

Timeline

1924 – IBM is founded By Thomas Watson

1926 – foundation of I.G. Farben

1937 – all the I.G. directors have joined the Nazi party

1939 – Jewish census is done thanks to IBM machines

1941 – foundation of I.G. Farben - Auschwitz

1947 – I.G. Farben is processed at Nuremberg
– Nuremberg Code

Science – Technology – Industry at the service of Nazism

The war and the Nazi exterminations needed huge technological and industrial support. Both German and American companies not only gave support to the realization of these crimes and made a fortune on this economical relationship, but also exploited labour force given by the concentration camps. Some of these companies are still active today. Even German scientific research is considered to be responsible through its eugenics project of tortures inflicted on the prisoners, presented as necessary scientific experiments.



"International Business Machines": its German branch was the main producer of machines for the control of the national economy, the Jewish census, and the cataloguing of the prisoners. The increase of industries and armaments and the extermination would not have been possible without IBM's calculators.

The beginning of the history of IBM's implication in the Nazi affairs goes back to 1910, when Mr. Hollerith leaves the patents for the construction of his product in Germany and the Deutsche Hollerith Maschinen Gesellschaft (the Dehomag) is founded, becoming the German branch of IBM U.S.A.

Thomas Watson (IBM founder) was the one who began the expansion of Dehomag: just after Hitler's rise to power, IBM invested more than 1 million dollars. The Hollerith cards' holes would decide the destiny of the deported.

At the end of the war, the victory of IBM will be twofold : not only did it get back possession of the enormous fortune earned during the war thanks to the careful Nazi administration, but also its machines were recovered by the Allies.

Hollerith Code number	Concentration camps
001	Auschwitz
002	Buchenwald
003	Dachau
004	Flossenbürg
005	Gross-Rosen
006	Herzogenbusch
007	Mauthausen
008	Natzweiler
009	Neuengamme
010	Ravensbrück
011	Sachsenhausen
012	Stutthof

In some camps, such as Dachau and Storkow, more than 20 IBM machines were installed.



I.G. FARBen

The Interessen-Gemeinschaft Farbenindustrie, the biggest financier of the national socialist party, founded in 1926 as an industrial group including smaller companies such as Bayer, Basf, Hoechst, Agfa, Cassella, Huels, Kalle.

The pact with the party was made because I.G. Farben needed the political support and the Nazi needed its enormous technological survey for the war. When I.G. Farben – Auschwitz was born, it started producing Buna (a type of synthetic gum), exploiting the prisoners' work.

Zyklon-B, highly toxic acid cyanidric, the gas used in the gas-rooms, was produced by De.Ge.Sch. (owned for the 42.5% by I.G. and for the 42.5% by DeGuSSA). The production of Zyklon-B, in high demand at the time, was a great success for both companies.

The punishments inflicted were extremely lenient and the counts of indictment did not concern extermination: the companies, which had had contacts with the regime, had to pay an indemnity for the workers' exploitation and for the pains suffered by them.

I.G Farben, in 1955, was put under the Allies' control. At the same time authorization was given to the included companies to split up: Agfa, Basf, Bayer, Hoechst e many others became independent.

The life expectancies of a prisoner working for I.G.-Auschwitz was 1-4 months

Zyklon-B was originally a pesticide. 1 mg/kg is the sufficient amount to kill a man.

The condemned directors received no more than 8 years of reclusion

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EXPERIMENTS ON THE PRISONERS

They were made with the declared aim of improving the survival rate of the German soldiers and above all to purify the Arian race.

A wide range of experiments was made: high altitudes or low temperatures, studies on twin brothers, experiments on sterilization, infectious illnesses, toxic substances, bones or muscles.

These doctors, while they wanted to improve the medicine progress, "forgot" that its main aim is the wealth and the benefit of each man. On the contrary, they justify their actions with the racist ideology, which divided men into races superior or inferior.

Doctors in the organization of camps: platform selections based on work ability or attitudes to be used for experiments

The Nuremberg process ended with 7 absolved, 7 death sentences and various inferior sentences. Many others carried on with their own careers.

The "Nuremberg code" was annexed to the sentence, to guarantee the rights of the men who could be used for experiments: the agreement of the guinea pig is absolutely necessary and the experiment must avoid each physic or mental lesion. Furthermore , the benefit for the society deriving from the experiment must be evident.

Even the "Aktion T4" project was thought for the purification of the race: from disable people

FROM DARWINISM TO EUGENICS

Charles Darwin was the scientist who formulated the theory of the species evolution: in nature the survival of each species was connected to the mutations in biological characters, due to the specific conditions in which every being lives; moreover, these mutations used to be transmitted through the descendants, increasing their capacity to survive. This theory will soon turn into the SOCIAL DARWINISM, the idea that the natural selection and the evolution should also be applied to the human society.

The EUGENICS project will in fact actually be based on the intent of improving the biological characters of the German society, "purifying" it from the "imperfections" represented by the inferior races. Actually on these inferior races will take place the experiments for the genetic improvement of the "Arian race"



I.G. Farben yesterday



AN INCREASE OF THREE SHILLINGS A WEEK
Bayer today

THE "Daily Express" has sent a special representative on an unusual mission. He is touring the north in

The Powell Duffryn Company of South Wales profits by £100,000 to Mr. E. L. Hume, the managing director, said at yesterday's annual in this had not been such policy of wage reduction. In fact he reveals earnings of these employees higher than the average field.

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The IG-Farben palace at the time and nowadays, site of the University of Frankfurt

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