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The Independent State of Croatia committed the genocide of serbs in World War II

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Abstract:

"Labour" camps - as concentration camps were called by ustash - are places of eerie, martyrdomous death. It is known that in Jasenovac they made embankments along the Sava River from corpses. Jasenovac camp (1941-1945) is the most monstrous concentration camp in the Balkans, and by the committed atrocities and methods of torture people are among the most terrible in all then occupied Europe. Even 1171 catholic priests killed serbian elders, women and children, cooperated with ustashes or provided them with significant assistance. Among them, 27 franciscans were professors and even 108 were doctors of science. The monstrous villain, Lyubo Milos, is known to admit that more than a thousand serbs were stabbed in one night in Jasenovac. The Jasenovac camp, established in August 1941 and destroyed by ustashes in april 1945, covered an area of about 210 hectares. It was a system of camps, where, according to still revealed data, over 730 thousand serbs were killed. In Gradina alone, the largest execution site of the Jasenovac camps, over 400 thousand children, elders, men and women suffered.

Many serb children were burned alive in Jasenovac. This was taken care of by construction engineer Hinko Dominik Picili, head of the labor service of the Jasenovac system camps. He joined the ustash service in 1942, becoming head of labor service at Camp III Brick factory in Jasenovac. He remained in this position until the end of 1994, when he was appointed to the position of camp chief. According to the testimonies of prisoners, he designed crematoriums from the brick kilns, where alive and murdered prisoners were burned from February to May 1942. Picili is one of the harshest ustashes of all time in Jasenovac's existence. The Jasenovac camp authorities entrusted Pitsili with the construction of two crematoria - one in an old brick factory, and the other in Hradina. In a short time, Pitsili made several small ones from one brick kiln, installing partitions. The only common thing was the crematorium chimney. In each of the furnaces thus obtained, 50 adults and 100 children could be burned at once. Over 600 people were swallowed by the crematorium in one night. The door opened outward, to a tunnel, a wide lobby of incandescent hell. At first, prisoners were thrown into the furnace, who built it according to Pitsili's sketches. In a few minutes they turned to ash, and Pitsili himself remained satisfied with his monstrous project. The temperature in the Pitsili crematorium exceeded 2000 degrees.

The organizer of the serb Holocaust from 1941 to 1945 lived peacefully in the Vatican, and the executioners were croats turned into catholics. The fanaticism of Paveljic and Stepinac is confirmed by numerous reports. The process of 'cleansing the Croatian nation' began with the killing of Serbian children, even infants, along with adults. Children from cradle to 14 years old were killed. The only place in all of Europe where there were special camps for children was Croatia. The Vatican, headed by Pope Pacelli (Pius XII), saw nothing wrong with the fact that the "faithful and devoted Catholic" Ante Pavelic, during the monstrous Independent State of Croatia, in the most terrible way killed one million two hundred and thirty thousand Serbian old men, women and children. The Pope also approved the "appropriation" of the aggregate property of the Serbian Orthodox Church by the Roman Catholic Church, and hundreds of Orthodox priests were killed.

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INTRODUCTION

The topic of article - Jasenovac is the largest concentration camp for serbs in the Balkans in World War II in the Independent State of Croatia (ISC), - for us, serbs, it is very painful. All generations of serbs face it. Until the world learns that a terrible genocide like the Holocaust of Jews took place in ISC from 1941 to 1945, the serbian people will not be able to live peacefully on their centuries-old territory. According to confidential data of the Military Archive of the former SFRY, the **ustash Nazi vent of ISC swallowed more than one million two hundred thirty thousand lives of innocent serbian children, women, old people**. They were brutally slaughtered, massacred, they were burned in the crematoriums of Jasenovac - only for the fact that they are orthodox serbs. It is almost unknown about genocide of serbs in ISC in Russia, to say nothing about Europe and the world. We would like to learn about terrible history of sufferings of serbs in the world, so that it would become known that serbian people in territory of all Croatia and Bosnia and Herzegovina during the World War II were ruthlessly destroyed.

