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In his award winning work, *The Jewish Enemy: Nazi Propaganda During World War II and the Holocaust* (Harvard University Press, 2006), Jeffrey Herf, Professor of History, University of Maryland, wrote: “During World War II anyone in Nazi Germany who regularly read a newspaper, listened to the radio, or walked past the Nazi political posters between 1941 and 1943 knew of the threats and boasts of the Nazi regime about intentions to exterminate European Jews, followed by public assertions that it was implementing that policy. Claims of ignorance regarding the murderous intentions and assertions of making good on such threats defy the evidence, logic, and common sense. With confidence we can say that millions and millions of Germans were told on many occasions that the Jews had begun a war to exterminate the Germans, but that the Nazi regime was exterminating the Jews instead.”

This new collection of Nazi Propaganda Periodicals from the Library of the YIVO Institute for Jewish Research allows readers to explore these themes in greater detail. Of the approximately 6100 volumes that comprise YIVO’s unique Nazi Propaganda Collection 1293 were made available in the Nazi Propaganda Literature Collection on microfiche by IDC in 2002. This new collection of Nazi Propaganda Periodicals adds approximately 300 journals and newspaper titles to the overall collection.

Included in the new collection are a number of extremely rare publications from Nazi-occupied Europe including *Donareuropa* published in Budapest from 1941 – 1944; *Volk in Osten* published in Bucharest, Romania (1941); the complete runs of the *Verordnungsblatt for Bohemia, Moravia and Luxembourg*; two years of the *Italien Beobachter* (Rome, 1937 – 1938) and the Zurich based *Schweizerische Monatshefte* (1940 – 1944), among other titles. Altogether YIVO – IDC’s Nazi Propaganda Periodicals Collection includes materials from 17 countries, 14 of which were under direct Nazi occupation. While the vast majority of the publications are in German there are a significant number of French, Latvian, Estonian, and Russian titles, reflecting Nazi attempts to secure the cooperation of local populations.

As Zachary M. Baker, Reinhard Curator of Judaica and Hebraica at Stanford University pointed out in 1997, “The significance of YIVO’s Nazi propaganda collection lies not merely in its size, but also in the rarity – in numerous cases, the uniqueness – of the items it encompasses. Many of the titles in the collection are found in only a few American libraries.”

Carl J. Rheins, Executive Director, YIVO Institute for Jewish Research

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