

Beauftragter für den Vierjahresplan (Herman Göring) (Fond 700)
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Descriptive summary

Title: Beauftragter für den Vierjahresplan (Herman Göring) (Fond 700)
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Russian

Scope and content of collection

Consists of directives for organizing the Four-Year Plan, with estimates of labor needed from civilian prisoners, foreign workers, and POWs; a 1936 memorandum from Hitler about German foreign policy, including preparation for war with the Soviet Union, "Lebensraum," and ascriptions of collective Jewish responsibility for economic crimes; information about Göring's conferences with military commanders and the Agriculture Ministry regarding increasing food production for Germany from the Occupied Territories; records about Göring's orders on forced mobilization of the male and female population, the confiscation of food and animals, and the organization of new industry in Occupied Territories; reports on the growth of the partisan movement in the Ukraine; statistics on German losses from partisans in the Ukraine and Belorus; information about Göring's conferences regarding overall military actions in the Occupied Territories; and several 1943 reports on the Four-Year Plan, fighting partisans, and on partisan activities (apparently translations from German into Russian).

Note: USHMM Archives holds only selected records.

Administrative Information

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Existence and location of originals: Rossiiskii gosudarstvennyi voennyi arkhiv

Related materials:

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Historical note

The commissioner of the Four-Year Plan was appointed on 18/10/1936 for the central control of all economic and especially wartime measures and tasks resulting from the implementation of the (second) four-year plan proclaimed in 1936 within the framework of autarchy efforts and war preparations; The Prussian Ministry of State was headed by Hermann Göring (office of Secretary of State Körner). For the economic exploitation of the occupied and annexed areas, a number of special facilities have been set up within the framework of the Commissioner (eg Headquarters East, Chief Representative for the Economy of Serbia). From 1942, more and more powers were transferred to the Reich Minister of Armaments and Munitions (later for armaments and war production).

As one of the many organizational parts of the Commissioner for the Four-Year Plan (Business Groups, Agents / Plenipotentiaries, Special Representatives, etc.) Colonel Adolf von Schell was appointed on 15 November 1938 by the Chief Representative for Motor Vehicles (GBK). The Ordinance on Type Limitation in the Motor Vehicle Industry of 2 March 1939 gave him the power to approve all newly built motor vehicles: the "Plenipotentiary decides the type of construction, displacement classes, type numbers and payload limits to be complied with by the manufacturer" and determines "the Factories that are allowed to produce engines for motorcycles "(RGI 1939 I, p. 386). Thus, a unification of motorcycle and car production in the Reich should be enforced, especially in order to enable the Wehrmacht in case of war easier maintenance and service of their fleet. The Schell Plan, submitted on March 15, 1939 and coming into force on January 1, 1940, provided only a few basic types for motorcycles, trucks, and passenger cars. The 114 existing truck types have been reduced to 19, based on four basic types, the car types from 52 to 30.

In August / September 1942, the Chief Representative for Motor Vehicles lost part of his duties to the Amtsgruppe Motorization at the Plenipotentiary for Armaments and the Reich Ministry for Armaments and War Production (Albert Speer). From now on, he only held the title of authorized representative for the motor vehicle industry. [Source: Archives. Portal Europe: https://www.archivesportaleurope.net/ead-display/-/ead/pl/aicode/DE-1958/type/fa/id/DE-1958_b14c32c6-5264-4d70-a76e-d40e51f6f00e]

System of arrangement

Fond 700 (1914-1945). Opus 1-2; Dela 122. Arranged in two series: 1. Directives of arranging Nazi Four-year plan, protocols of meetings and conferences, 1936-1943; 2. Correspondence, reports, newspaper clippings, 1924-1945.

Note: Microfilm reels: 111 (near the end), 186, 205; Accretion: 378-381

Indexing terms

Göring, Hermann, 1893-1946.
Hitler, Adolf, 1889-1945.
World War, 1939-1945--Confiscations and contributions--Germany.
World War, 1939-1945--Atrocities.
Forced labor--Germany--History--20th century.
Forced labor--Europe--History--20th century.
Jews--Legal status, laws, etc.--Germany--History--1933-1945.
Germany--Politics and government--1918-1945.
Europe--Politics and government--20th century.
Europe--History--German occupation, 1939-1945.
Clippings (Books, newspapers, etc.)
Correspondence.
Memorandums.
Reports.
Statistics.

