

LIBERATION OF THE DEATH CAMPS

Six million Jews were exterminated by the Nazis during World War II.

During the last months of the war, Russian troops were among the first to penetrate and liberate the Nazi “death camps” or concentration camps. There amidst the death and destruction, they encountered some of the survivors, many of them children.

In addition to the genocide of the Jewish population, the Nazis’ program of fanatical racism extended to many other groups that they considered sub-human, including Gypsies and Slavs. Throughout the war, they imprisoned millions of civilians in the concentration camps, utilizing them as laborers in the war effort.

Among these were 600,000 Soviet children.