In the recent unfortunate wars in the former Yugoslavia between 1991 and 1995 in Croatia and Bosnia and Herzegovina, the serbian people again suffered the most, but the planned destruction of serbs from areas west of the Drina river by **Franjo Tudjman** and **Alija Izetbegovic** did not occur. General **Ratko Mladic**, an honest warlord, the greatest Serbian commander in modern history, defended his people bravely and decisively - then unarmed, abandoned by everyone, even Serbia, then under terrible pressure from NATO, the United States, Great Britain, France. The serbs in Croatia and Bosnia and Herzegovina are the most suffering people in all of Europe in the whole 20th and early 21st century.

So, thank you, dear brothers and sisters, for understanding this topic is key for us and future generations, for our history, for the truth. Especially on the international level, as the Vatican prepares to proclaim as a saint the ustash-Croatian Cardinal Aloisie Stepinac, who during the pogroms in World War II blessed the mass atrocities committed against serbs in the ISC. One third of the serbian people were exterminated. Today, Europe, the Roman Catholic Church, the Vatican, the "Church by the Croats," want to be declared him a saint. That Stepinac is in the same rank as our Saint Savva, or Russian saints Alexander Nevsky, Vladimir Moskovsky, Seraphim Sarovsky? We must prevent this from happening.

JASENOVAC - A DEATH CAMP FOR SERBS IN THE INDEPENDENT STATE OF CROATIA

Jasenovac, the death concentration camp in the Independent State of Croatia (a fascist state in the service of Nazi Germany) was the most monstrous place to destroy the youth and future of the serbian people. The concentration camps in ISC (1), and there were about 30 of them, are in no way inferior to the horrors suffered by the Jewish people in Nazi Germany and throughout Europe during World War II.

We serbs have always understood this. From our tragic history, we know what genocide is. In our own skin, we have experienced in recent history what it means to demonize a people who have suffered for centuries, and to kill, expel, and turn into catholics them again, as it happened to serbs in Croatia from 1991 to this day, but also in previous centuries. **It is quite correct that the genocide of serbs is still going on, as some Serbian historians and academics have said!**

Something connects Jasenovac and Srebrenica, which we serbs are not allowed to talk about! During World War II, the horrific genocide of the serbs was committed in ISC, and for decades serbs were forbidden to speak and write the truth about Jasenovac. But then the truth about mass atrocities and places of execution in ISC resurrected... many pits with serbian bones began to be dug in Croatia and Herzegovina in the 80s... then came the new war of 1991-1995... and serbs did not go as sheep to slaughter for the first time... they defended the threshold of their house, their children, their grandfather's legacy... and they are to blame for surviving because they had to disappear from Croatia and Bosnia and Herzegovina. Everything was done in order to repeat the genocide of the serbs. General Ratko Mladic, glorified brave commander of the Army of Republika Srpska, our living legend, defended his people, who remained defenseless. Everyone was preparing for war - both Croats and Muslims - with the help of Western powers, and only serbs, naive and unarmed, believed that the state, built for all peoples in Yugoslavia with their own blood, would not be destroyed.

The general was imprisoned in the Hague and is being tried for preventing a repeat of the serb genocide. He did what any honest military leader would do, as would all our officers, generals who were tried in the Hague for defending Kosovo and Metohija, the serbs in Croatia, Bosnia ... they had to be punished for this purpose by a court created in the Hague as an accomplice of NATO. The Hague Tribunal is NATO and american revenge on the best serbian soldiers, in a word: the REVENGE of the mighty and the evil.

