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Soviet press Aug 30 announces that London talks among representatives USSR, UK and France on trial and punishment chief war criminals resulted in agreement these Govts institute committee for investigation and indictment chief war criminals and also international military tribunal. Committee has determined first list war criminals for trial by tribunal. Announcement quotes text committee statement and list criminals. Press enumerates individuals indicted on first list devoting paragraph to former status and activities each person.

Accompanying editorials all main papers stress world-wide satisfaction peoples in response publication this list. PRAVDA editorial develops theme that list represents three main props Hitlerite Germany: Nazi

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Party, General Staff, Plutocracy. This clique bears direct responsibility for war, for innumerable bestial atrocities committed by Nazi regime. Observing Hitler absent this list twenty-four "Hitlerite cannibals", PRAVDA writes he has temporarily hid himself from popular wrath. Editorial further states that from juridical standpoint it is perhaps possible distinguish degree responsibility different criminals but that in consciousness Soviet and all freedom loving peoples crimes of each of Hitlerite chieftains are so monstrous that there cannot be differing degrees punishment. This punishment is not only retribution but justice and peoples demand its speediest realization. Editorials both PRAVDA and IZVESTIYA stress guilt representatives plutocracy who financed Hitlerite regime.

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