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Italian Occupation of Slovenia and the Aftermath of World War II

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Slovenia and the Province of Ljubljana were occupied by Fascist Italy during World War 2. Through extensive literature reviews, the project attempts to identify specific war crimes committed by Italy in the area including specific generals. The focus is on the Report of the High Commissioner for the Province of Ljubljana which outlined the Italian goals for the region such as deportation of the population. After identifying the war crimes, the project examines the failure of the international community to try Italian war criminals after the end of the war—specifically looking into Britain’s role in trying Italian criminals.

Mussolini and Italian commanders discussed the fate of the Slovenian population. On July 31, 1942 in a meeting in Gorizia the project would encompass the deportation of the entire population. Less than a month later, Emilio Grazioli—the High Commissioner—submitted a report which if carried out would have been considered genocide (as defined by the United Nations).

Brava Gente: Brava Gente is the notion that all Italians are "good people" and this is how they are perceived internationally dating its origin to the 19th Century. Brava Gente is often used to excuse mistakes committed by Italy. Fascism is looked at as an unfortunate mistake. While Italy committed war crimes during World War II, Italians today blame this solely on the fascist government.

Looking ahead: This project is a working progress. I will be working on finding further implications of Italian war crimes in Slovenia and other Balkan countries. The end goal is finding all crimes committed by Italy in the region along with Generals.