Will it ever be known how many serbs were killed in the ustash camps between 1941 and 1945? According to the still inaccessible data from the Military Archive of then Yugoslavia, more than **1,23 million serbs were killed in the ISC**. According to the report of Prof. Dr. Srbolyub Živanović [1, p. 49-55], with a group of outstanding specialists who had been conducting research in **Jasenovac** for several months in 1964, it was scientifically determined that at least **730 thousand serbs, over 230 thousand serbian children, about 23 thousand Jews and 38 thousand gypsies had been killed there**. After this discovery, Prof. Zivanovic, now an academician at the Royal Academy of Great Britain, a doctor of medical sciences and anthropologist, had to flee Serbia to escape the revenge of the Tito regime. Immediately after the end of World War II, **I. Tito ordered all the pits into which serbian children, old people and women were thrown to sleep**. For generations who grew up in the SFRY, the suffering in concentration camps in the ISC for decades was said to have affected the anti-fascists and their families. I myself am from those generations. We did not know the truth about what Jasenovac represented in reality. And we did not know that ISC also had the **Jastrebarsko camp, the only concentration camp in the world for children, where serbian children were systematically killed between 1941 and 1945**. [1, p. 45-59]

If we bear in mind that the vast majority of croats are of serbian origin (serbs turned into catholics in the last two centuries), this atrocity becomes even more monstrous. The brothers are killing their brothers because they are not

catholics, but orthodox. The serbian people, who created the Greater Yugoslavia, achieved freedom for all nations in this part of the Balkans with their own blood.

The ISC would not have been able to commit genocide against the serbian population in Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina and part of Vojvodina that had been taken over by Hitler without the great support of the Roman Catholic Church and the Pope himself.

The serbian people have never been easy: although they are the largest in the Balkans, always sacrificing themselves for the freedom of the surrounding peoples, instead of gratitude they received a knife in the back. After the Nazi bombings of April 6, 1941, when Belgrade was destroyed and the Army destroyed, the minor king Peter was taken to Great Britain... the Serbian people were left at the mercy of the fascist ustash. When the Nazi boot stepped into Belgrade, destroying everything in its path, the serbs immediately resisted, while the arrival of Hitler's troops in Croatia on April 10, 1941, in the streets of Zagreb was massively and forcefully welcomed. Euphoria came with the Nazi establishment of the ISC. **For the Croats, the nazis and Hitler were "liberators"**. Hitler welcomed the creation of the monstrous state of ISC, which had been systematically killing serbs for four years and four months. Tens of thousands of serbs died in several hundred pits in Croatia and Bosnia and Herzegovina. The real and terrible number of interrupted innocent serbs will never be known.

Before continuing our speech about Jasenovac, I would like to inform you that the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Serbia with Minister **Dačić**, 73 years later, at the beginning of 2018 year, the UN has organized an exhibition about the suffering of the serbs in Jasenovac, with photos, documents. The guests of the exhibition were the surviving prisoners, who talked about the horrors in Jasenovac. In the Croatian state, since the war of 1991-1995, which is becoming closer to the ustash formation from 1941, the serbs are still unsafe. Croatia reacted strongly, calling the UN exhibition a provocation, a danger to Serb-Croatian relations. Croatia immediately claimed that Serbia was «manipulating and misrepresenting the exhibition» by using the victims' suffering for «propaganda purposes». It even pressured Serbia not to talk about Jasenovac anymore!

And how did the genocide of the serbs in ISC begin in general? [2, c. 17-20]. Already in the middle of April 1941 in the hospital building in the city of Glina the Minister of Justice Dr. **Marko Puk** held a secret meeting with leading leaders, where it was decided to immediately begin systematic liquidation of serbs, jews and other undesirable elements". On June 1, 1941, Dr. **Milan Žarko**, ustash Minister and Commissioner for Internal Affairs of Pavelić (2) in Nova Gradjska city Dr. Milan Jarko 1 June 1941, spoke threateningly about the policy of the ustash ISC:

*«It must be the land of the croatians and no one else. And **there is no method that we as ustashes do not use to make this land croatian and to clean it from serbs**».*

In Zagreb, in public places, there were inscriptions: «Access to serbs, jews and gypsies is forbidden». The serbs wore a blue bandage with the letter O (Orthodox), or red with the inscription «Serben».

