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Review of the website The Nuremberg Trials Project

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Nuremberg Trials Project, from the Harvard Law School Library.
URL: http://nuremberg.law.harvard.edu/

[Visited Sep’11] Launched by the Harvard Law School Library (HLSL) in 2003, this website currently contains documents from Case 1 (U.S.A. v. Karl Brandt et al.), Case 2 (U.S.A. v. Erhard Milch), and Case 4 (U.S.A. v. Pohl et al.) of the Nuremberg Military Tribunal (NMT) trials. Users may search over 32,000 pages of English-language prosecution and defense documents, over 200 photographs, and nearly 6,000 descriptions. Searching options include keyword, title, author, date, evidence code number, exhibit number, trial issues (e.g., Food Experiments, via a drop-down menu), defendant, transcript page number, and HLSL unique digital item number. One may also search the full text of the first 7 days of NMT proceedings; the 12 trials required over 1,200 days of proceedings. The HLSL’s collection of Nuremberg materials fills nearly 700 boxes, and the library is currently seeking funding to digitize the remaining nine NMT trials as well as the International Military Tribunal trial of major war criminals.

Other sites have digitized various collections of Nuremberg trial materials. They include The International Military Tribunal for Germany, part of The Avalon Project at Yale Law School <http://avalon.law.yale.edu/subject_menus/imt.asp> (review of overall site, CH, Sup’05, 42Sup-0500), and The Library of Congress’s Nuremberg Trials <http://www.loc.gov/frd/Military_Law/Nuremberg_trials.html>. However, these sites have digitized the pages from the printed Nuremberg volumes; additionally, they lack the metadata that HLSL has added. One hopes funding will be available to finish what the HLSL has only just started.

Summing Up: Recommended. ★★ Lower-division undergraduates through researchers/faculty.—J. A. Drobicki, York College, CUNY