CONTAINER LIST

Note: Some entries have been machine translated from Russian, and some proper names may have been mistranslated. Only selected files were reproduced.

Reel 111

Fond 500, opis 1

- 50 Hitler instruction to supreme military commander in the Ukraine regarding intensification of struggle against partisans. Göring's order on forced mobilization of male and female population, and about confiscation of food supplies and farm animals. Reports of General Headquarters and correspondence of Kerner with SS headquarters regarding development of partisan movement in the Ukraine. Tables and statistics showing German losses due to partisan movement in the Ukraine and Belorussia. 18 August 1942 - 12 October 1943. 198 pp. Folder begins at image 754

Reel 205

Fond 500, opis 1

- 6 Hitler and Göring directives arranging Nazi Four-year plan. Origin, aims, and tasks. Eger report to Bergman regarding ore and chemical industry, etc. "Judenfrage" on p. 362 out of context. Data on labor needed. Estimates of labor from civilian prisoners, foreign workers, and POWs. 4 April 1936 - 4 February 1941. 381 pp. Folder begins at image 214
- 7 Hitler memorandum regarding foreign policy of Germany, preparation for war with Soviet Union, economic situation in Germany, "Lebensraum," etc. 2 September 1936. 26 pp. Folder begins at image 667
- 31 Meeting minutes of Göring's conference with military commander and representatives of agriculture ministry regarding increase of food and spirits production for Germany by the Occupied Territories. no date. Folder begins at image 696
- Report, in Russian (apparent translation) to Göring's office analyzing Soviet Four-Year economic plan, including a section on combatting partisans. 1943. Report translated into Russian, to Chief of Staff, Eastern Army, about partisan activities, July 1943.*
- 64 New organization of industry in the Occupied Eastern Territories. Report by Walter Shiber. 26 November 1942. 8 pp. Folder begins at image 748
- 78 Göring conferences with Lammers, Seyss-Inquart, Saukel, Kerner, and others about overall military actions in the occupied regions. 28 April 1943. 133 pp. Folder begins at image 767

Reel 378

- 10 A report by the Ministerial Director Gramsh on an expedition from the Archaeological Institute to Iraq for excavations in the Warka area. Brochures and photographs by Walter Andre and professor Keldek about the excavations in Warka. Correspondence of the director of museums with state secretary Neumann and others about the financing of this expedition. Correspondence of the representative of the Hague art gallery 'Bakhshtitts' with Walter Gofer about the sale of a painting by Lukas Cranes and Göring's order to the Director of Reichsbank Wilhelm on this issue. 1937-1944. Folder begins at image 1634
- 17 Record of the meeting of the Secretary of State Neumann with the Director of the Reichsbank Wilhelm on economic and financial issues. Reports and reports of Kadgiene on the status of special currency funds, on currency transactions, on the cash stock of gold and securities. Gold Import Tables in Germany. 1939-1944. Folder begins at image 1816
- 21 Material about the composition of the population of Germany, food supplies, the size of the farming areas, nutritional standards of the population, the state of cattle breeding, etc. 1939-1943. Folder begins at image 1944

Reel 379

- 26 Göring's orders to the Ministry of Nutrition and the Aviation Inspector on the reduction of food standards for security units that are not part of the German armed forces. Report of the State Secretary of Aviation on this issue. Comparative tables of food standards for the troops and different categories of workers. 1940. Folder begins at image 6
- 29 Correspondence between Göring and Kadgiene with the company 'Otto Wolf' about stock exchange transactions for the purchase of shares and securities in Switzerland, Sweden and the United States. Financial tables of German government debt, US investment and other documentary materials on Germany's debt. 1940-1941. Folder begins at image 24
- 32 Minutes of meetings with the German occupation authorities of Belgium and Northern France with a discussion on the supply of grain to the population of these countries and the seizure of materials; correspondence of the Ministry of Food and Agriculture with Göring about providing bread to France, Holland and Belgium. Ration tables established for the workers of these countries and for Russian prisoners of war. 1941. Folder begins at image 521
- 36 Report on the food supply for Soviet prisoners of war and civilian workers, on baking low-quality bread for them according to a special recipe. Table of weekly rations for Soviet prisoners of war. 1941. Folder begins at image 584
- 37 Reports on receipts and expenditures of Göring's special fund, including list of securities and their values. 1941-1945. Folder begins at image 591

