

INTERROGATION OF THE EX-COMMANDER OF THE GERMAN SECURITY POLICE  
IN DENMARK, OTTO BOVENSIEPEN, IN THE CASTLE KOPENHAGEN,  
3 SEPTEMBER 1945.

The accused was given the opportunity to go through the lists of the 234 terror-actions committed by the Peter-Group, according to the statements of BRONDUM and BOTHILSEN NIELSEN. The accused admitted consequently to have given the orders for the following terror-actions:

No.	3,	4,	8,	9,	10,	11,	12,	14,	15,	18,	20,
"	22,	23,	24,	25,	29,	33,	34,	35,	41,	42,	43,
"	44,	45,	46,	47,	48,	49,	51,	52,	53,	58,	59,
"	60,	61,	62,	64,	68,	70,	75,	84,	94,	98,	101,
"	105,	106,	109,	110,	122,	123,	131,	132,	133,	138,	149,
"	153,	158,	161,	162,	164,	170,	171,	183,	188,	213.	

The actions:

No.	1,	7,	13,	16,	17,	57,	69,	207,	208,	209,	210,
"	211,	212.									

are unknown to the accused, and he is certain that they have not been carried out by his order

The actions:

No.	5,	6,	19,	21,	26,	27,	28,	30,	31,	32,	36,
"	37,	38,	39,	40,	50,	55,	56,	63,	65,	66,	67,
"	71,	72,	73,	74,	76,	77,	78,	79,	80,	81,	82,
"	83,	85,	86,	87,	88,	89,	90,	91,	92,	93,	95,
"	96,	97,	99,	100,	102,	103,	104,	107,	108,	111,	112,
"	113,	114,	115,	116,	117,	118,	119,	120,	121,	124,	125,
"	126,	127,	128,	129,	130,	134,	135,	136,	137,	139,	140,
"	141,	142,	143,	144,	145,	146,	147,	148,	150,	151,	152,
"	154,	155,	156,	157,	159,	160,	163,	165,	166,	167,	168,
"	169,	172,	173,	174,	175,	176,	177,	178,	179,	180,	181,
"	182,	184,	185,	186,	187,	189,	190,	191,	192,	193,	194,
"	195,	196,	197,	198,	199,	200,	201,	202,	203,	204,	205,
"	206,	214,	215,	216,	217,	218,	219,	220,	221,	222,	223,
"	224,	225,	226,	227,	228,	229,	230,	231,	232,	233.	

cannot be remembered by the accused, but he does not deny to have issued the orders for those actions.

With respect to the murder of Pastor KAJ MUNK, the accused states that it had been committed before his arrival in Denmark. He remembers that the murder caused great emotion and he assumed that it had been ordered by MILDNER who had, as he knew, ordered several actions before his resignation. He cannot remember to have been told anything specific to that effect by MILDNER. MILDNER was in Berlin on 5 Jan 1944, when he and the accused saw KALTENBRUNNER together.

No. 3. As far as the Student-Association was concerned, the accused can not remember who proposed it for an objective, but he had been informed immediately after his arrival that the students were opposed to the Germans.

No. 4. In the case of the garages, ENGHAVEVEJ, the accused declares that gasoline depots of the Germans had been blown up, and when they found out that the Danish Police had gasoline stored in those garages, they selected them for reprisal targets.

No. 8 and 9. The attempts against "ASA" and "NORDISK FILMKOMPAGNI", were like the later actions against the "KINOPALAEEST" and the "PALLADIUM" reprisals for the sabotage of German films.

No. 10. The accused declares that Professor Warburg was considered an active enemy of Germany, as could be assumed with certainty considering the fact that he was Jewish. The accused does not remember if there were definite suspicions against Professor Warburg.

No. 11. "Adjunkt" (Assistant) Foged in Odense, states the accused, was considered as very dangerous for the Germans, but he does not remember the details to that effect.

No. 12. Capt. MACKEPRANG was known as the leader of the Terrainsport, which contained, supposedly, many active members of the resistance movement.