DEPORTATIONS AND KILLINGS OF CHILDREN

Subsequent proposals belong to **Hitler**, and in a sense will serve us to find out where the children from mount Kozara (3) died. **At least 40 thousand boys and girls from Kozara (4) died in the ustash-croatian death camps**, and thousands of babies without parents were sent to Germany as fresh slavic blood for childless nazi families.

"The least we can do is to stop the further flow of slavic blood... Therefore, it is our duty to exterminate these peoples! We will have to develop the technique of extermination. If they ask me what I mean by extermination of population, I will answer that I mean destruction of whole racial units. This is exactly what I am going to implement. If I send the color of the german nation into the heat of war, without the slightest pity spilling precious german blood, then without a doubt I have the right to destroy millions of people of inferior race who breed like worms. I will not destroy all these people, but I will prevent the breeding of the Slavs. Therefore, I will separate men from women. There are many ways by which you can systematically, relatively painlessly and at least without bloodshed to achieve the extinction of undesirable for us peoples. One of the most important tasks of german policy in the future will be that by all means to stop further distribution of the slavic people" - Hitler threatened. [3, p. 17-18], [8], [9, p. 666-668].

That's how children from Ukraine, Belarus, Russia died...

Data on the number of children deported to Jasenovac are unreliable, and the titoist stamp and historical records show figures of 23,858, 40 thousand, or 68 thousand. Broz did not want to demonize his Croatian people and ustashes, so it was impossible to mention the serbian people as victims during his regime. The documents stated that «innocent Croatian citizens and anti-fascists» had suffered. The report of the State Commission from 1946 «The atrocities in the Jasenovac camp» [4], hardly mentions the Serb people as victims. Moreover, not a single serb was among the members of the State Commission, which had condemned the tired after World War II. Nor were there any serbs among the surviving prisoners who testified before the commission. Usually, the testimony was given by croatians, slovenes or jews. As if there was no genocide of serbs in ISC. Josip Broz Tito intentionally supported genocide of serbian people by silence of croatian atrocities. Therefore it is not surprising that the world did not know about serbian *Auschwitz*. About 30 concentration and assembly camps have been established on the territory of ISC: Danica near Koprivnica, Virovitica, Vinkovci, Džakovina, Gornja Rijeka, Kostajnica, Shadow near Osijek, Jadovno, Gospić, Jasenovac, Kerestinec, Karlovac, Horvatska Dubica, Don Miholjac, Jastrebarsko, Kruščica near Travnik, Lepoglava, Logor Grad, Zemun, Stara Hradiska, Slavenska Pozhega, Slano and Metaina on the island of Pag, Sisak (brick factory), Lohor in Croatian Zagorje, Stupacinovo, Tsaprag, Saimishte (fairgrounds), Camp Villa Luburic, Children's camp in Livno.

«Labor» camps - as ustashes called concentration camps - places of eerie, martyrdom. It is known that in Jasenovac, embankments along the Sava River were made of corpses. Jasenovac camp (1941-1945) - the most monstrous concentration camp in the Balkans, and by the committed atrocities and methods of torture people are among the most horrific in all then occupied Europe. According to research, the croatian death camp worked for 1,337 days. Children, women, old people were killed there with incredible speed. It is known that the **Lyubo Milos** was admitted that in one night more than a thousand serbs were stabbed in Jasenovac. The Jasenovac camp, established in August 1941 and destroyed by fatigue in April 1945, covered an area of about 210 hectares. It was a system of camps, where, according to still revealed data, over 730 thousand serbs were killed. In Gradina alone, the largest execution site of the Jasenovac camps, over 400 thousand children, elders, men and women suffered.

In summer 1942, thousands of serbian children were taken out of the Stara Gradiska camp (the fifth sub-camp of Jasenovac) and killed on the right bank of the Sava. The croatian soldiers saved ammunition, and the **serbian children were killed with hammers**. They called this kind of killing «hammering». For young children, instant death occurred, and for older children, they beat them at the common grave with smaller hammers, only stunning the children, so that they died in terrible agony. All this was done intentionally, because from the very beginning all the camps, including Jasenovac, followed the order of the ustashian poglavnik: the victim should die as long as possible. During the interrogation, the Ustashian criminals Ljubo Milos and Vekoslav Maistorovic showed that such children's cemeteries, due to poor and grounded boys and girls, were still «breathing» a few days after the massacre. This is how living Serbian children died underground.