- 43 Göring's orders to the heads of the German authorities in France, Belgium and other occupied areas on increasing the supply of agricultural products to Germany. Minutes of a meeting between Göring and the German command in the occupied areas on the plan of food supply. 1942-1943. Folder begins at image 735
- 44 Göring's orders on the supply of products from the eastern occupied regions and on the protection of crops in the occupied territory of Ukraine. Reports on the implementation of supplies in Ukraine and eastern regions. Table of rations of Germans and Poles living in the occupied area. 1942-1943. Folder begins at image 846
- 45 Orders of the Commissioner for the Nazi Four-Year Plan and his correspondence with Kerner and Kadgyen on the management of the Göring Foundation, on the procedure for issuing and payments from this fund. 1942-1945. Folder begins at image 895
- 45a Göring's orders authorizing the Nazi four-year plan. 1930-1942. Folder begins at image 956
- 47 The draft order of Hitler on the procedure for the distribution of agricultural products in the occupied territory and on the production of crops. Reports to Göring and Kerner on the need for issuing such an order and on increasing the diet for miners working in the interests of Hitler's Germany. 1942. Folder begins at image 984
- 48 Draft orders of Göring on economic management of the occupied eastern regions. Reports by Gustav Shlotterer to Göring and Kerner on the creation of a special joint-stock company 'Ost' for the exploitation of natural resources and industry in the occupied eastern region. 1942-1943. Folder begins at image 1000
- 49 The order of Hitler about the new organization of the office in Lithuania, Latvia, and Estonia. Directive of the Minister of Finance Crozig on economic and financial policies in the occupied areas. Ministerial meeting theses under the chairmanship of Göring on Hitler policy in the occupied eastern regions. Report on labor use and methods of dealing with the rural population of the occupied regions and related subjects. 1942-1943. Folder begins at image 1128
- 52 Decisions of the Central Planning Commission with the participation of Speer, Milch, Zaukel and others on the procedure for using forced labor, on increasing coal production and its distribution, and on the production of steel and iron. 1942. Folder begins at image 1317
- 53 Brochure: 'Reports on the Nazi Four-Year Plan.' 1942. Plan Folder begins at image 1388
- 54 Minutes of a meeting between Göring and regional economic advisers on the food crisis in the country and on the supply of food for the German army. 1942. Folder begins at image 1434
- 62 Record of Kadchien's conversation with State Secretary Fishbek about the situation of food in Germany, about price policies, and other economic issues. A note on the

- meeting of Göring with the Secretary of State Carner on the plans of economic and domestic policy. 1942-1943. Folder begins at image 1575
- 63 A record of Mattisen's conversation with State Secretary Körner about the economic situation in the occupied areas, about the decrease in yields, lack of labor due to the dispatch of workers to Germany, etc. Folder begins at image 1588
- 65 Reports about Germany's dependence on food supplies from the eastern occupied areas; information on the expected export from Ukraine of grain, meat, seeds, etc. 1942-1943. Folder begins at image 1594
- 66 Letter from the Minister of Finance Krozik to Göring about the economic situation in Germany and the occupied regions, on the mood of the population and the German army, and methods of Nazi propaganda. Folder begins at image 1610
- 67 The letter of Seyss-Inquart to Göring on the economic situation of the Netherlands. Göring's correspondence with the German occupation authorities in Norway and the Netherlands on the supply of agricultural products to Germany from these countries. 1942-1943. Folder begins at image 1623
- 68 Letters to the Commissioner of the Belgian National Bank, Becker, and the Director of the Reichsbank, Wilhelm, on the procedure for requisitioning the Belgian gold reserves. 1942. Folder begins at image 1648
- 69 Charts and a map detailing of the significance of southeastern German mining industry. 1942. Folder begins at image 1687
- 70 Göring's correspondence with the commander of the occupying forces in Belgium, with the Ministry of Finance, with the Reichsbank, with the Minister of Foreign Affairs about the procedure for confiscating the Belgian gold reserves, about the costs of transporting gold and other financial issues. 1942-1943. Folder begins at image 1717
- 71 Notes of the German economic truce delegation to the chairman of the French delegation, Bouazante, outlining the German requirement for the French government for compensation for the use of Polish gold. Göring's orders and his correspondence with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on this issue. Correspondence of the German Commissioner for Currency in France with the Ministry of Finance on the transfer of gold to Switzerland. 1943-1944. Folder begins at image 1950
- 74 Appeal of the Reich Commissar of Ukraine, Erich Koch, to the regional commissars and regional managers, on the need to ensure spring sowing, on the new forcible dispatch of workers to Germany, and related subjects. Information on the status of the ore and coal industry in Ukraine; data on the production of iron, the extraction of manganese and other minerals. 1943. Folder begins at image 2082
- 75 Report on the export of diamonds. A record of Colonel Veltiens's meetings with Plümer, Hahnemann, Bosenhard, Pfeffer and others on the export of Dutch and Belgian