No. 14. The reason for the selection of Land-Court attorney HJERMIND as an objective was his position as an important member of the resistance movement. The man who was arrested under an assumed name in this matter, and whose release was demanded later, was a Norwegian. The accused does not know his real name. He had been sent down here from Berlin, probably because he spoke Danish better, and the accused believes with certainty in this connection that the Peter-Group did not yet have any Danish members at that time. This became only the case in April. The Accused does not believe it as correct consequently, that Danes participated in German terror-action before 1 April.

No. 15. "KINOPALAEEST" see No. 8.

No. 18. The attempt to bomb the street-car in PILEALLEE was a direct reprisal for the attempt against the chauffeur of Best. Questioned if he had discussed this action with Best previously, the accused cannot confirm this with certainty, but he believes it most probable, as it concerned the reprisal for Best's chauffeur.

The "LAMPE - & LYSEKRONEFABRIKKEN LYFA" was presumably on a list of factories which were of no interest for the Germans and was selected on that basis.

No. 22. "PALLADIUM", see under No. 8.

No. 23. OLIEMOLLEN was probably also on a list of suitable objects.

No. 24. "KORSOR GLASVAERK" was certainly also on a list; but of key selected especially a glass factory, it happened probably on the advise of the accused, because he figured with a diminishing influence of sabotage, as every sabotage caused great damage to glass.

No. 25. The murder of the engineer BORSHOLT was undoubtedly a mistake. They had had another man under observation for some time, whose name the accused cannot remember now and it was the assassination of that man which had been ordered.

No. 29. The circle of the accused was of the opinion that the director of the "SCANDIA" was a member of the "FREEDOM COUNCIL" and that engineer KRARUP PETERSEN helped him also in his political activity. That was the reason for the order of his assassination.

No's. 33, 34 and 35. The actions against "MAGASIN DU NORD", "DAELLS VAREHUS" and "STJERNERADIO" were intended as ordinary reprisals which should create a certain emotion, without having too great an effect on the various objective.

No's. 41, 42, 43 and 44. The attempted murder of the Bank-Director HOFFMAN and the murder of the timber-merchant HEIN as well as the simultaneous sabotage against buildings in Odense were ordinary reprisals for, among others, the assassination of a member of the Security Police. Bank-Director HOFFMANN and timber-merchant HEIN were supposed to be the directing forces of the resistance movement. The accused was personally in Odense during those days because of the burial of the assassinated German Policeman and drove the car himself for the sabotage-action against "FYNS STIFTSTIDENDE".

No's. 45, 46 and 47. The "LANGELINIE-PAVILLON", Golf-Club House and the K.B.-Halls were ordinary reprisal objectives.

No. 48. "DOMUS MEDICA" was the reprisal for the murder of the medical student KOEPCKE.

No. 49. The accused does not remember the back-ground for the demolition of the "C.B.-GRUNDSCHULE".

No. 51. "BORGERNES HUS" was probably selected, in order to list particularly the conservatives.

No. 52. "TIVOLI" was intended to be a particularly severe reprisal at a time when both, Best and Pancke were very upset because of a cable from Himmler in which he expected the harshest reprisals for the sabotage committed against the dock-yards of SVENDBORG. The accused remembers now also that he had discussed "TIVOLI" very carefully with Best and Pancke. That discussion went on for a longer period, and he does not want to say, that he told Best that "TIVOLI" would be burnt down on that particular evening.

No. 53. The "Royal Porcelaensfabrik" was an ordinary reprisal.

No. 58. The accused admits that he gave the order for the assassination of the organist ASBO, but does not remember the details.

No's. 59, 60 and 61. Because German soldiers had their weapons stolen, the accused himself had the idea to take away the weapons of the Danish Police, partly as a reprisal, partly as an intimidating measure.

No. 62. The accused doubts that he gave the order for the assassination of the merchant VALDEMAR JENSEN.

No. 64. The accused has also ordered the sabotage against the train at LILLEROD because of some attempts against a German train.

No. 68. Wood-Carver OTTO BÜLOW had been designated to the accused as a prominent member of the resistance-movement.