Ustashian executioner Ljubo Milos [3, p., 97-98] gave the following testimony at the trial in Zagreb in 1947:

*"People arrived by train or on foot. There were also Turin minister, Catholic pop Krunoslav Draganovic and Ivica Matkovic, one of the chiefs of the Jasenovac camp. It was a committee that received serbs from Kozara. Most were assigned to the Jasenovac and Stara Hradiska camps, where they were eliminated. I was then with the minister of Turin and Draganovic. The serbs were let down from their cars, and they had to run to the camp, tied up. In front of the entrance, they were ordered to sit down, and so they were kept until the evening, and then they were liquidated in Gradina by Fra Maistorovic-Filipovic (a Franciscan Catholic monk nicknamed «maistor» (master) for his ability to kill). They were children and women, several tens of thousands. The liquidation procedure was as follows: upon arrival of the transport to Jasenovac, it was transferred to the railway line, which was located in the camp itself, where it remained until the liquidation. The massacres took place mostly at night. I remember that several times during the day groups consisting of **over 500 internees were killed**. Night-time killings reached the figure of **over 1500**. The inflow of interned persons was increasing, several times a week, and even daily. The total number of interned, eliminated in the Jasenovac camp "Brick Factory" and its environs, both under me and during the whole time of the existence of the Jasenovac camp, not only me, but nobody could indicate, because the transports sent for liquidation were not recorded in books anywhere, in any case, so that it was impossible to know the number of eliminated people. This number is huge, it is incomprehensible to me".*

VATICAN AND GENOCIDE OF SERBS

The executioners, but only a few, after the war came a fair punishment. Many of them managed, thanks to Tito's support, to escape to the United States, Argentina. Some boasted that Broz Tito personally helped them, for example, **Slavko Dasovic**, who a few decades later returned to Croatia to die in it. **Vekoslav Max Luburic** - a German agent, a ustash criminal - paid with his life on April 20, 1969 in Spain. He was personally responsible for the **deaths of 230,000 Serbian elders, women and children**. The chief of Jasenovac, **Vekoslav Maistorovic-Filipovic**, was brought to justice in 1945. On behalf of the State commission, Fra Satan was interrogated by croatian **Voydrag Bercic**. Lawyers, doctors, a secretary - all were Croats, except for one Jew. The serbs suffered incomparably the most, and in the trial against Maistorovic there were almost no Serbs. This is also not a coincidence! Filipovic, i.e. Maistorovic confessed to the atrocities he had committed. In court he defended himself with a statement that he cut serbian children so that they would not grow up to be criminals. In Zagreb, he was sentenced to execution in June 1945. The Vatican, the Roman Catholic Church, never dissociated itself from Maistorovic and his atrocities, for during the war he was their obedient franciscan monk.

The SAD atrocities commission mentions 1400 catholic priests who were actively involved in massacres and killings, while **Milan Bulajic** found that **1,171 catholic priests killed serbian** elders, women and children, cooperated with tired people or provided them with significant assistance. Among them, **27 franciscans were professors and even 108 doctors of science**. Ante Pavelic awarded all of these «heroes» for their «high merits» in the ISC.

The massacre of serbs was organized by over 130 roman catholic priests, 28 of them personally «distinguished themselves» in the massacre. The book «*Jasenovac camp*» by **Dr. Nikola Nikolic** [5], a croatian doctor who survived the camp, states that the franciscan monk **Dr. Srečko Peric** ordered the believers in front of the altar in a church in Croatia: «*Croatians, go and kill all serbs, but kill my sister who married a serb first. After that, go back to church and receive forgiveness for all that you have done!*» At the same time, on **August 20, 1941, over five thousand serbs and serbian children were stabbed**. The franciscan monk **Dr. Aloisije Cosic** was awarded the croatian order for atrocities against serbs, jews and gypsies. Catholic parish priest **Nikola Bilogrivic** was one of the organizers of the extermination of serbs, jews and gypsies in Banja Luka.

