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## **FILM FOUNDATION PREMIERES FILM ABOUT GERMANY'S ROLE IN ARMENIAN GENOCIDE ON WORLDWIDE DAY OF COMMEMORATION**

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Film Also Foreshadows World War II Holocaust Using Rare Footage, Experts and Eyewitnesses to Recount Horrors

**WHO:** Armenian-born film director J. Michael Hagopian, chairman, Armenian Film Foundation

**WHAT:** The Armenian Film Foundation will mark the 88<sup>th</sup> commemoration of the Armenian Genocide with an advance press screening of its new film "Germany and The Secret Genocide." As the second installment in the "Witnesses" trilogy, the film eerily foreshadows the World War II Holocaust as it recounts how Germany stood silently by in 1915 while Armenians in Turkey were slaughtered and their deaths covered up and denied. Some of the Germans who were complicit during the Armenian Genocide later served under Hitler in World II.

April 24, 1915 was the first day Armenians featured in the film were loaded onto railroad cars and taken to locations in Turkey where they were executed.

**WHEN:** Thursday, April 24, 2003  
7 p.m.

**WHERE:** Eastman Kodak Screening Room  
6700 Santa Monica Blvd. (at Las Palmas)  
Los Angeles

**BACKGROUND:** The film will premiere for the general public on Thursday, May 15. The event is being sponsored by The George Ignatius Foundation, which was created by the late Armenian benefactor to promote Armenian history and culture.

**[EDITOR'S NOTE: For more information about this film, photos or to attend the screening, please call Dawn Pace at 323/466-3445.]**

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