

THE BELSEN TRIAL

Justice on the British model is given to those who had other ideas of how prisoners should be treated. The Belsen War Criminals arrive at Lunsburg for trial. Their faces give little clue to what they're thinking. Last out of the lorry is Josef Kramer, the beast of Belsen. The calm orderliness of the scene contrasts violently with the ghastly pictures which shocked the country when they were shown in British newsreels. Our cameraman Kenneth Gordon covers the opening scenes of the trial.

Kramer's chief woman assistant, Irma Grese wears the curls.

Maj. General Bernay-Ficklin presides over the court and the prisoners have been provided with Allied officers as defence counsel. Each prisoner wears a number for identification purposes, though the cards were taken off at a later stage of the trial.

Next to Kramer sits Dr. Fritz Klein, German medical officer at Belsen - a man with a loaded conscience. Chief sadist among the women, Irma Grese, number nine, stalked her way impassively through the long tale of horror.

After 12 years of Nazi thuggery one wonders what the German's think of British justice. They may well mistake fairness for weakness.