The Roman Catholic clergy openly helped Pavelic and Aloise Stepinac (5) to make Croatia a horrible genocide site. The Roman Catholic Church was sympathetic to all these atrocities, and even to the words of the pathological hatred of the Franciscan monk and governor **Šimić**, who called: "To kill all serbs as soon as possible is our program.

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Jasenovac camp is the most monstrous concentration camp in the Balkans, in terms of the scale of atrocities, by methods of torture of people is among the most terrible in all of the then occupied Europe. The organizer of the serb Holocaust from 1941 to 1945 lived peacefully in the Vatican, and the executioners were turned into catholic croats. The fanaticism of Paveljic and Stepinac is confirmed by numerous reports. The process of «cleansing the croatian nation» began with the killing of serbian children, even infants, along with adults. Children from cradle to 14 years old were killed. The only place in all of Europe where there were special camps for children was Croatia. The Vatican, led by Pope Pachelli (Pius XII), saw nothing wrong with «faithful and loyal Catholic» Ante Pavelic's killing of one million two hundred thirty thousand Serbian old people, women and children in the most horrible way during the monstrous ISC. The Pope also approved the «appropriation» by the Roman Catholic Church of the total property of the Serbian Orthodox Church, and hundreds of Orthodox priests were killed. [6, p. 56-57].

PREBILOVTSY – VILLAGE OF SERBIAN GOLGOTHA

During World War II, the Independent State of Croatia committed a horrific genocide against the serbian people. According to the Military Archive of the SFRY, ISC swallowed 1,132 million Serbian lives. Official history says that in Jasenovac alone, the most brutal death camp, 780 thousand serbs were killed, including 230 thousand serbian children. We Serbs must never forget this. Unfortunately, the world still does not know about the genocide of the serbian people, which is still ongoing, while collectively accusing the serbian people for Srebrenica, which is an insidious historical lie that is trying to cover up the genocide of Serbs in the ISC.

During the World War II, there were 30 concentration camps in ISC, including 26 in Croatia itself. During World War II, ISC covered present-day Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, as well as Vojvodina, which was forcibly taken away by Serbia and annexed to then fascist Croatia. ISC had the only concentration camp in the world for Serbian children, Jastrebarsko [7, p. 27-29], near Zagreb. There children were poisoned, slaughtered, or alive thrown into pits dug by nuns of the franciscan monastery, where the camp was located. In the franciscan monastery of Jastrebarsko killed about 20 thousand serbian children aged from two to twelve years.

This terrifying concentration camp was visited three times during World War II by the leader of the croatian Roman Catholic Church, **Aloisie Stepinac**, who ordered the destruction of the Serbs in the ISC. Today, the Roman Catholic Church, Vatican and Croatia want to proclaim him to be a saint. They want Stepinac to be in the same rank as Russian saints Serafim Sarovsky, Sergey Radonezhsky, Vladimir Moscowsky, and St. Sava Serbsky? We must prevent this from happening!

I would like to tell a few words about the Serbian village in ISC, which the Japanese newspaper "Asahi Simbun" wrote about as the fourth most suffering village in the world. Then, on **August 6, 1941**, in a rich village of one thousand inhabitants, croatian ustash soldiers entered and carried out a **terrible massacre of 826 women, old men and children**. 67 families of the village were eliminated. Only 150 residents survived. The Communist authorities hid the truth about Prebilovtsy and the surrounding villages, where four thousand more serbs were killed, for a long time.

We cite the example of Prebilovtsy village because in the 1990s, relatives of the victims went down into concrete pits and on August 4, the martyrs' bones were transferred to the crypt of the memorial church of the Cathedral of Serbian Saints. The liturgy was served by Serbian Patriarch Pavel. There they repaired only one year, because in the war in Croatia in 1992, Croatia and the army of Tudjman bombed the church, and the crypt, and the whole village. That is how the Prebilovtsy martyrs were killed for the second time. Five years ago, a new church was erected on the site of the ruined one, and the fragments of the exploded bones of the Serbian martyrs are again buried in the crypt of the new church of the Holy Ascension.

