

TIMELINE OF EVENTS



COURTROOM 600 BEHIND THE SCENES AT THE NUREMBERG TRIALS

Sept. 1, 1939	Germany invades Poland initiating World War II
Jan. 14, 1942	Inter-Allied Resolution on German War Crimes drafted in London by the nine occupied countries
Nov. 28, 1943 Feb. 4, 1945 July 18, 1945	Tehran, Yalta, and Potsdam: The USA, USSR, and UK met three times to determine punishment for war crimes during World War II; France was included in the tribunal
May 9, 1945 Aug. 14, 1945	War in Europe ends, VE (Victory in Europe) Day War in Japan ends, VJ (Victory in Japan) Day
July, 1945	The four powers (USA, USSR, Britain, France) visit Nuremberg, Germany and select it for the site of the trial
August 8, 1945	London Charter of the International Military Tribunal, where prosecutors defined charges: war crimes, crimes against peace, and crimes against humanity
Oct. 18, 1945	Opening session of the International Military Tribunal (IMT) in Berlin, where the prosecution entered names of 24 major war criminals and six criminal organizations
Oct. 19, 1945	Indictments issued to Major War Criminals, already in Nuremberg prison adjoining the Palace of Justice
Nov. 20, 1945	Trial of the Major War Criminals of the Nuremberg Trials begins in Courtroom 600 of the Palace of Justice
Nov. 29, 1945	Concentration camp films are shown, the first time film has been used as evidence in a court of law. Several other films were shown in the next months, created by the US and the Soviets.
Oct. 1, 1946	Verdicts and sentences are issued: 19 found guilty and 3 acquitted
Oct. 15, 1946	Defendants sentenced to hang are executed
July 18, 1947	Defendants issued prison sentences are transferred to Spandau Prison in Berlin