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The following is a KSCO commentary. Here is Kay Zwerling:

This is in Part 3, The World, in my book. I wrote it in February 2003.

About 60 years ago, the winds of WW2 began. Adolph Hitler planned to control all of Europe first and then the world. To avert war, Britain's Prime Minister, Neville Chamberlain, had Hitler agree to settle for taking over just one country, Czechoslovakia. Chamberlain returned to England and proclaimed to the world that now-famous quote "There will be peace in our time."

He was wrong. Hitler soon after took over Poland. The allies ordered the German Army out of Poland or face war. That was the beginning of WW2. Chamberlain and the allies learned a bitter lesson – appeasement does not work, it only allows the enemy more time to become stronger. It only delays the inevitable.

Who in his civilized mind could ever have imagined Hitler's final solution, the total annihilation of the Jews in Europe? Today, history revisionists claim the unthinkable never could have happened, and they leave that world event out of the history books. The Holocaust happened. It was a tribute to man's inhumanity to man.

Six million Jews were burned in the ovens of concentration camps. A part of my family was wiped out. My own horrified German sister-in-law tells how many Germans at that time wondered about the strange smell that permeated the atmosphere around Munich.

It was not our finest hour either. Our own President Franklin Roosevelt denied refuge to a shipload of Jews in New York Harbor, and forced them to turn back to Germany to be incinerated. I was a child, and I remember it well.

One might wonder why the Jews went to the concentration camps so passively. The answer is that Hitler's first edict once in power was to confiscate all firearms so the people were powerless.

For KSCO, this is Kay Zwerling.

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