No. 70. The accused believes to have been informed that the attitude of Capt. ZEEMANNE was particularly anti-German.

No. 75. The accused declares to have ordered the kidnapping and shooting of the engineer SNOG CHRISTENSENS, whose body was to disappear. The most important for the accused was in that case the manner of liquidation and it should constitute the reprisal for the kidnappings and murders of Germans and German helpers, committed by the resistance movement. The selection of the person was a consideration of second order. The accused does not remember who proposed SNOG CHRISTENSEN, but the proposal was certainly made by the Peter-Group. He knows that SNOG CHRISTENSENS was shot on the way and that his body was thrown into the Oresund.

No. 84. NYHAVN 51 was the beginning of a series of demolitions of Villas and other Real estate properties, where weapons had been found and from where sabotage was directed. Those demolitions have been carried out by the Peter-Group but did not come within the frame-work of their activities because they were official demolitions.

No's. 94 and 183. The accused cannot remember the attempts at HOBRO in their details. He can only say that if those attempts have been carried out by the Peter-Group they must have acted on his orders.

No. 98. "SIROCCO" had been designated to the accused as a meeting-place of illegal circles.

No. 101. The accused can think of "GOSCHS TAENDSTIKFABRIKKER" only as an ordinary reprisal objective.

No. 105. The Hotel "LANDSOLDATEN" in FREDERICIA, had also been designated as a meeting-place of illegal circles.

No. 106. Wholesale merchant HAVEMANN had been pointed out to the accused as a financial and spiritual supporter of the resistance movement.

No's. 109 and 110. German Policeman had been shot in the places where those murders were committed and therefore the reprisal murders were carried out on the same spots. The executors should, if possible, find persons who opposed Germany in any way. The accused does not know, however, if the brothers CHRISTENSEN, Bank-employee HJORT ANDERSEN and mechanic MOGELVANG have been selected as enemies.

No's. 122 and 123. The accused cannot give any information now, as to why "HELLERUP TAENDSTIKFABRIK" and "A/S PREMIER IS" have been selected as objectives of ordinary reprisal sabotage.

No's. 131 and 132. The demolitions of the houses of Dr. ERIK MEYERSand engineer DUUS HANSENS were official demolitions.

No. 133. Engineer ERIK FALCK had been designated to the accused as a leading member of the resistance movement.

No. 138. "O.K." had been selected as a suitable objective for anti-terror.

No. 149. The demolition of the "ODINTURM" (Odintower) was mainly ordered because it was considered to constitute a land-mark for the British. The tower was also considered as very tasteless and deserving nothing better than to be blown up.

No. 153. The "TUBORG" Breweries were chosen as an ordinary reprisal objective.

No. 158. The accused had been informed that the owners of the radio factory BANG & OLUFSEN were particularly anti-German and that's why the factory was selected.

No. 161. CARL ALLER's establishment was also an ordinary reprisal. The accused was there after the fire and it is possible that there were also a few members of the Peter-Group with him in his office later on, but he cannot remember who they were.

No. 162. The Reichstag Deputy WILLIAM PRIME had been pointed out to the accused as a leading conservative and anti-German, and he was also supposed to be support the resistance movement financially.

No. 164. The "APOLLO" Theater was just an ordinary reprisal.

No's. 170 and 171. The accused does not remember for what reason harbor-director LAUB and manager GILLE had been especially selected as victims.

No. 188. The new City-Hall in AARHUS was just an ordinary reprisal.

No. 213. Land-Court attorney HOLGER CHRISTENSEN in AARHUS had been designated as a prominent member of the resistance movement.

The accused states, that he gathered from the list that Ib BIRKEDAL HANSEN had participated in the demolition of the ranger-house ("FOERSTEREI") VALBORUP near HVALSO. The accused declares, as previously, that he does not believe that BIRKEDAL HANSEN was a member of the Peter-Group, and that his participation in the aforementioned demolition does not mean that he was a member of the group. He was at that occasion, supposedly, the official leader of the members of the

