conspiratorial for so long, and so intensely, the press has lost sight of them entirely."

Grimmin was not merely attempting to rationalize the absence of any Bilderberg coverage in his own publication. He was also trying to

explain why the staff reporter assigned to the *Economist's* New York bureau—an otherwise highly knowledgeable business writer, whose name is being withheld at her own request—told a caller from this populist publication: "The Bilderbergers? What are they? I really don't know—I've never been told to check on them."

A similar policy of not checking on the shadow global government was apparent at the *New York Post*, until recently U.S. headquarters of the worldwide news organization headed by controversial media magnate Rupert Murdoch.

"The Bilderbergers? I really couldn't tell you who they are," financial writer Jennifer Shaw exclaimed. "I don't think anyone here has ever been assigned to cover that."

IMPERIOUS

At the *New York Times*, an imperious representative, who asked to be identified only as a "spokesman," asserted that "We probably omit any reporting [on the Bilderberg conference] by choice. But we don't explain our choice of news coverage."

At *L'Express*, France's leading news weekly, a business editor, reached at her desk by telephone in what was apparently a tense moment, shouted only: "Les Bilderberjay? Oh, non, non, non!" and hung up.

Her instinctive reaction was "very revealing," commented Emile Teron, a Dutch broadcast journalist, reached in Holland. "The mainstream media were given the word, often by their own editors and publishers, to lay off the Bilderbergers. The press hates to look cowardly in public. Its gut reaction to a question on this cover-up is to shout, 'No,' and cut the connection."

CRIMINAL CONSPIRACY

There are two main points to be made about our coverage of the Bilderberg meeting this year. The Bilderberg group is an assemblage of the wealthiest and most politically powerful people in the world. They meet in secrecy behind armed guards annually. At these meetings they conspire to defraud you of vast amounts of your tax money to increase their own wealth and to extend their own power.

Under the law, conspiracy to commit an illegal act is itself a crime.

The first of the two points we want to make is that the Bilderberg group does indeed exist, despite the constant denials from group members and the ridicule the Establishment media dishes out to us for staying with this story. The second is that nobody can deny this is a major news story. In fact it's probably the most important story every year, because much of what transpires throughout the year—wars, political upheavals, economic trends—is determined at these meetings.

So why doesn't any media outlet other than The SPOTLIGHT cover it? The only possible conclusion is that there are two conspiracies—the first being the meeting taking place at posh resorts around the world every year, the second the conspiracy of the Establishment media to keep it quiet.

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