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## WAR TRIAL PSYCHOLOGIST WILL SPEAK ON UM CAMPUS

An internationally reputed psychologist, Dr. G. M. Gilbert, who has put his talents to work in academics, as a Peace Corps selection officer and at the Nuremberg Trials of war crimes, is slated to speak on the University of Montana campus.

The Public Exercises--ASUM Program Council presentation will be at 8 p.m. Tuesday (Jan. 17) in the Music Recital Hall. It is open to the interested public.

Dr. Gilbert's talk, "The Psychology of Prejudice: Can We Legislate Morality?" will provide evidence pointing to three basic kinds of prejudice: the social conformity type, the ulterior motive type, and the neurotic type.

He says education and social reform are effective in dealing with the first two. Although preventive therapy is desirable for the third kind of prejudice, Dr. Gilbert takes the view that the public welfare demands strict law enforcement and punishment of violent bigots.

After receiving his doctorate in psychology from Columbia University and teaching at Bard College and the Connecticut College for Women, Dr. Gilbert was commissioned as an Army Psychologist at the beginning of World War II.

Fluent in German, toward the end of the war he was assigned to Military Intelligence Duty, interrogating German prisoners of war during the "Battle of the Bulge," and was finally designated as the only Prison Psychologist for the duration of the Nuremberg trials of the major Nazi war criminals.

That unique opportunity to make an intensive study of Hitler's assistants, face to face, resulted in two books--"Nuremberg Diary" and "The Psychology of Dictatorship."

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The first has been translated into several foreign languages and is rapidly becoming an international classic. The second won an award of the American Psychological Association as the best psychological evaluation of international tension.

Since the war Dr. Gilbert has taught at Princeton University and Michigan State University, before assuming his present position as Chairman of the Psychology Department at Long Island University.

His recent international activities include testifying at the Eichmann Trial in Israel, and an expert witness on Nazi war crimes, presiding at two international congresses of the Inter-American Society of Psychology, of which he is past-president, and acting as travelling consultant and selection officer for the Peace Corps.