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Historian: Jews lost heritage in Holocaust

By Jim Faddis

All the peoples of Europe suffered during World War II, but none suffered as irreparable damage as the Jewish people, Lucy Dawidowicz, a noted Jewish historian, said Monday.

Although the Soviet Union lost 11 million people in the war compared to the death of six million Jews, the Jewish race was hurt more than the Soviets, Dawidowicz said.

"The Nazis thought the Jews had no right to live," Dawidowicz said, "They hoped to annihilate them."

The Germans carried on a holy war against their

mortal enemy, the Jews, she said, in order to preserve the purity of the Aryan race.

Two-thirds of all European Jews were killed by the Nazis, destroying the biological basis of the Jews in Europe, she said.

"All the peoples of Europe recovered from the war and restored their country and culture, except the Jews," Dawidowicz said.

"That is why the Jewish Holocaust means so much to surviving Jews. They feel they have lost their past. The continuity of Jewish history has been broken," she said.

Dawidowicz said Nazism has come to represent the essence of evil. Only in Nazi Germany has one country been devoted to the extinction of one race. But, she warned, it could happen again.

Dawidowicz is the author of the award-winning book The War Against the Jews, 1933-45. She was a professor of social history at Yeshiva University in Israel, where she held the Eli and Diana Zborowski Chair in Holocaust studies and also served on the President's Commission on the Holocaust. She is now devoting full time to writing.

Dawidowicz spoke to about 200 people in the Nebraska Union on "Thinking About the Holocaust" in a talk sponsored by the UNL History Department and the Talks and Topics Committee.

Correction

The Daily Nebraskan was incorrectly informed from a press release of the time and location of the Women's Pro-Choice March and Rally. The march starts at 11:30 a.m. April 19 at the State Historical Society, 15th and R. Tuesday the Daily Nebraskan reported the starting time as 11 a.m. at the State Capitol.

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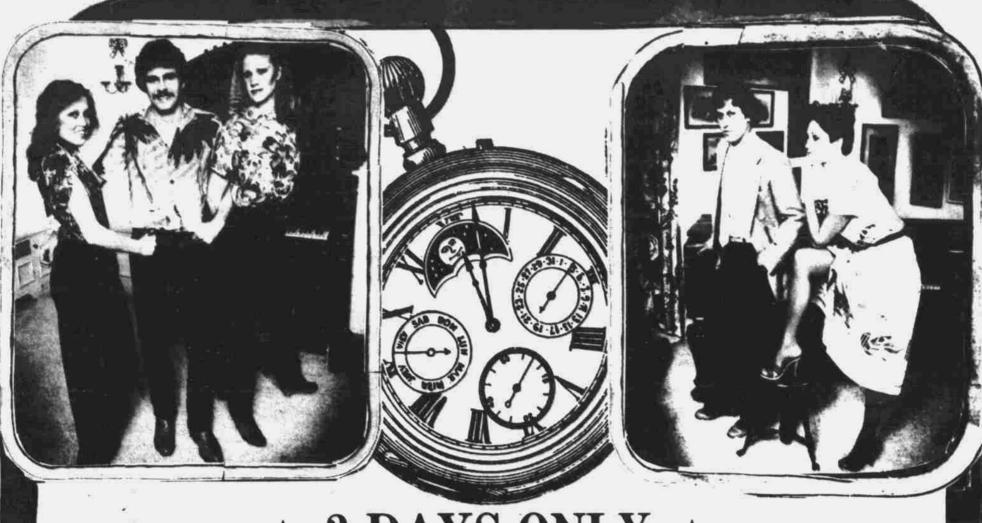
ECKANKAR will be presenting an approach to finding personal freedom and greater awareness of life's situations at noon today. "The Self Improvement Plan" will meet in the Union.

The School of Life Sciences will present Dr. Robert Ricklefs at 2:30 in 104 Hamilton Hall. He will be speaking on "Evolutionary Diversification of Life History Patterns in Birds."

The UPC Culture Center will meet at 3:30 in the Culture Center.

The Animal Science
Dept. and Block & Bridle
Club are presenting an
academic contest called
"Animal Science Quadrathlon." This event is open to
the public tonight at 7:30 in
the East Campus Union.

The Home Economics
Education Association will
meet at 6 p.m. in 121 Home
Economics Building.



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