Now 47 serbs live in the village, who managed to survive the recent war in Croatia.

I remember a meeting with **Miladin Ekmecic** from the village Prebilovtsy. He told me that his father Branko on August 6, 1941 was left without his wife Mileva and three sons. In 1947, God sent him again his wife Mileva, who gave birth to three sons. Miladin received the name of his dead brother. Prebilovtsy is a symbol of serbian suffering and resurrection with a biblical message.

Footnotes

1. The **Independent State of Croatia** (abbreviated as **ISC**) was a quisling (puppet) state created on part of the occupied Kingdom of Yugoslavia, which existed with the help of Hitler's Germany under the ustash regime from 1941 to 1945. ISC remained recorded in history on atrocities and genocide of serbs, jews, gypsies and dissidents of croats, mainly communists. ISC was headed by Ante Pavelic with his ustash: this fascist organization was created in 1929 with the help of fascist Italy, which provided training centers, financial and political assistance. Support also came from supporters of the Croatian party of law, founded by Ante Starčević in the late 19th century. The ISC program, formulated by Matte Budak, provided for the cleansing of Croatia of the serbs - "one third to kill, one third to expel, and the remaining third to assimilate. Concentration camps were established on ISC premises, the most famous of which was the Jasenovac camp.
2. **Ante Pavelich** (Bradina, July 14, 1889 - Madrid, December 28, 1959) - one of the founders and leaders of the Nazi-fascist ustash movement and a war criminal. After the occupation of Yugoslavia, by decision of the Nazi invader, he headed the puppet Independent State of Croatia with the title of patron saint.
3. **Kozara** is a mountain in the northwestern part of Republika Srpska, Bosnia and Herzegovina, bordered by the Savoy rivers in the north, Vrbas in the east, Sanaia in the west and Gomjenica. Peak Kozara Lisina (978 meters above sea level). The mountain stretches from northwest to southeast, covering seven municipalities: Novi Grad, Kostainica, Kozarska Dubica, Hradiska, Laktasi, Banja Luka and Priedor. During World War II, the largest offensive of the Ustashevik-fascist forces against partisan units, during June and July 1942, 90% of the population, mostly children and women, were killed.
4. Ustashes killed serbs by stabbing them on the spot where they were taken prisoner, or by sledgehammering on the banks of the Sava River near Bosanska-Dubica, and some, at the request of the german authorities, primarily Gleise von Horstenu, were sent to Germany to work. Among the latter, the survival rate was much higher. The rest were sent to Croatian concentration camps, mostly in Jasenovac and Stara Hradiska. The captured people were transported in groups of thousands to Jasenovac, and some to nearby temporary camps near Bosanska Dubica, Kostainica and others, from where they were sent to Jasenovac, where the victims were immediately killed. In the testimonies of Jews collected in the book «Memories of the Jews of the Jasenovac camp» it is stated that the tired people quickly got rid of a huge number of people from Kozara. According to these testimonies, the Ustashi hangmen in those days of the largest massacre of the inhabitants of Kozara «walked around the camp all day long, laughing in front of the prisoners, singing and boasting that today they had a lot of work».According to ustash and german documents, more than 80 thousand people were taken as prisoners in the attack on Kozara. The memorial park in Kozara collected an incomplete list of 33,398 killed civilians of Kozara, while the fate of many missing people is still unknown, especially Serbian children.
5. **Aloisie Stepinac** (1898-1960) - Zagreb archbishop, cardinal and blessed Roman Catholic Church. He participated in the mass conversion of Orthodox Serbs to Catholicism, i.e. the Croats on the territory of the ustash ISC. From the very beginning of his reign, he cooperated well with Ante Pavelic. He blessed the massacres of serbs.

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