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**The Nuremburg Trials – IV**

**Lead: In one of history's longest trials, twenty-two Nazis were tried for crimes against humanity in the heartland of National Socialism, Nuremburg, Germany.**

**Intro. *A Moment in Time* with Dan Roberts.**

**Of the twenty-two original defendants, three were acquitted, seven were sentenced to jail from 10 years to life, and twelve were sentenced to be hanged. Martin Borman, convicted in absentia, escaped the noose, as did Herman**

**Goering, who committed suicide and the most important defendant, the Fuhrer himself, Adolf Hitler. Arthur Gaeth filed this radio report on October 16, 1946.**

**And in Nuremburg, Germany, humanity prepared its case against those who had so nearly destroyed it:**

**This is Arthur Gaeth reporting from Nuremburg for the Combined Network. I was a live witness to the execution of the wilted, spoiled flower of Nazidom, but I only saw ten Nazis die. Wilhelm Herman Goering, guilty on all four counts, the man whom Justice Jackson described as half militarist and half gangster, escaped his fate of hanging by committing**

**suicide at 10:45 last night, less than three hours before he would have been executed.**

*Thirty-nine second report from "I Can Hear it Now," Edward R. Murrow, 1945-1949, Columbia Masterworks, ML 4261, Side One, Band Three:*

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