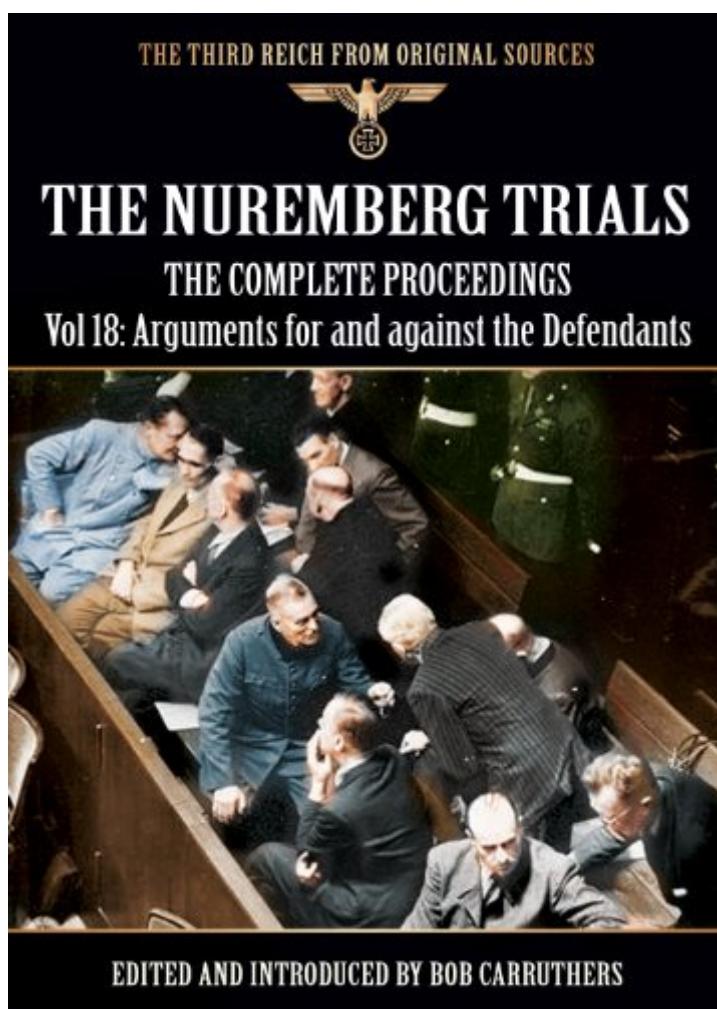


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## Synopsis

This is the eighteenth volume in the complete proceedings of the Nuremberg trial of the German major war criminals before the International Military Tribunal sitting at Nuremberg, Germany. Taken from the original court transcript this volume covers the proceedings from 2nd to 15th July, 1946 and represents an essential primary source for scholars and general readers alike. The transcripts are complete and contain the whole of the proceedings as taken from the original court documents. This volume consists of the concluding speeches by the Defence. Göring's counsel discusses his efforts for a peaceful settlement of the Polish question, the Katyn massacre, the Stalag Luft III case and the lynch law against "terror flyers". Keitel's counsel argues against his knowledge of Hitler's aggressive intentions and the defensive nature of the German rearmament. Kaltenbrenner's counsel disputes the scope of his position, his attitude to protective custody and concentration camps. Rosenberg's counsel also points out the limitations of the defendant's position and responsibilities as Minister for the Eastern Occupied Territories, and his struggle against Reich Commissioner Koch's terror policy. Frank's counsel argues against his defendant's participation in a common plan, and infringements on his authority by the police. Frick's counsel asserts that he had no link with the aggressive plans of Hitler, and denies his responsibility for the acts of the Gestapo, the concentration camps, for the extermination of Jews or for any "euthanasia" measures. He was purely a figure-head as Reich Protector of Bohemia and Moravia. Streicher's counsel contends that he had no real influence on the German people or the Nazi Party; it was Hitler's and Himmler's exclusive responsibility for the issue and execution of extermination order of the Jews. Funk's counsel insists that his defendant had a limited range of Party activities and state positions, but also discusses the SS gold deposits in the Reichsbank. Schacht's counsel maintains that he was influenced by Hitler's demoniac personality, and that the international treaties against German rearmament were obsolescent.

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