diamonds. Information from Spain on Göring's withdrawal activities for the acquisition of diamonds by Americans in London, etc. 1943-1945. Folder begins at image 2103

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- 76 Minutes of meetings of the Ministry of Affairs of the occupied eastern regions on administrative and economic issues. Reports of Alfred Meyer to Kerner about the dissolution of the economic headquarters of 'Ost.' Göring's correspondence with Rosenberg on the management of the eastern regions. 1943-1944. Folder begins at image 6
- 79 Minutes of meetings between Göring and Speer, Zaukel, Kerner and others about the need to increase the production of iron and steel. 1943. Folder begins at image 258
- 80 Records of meetings of Göring with Zaukel, Gabel, Speer, Milch and others on the status of the issue of increasing the production of iron and coal mining; the lack of labor and the use of prisoners of war; and about sending workers from the occupied areas to Germany. 1943. Folder begins at image 360
- 81 Monthly information about the supply of the German population and the army with food; information on the effect of weather on the state of crops and on the supply of chemical fertilizers. Tables of supplies from France, Belgium, Holland and other occupied countries of grain, meat, potatoes and other products. 1943-1944. Folder begins at image 382
- 84 Reports about diamond purchases and trade in diamonds in Holland and Belgium; reports from Reichskommissar in the Netherlands Plumera on the verification of the 'Western trading company' in Berlin and Amsterdam and other materials on the jewel trade. 1943-1944. Folder begins at image 504
- 86 Letters of the Minister of Economy Funk to the Secretary of State Kerner, about the negotiations concerning the need to withdraw the Reichsbank gold fund from the Berlin treasury and send it to the Black Forest. Information about the trip of Carl Schmidt to Bucharest and his conversation with Antonescu. 1943-1944. Folder begins at image 575
- 97 Report of the Secretary Kerner to Goring on the financial situation of Germany, on the cash gold funds, payments, and inflows of Czech, Dutch gold. Financial tables of Belgian, French, Luxembourgian gold receipts. 1944. Folder begins at image 591

Fond 700, opis 2

- 1 Collection of orders for the implementation of the 4-year plan for 1936-1939. Folder begins at image 604
- 3 Collection of orders for the implementation of the 4-year plan for 1936-1939. Folder begins at image 1292

- 4 Reports on the activities of the economic headquarters of 'Ost' for the years 1942-1943. Folder begins at image 1862

- 8 Letters and memoranda of the Ministry of Economy and Oberpresidents of Westphalia, Brandenburg and others on plans for the use of raw materials of Germany for military purposes; report for 1942-1943 about the work of transforming industry. 1940-1943. Folder begins at image 1958

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- 11 Letters, tables, diagrams, and other materials of the Ministry of Economy on the use of raw materials of Germany according to the plans of the Nazi four-year plan. 1937-1943. Folder begins at image 6

- 12 Letters, tables, diagrams, and other materials of the Ministry of Economy on the use of raw materials of Germany according to the plans of the Nazi four-year plan. 1937-1943. Folder begins at image 644

- 13 Letters of the Financial Directorate of the Four Year Plan of the German Imperial Bank. 1939-1945. Folder begins at image 769

- 14 Letters of the Financial Directorate of the Four Year Plan of the German Imperial Bank. 1939-1945. Folder begins at image 1175