

Einsatzstab Reichsleiter Rosenberg (ERR) (Fond 1401)
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Descriptive summary

Title: Einsatzstab Reichsleiter Rosenberg (ERR) (Fond 1401)

Dates: 1939-1943 (bulk)
1918-1945 (inclusive)

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Creator: Einsatzstab Reichsleiter Rosenberg für die Besetzten Gebiete

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3,098 digital images

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Languages: German
Hebrew

Scope and content of collection

The collection contains a photocopy of Goring's directive establishing the headquarters in German-occupied territories for the confiscation of valuables from the Jewish and masonic organizations, Rosenberg's orders establishing the task Force, memoranda and correspondence of the ERR special headquarters in the Ukraine and Croatia. Most of material pertains to Yugoslavia and ERR efforts to collect and remove to Germany cultural material, and to conduct propaganda against Jews and Freemasons. Included are lists of confiscated Jewish property; protocols of interrogations of Jews and Freemasons regarding their property; a list of Jewish writers and a list of German-Jewish writers; a list of Jews still resident in Dubrovnik; a list of books confiscated by ERR in Riga, Latvia; and summary reports of ERR actions in Greece in 1941, with an estimate of the number of Jews in various Greek cities and towns; and lists of Jewish organizations.

Note: USHMM Archives holds only selected records.

Administrative Information

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Existence and location of originals: Rossiiskii gosudarstvennyi voennyi arkhiv

Related materials:

- Fishman, D. E., Kupovetsky, M., Kuzelenkov, V. (ed.), *Nazi-Looted Jewish Archives in Moscow. A guide to Jewish Historical and Cultural Collections in the Russian State Military Archive*. Scranton, 2010
- RG-31.002M-Selected Records from the Central State Archive of Higher Government Organizations of Ukraine
- 1998.A.0104-Archives de Nuremberg: Rosenberg
- 1998.A.0105-Archives de Nuremberg: Juives de Riga
- 1999.A.0111-Records of the Einsatzstab Reichsleiter Rosenberg
- RG-06.022-Lena Fishman Fagen Collection
- <http://www.sonderarchiv.de/fondverzeichnis.htm> [accessed 12 September 2018]
- Browder, G. C. *Captured German and other Nation's Documents in the Osobyi (Special) Archive, Moscow*. Published by: Cambridge University Press on behalf of Conference Group for Central European History of the American Historical Association. Internet access: <http://www.jstor.org/stable/4546224> [accessed 12 September 2018]

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System of arrangement

Fond 1401 (1933-1942). Opis 1; Dela 77. Selected records arranged in three series: 1. German orders and directives related to Jewish and Freemason's properties on German occupied territories; 2. Rosenberg's field reports from Croatia, and Greece; 3. Lists, card indexes, and various notes on confiscated cultural properties.

Note: Microfilm reels: # 131 (entire reel)-132 (Start-Image#1007)

Indexing terms

Rosenberg, Alfred, 1893-1946.

Einsatzstab Reichsleiter Rosenberg für die Besetzten Gebiete.
World War, 1939-1945--Confiscations and contributions--Europe.
World War, 1939-1945--Atrocities--Europe.
Jews--Persecutions--Ukraine--History--20th century.
Jewish property--Croatia--History--20th century--Registers.
Jewish property--Latvia--Riga--History.
Croatia--Politics and government--1939-1945.
Latvia--History--German occupation, 1941-1944.
Greece--History--Occupation, 1941-1944.
Germany--Politics and government--1933-1945.
Registers.
Reports.

CONTAINER LIST

Reel 131

Fond 1401, opis 1

- 2 Orders of the Field Commandant's office in Zagreb. April 1941 - November 1942. 228 pp. Folder begins at image 6

Directives from German military headquarters in Agram (Zagreb), Croatia: deals with variety of subjects of an administrative nature as well as partisan activities, escape of POWs, reports of enemy planes in area, etc. Facsimile of Military Supreme Command publication "Information for the Troops." Headquarters directives (Zagreb) with do and don'ts for troop behavior, searches for escaped criminals, cooperation with Croatian guards; announcement of Heydrich assassination and search for perpetrators with description of two of the assassins, and reward of one million DM if captured (May 30, 1942). Other directive items deal with troop hygiene, venereal disease, setting up of non-com and privates bordellos; issue of extraterritoriality of German military personnel on Croatian sovereign territory. 1941-1942.

- 3 Copies of Hitler's orders about the use of personal cars. Photocopy of letter written by Rosenberg devoted to tasks of his staff in Western areas. Circular letters from the Field Commandant's Office in Zagreb to commanders and chiefs of German establishments in Zagreb about increasing vigilance. List of orthodox societies in Zagreb. 27 May 1941 - 7 October 1942. 39 pp. Folder begins at image 321

Material from files of Rosenberg Office for Occupied Territories in Zagreb, with a number of administrative matters and warnings against foreign intelligence activities. Secret directive from field command headquarters about struggle against Jews, Freemasons, and their ilk, including request from Croatian state to Rosenberg office for help in this struggle and promise of Croatia's cooperation with Rosenberg outfit. Rosenberg, in the role of Hitler's guardian of intellectual and political education of Party,

sets up local staff for the collection of all suspect printed material, libraries, etc. in the Balkans (February 1941). 1941-1942.

- 4 Göring circular letter regarding establishment of staffs in all occupied territories for the purposes of fighting Jews and Masons, protecting cultural property, and removing it to Germany. 1 May 1941. 4 pp. Folder begins at image 365

Croatian foreign minister authorizes Rosenberg special detachment, in cooperation with Croatian authorities, to confiscate material from Jews and Freemasons. Difficult to read memo dealing with Goering emphasis on importance to combat Jews, Freemasons, and their like during wartime (May 1, 1941). 1941.

- 5 Directives and orders to foreign departments of the staff. Monthly reviews and notes about Rosenberg's staff in Croatia. Mission: of Jews and Masons and others as instigators of the present war. November 1941 - November 1942. 139 pp. Folder begins at image 376

Directives from Rosenberg Special Detachment for Occupied Territories, headquartered in Berlin: personnel matters and other administrative items such as rules governing staff travel, etc. From Army Supreme Command, on deployment of Special Command of Reichsleiter Rosenberg's Detachment for Occupied Territories. Announcement of Führer appointment of Rosenberg as his special representative to combat Jews and Freemasons, with explanation of causes of war, and detailed tasks assigned to Rosenberg. Report about anti-Jewish raid in Varazdin (Croatia): Jews deported after start of war have now returned, often protected by Croats. Now local authorities have arrested these Jews and are holding them in local jails. Report about Croatian concerns that Hungary will take over part of Croatia, and if there is no decisive German victory in war, that Italians will use Serbs against Croats. Report by Rosenberg special staff on mood in Croatia. Report about Jews in Sarajevo (around 9-10,000), 3-4,000 of whom left mostly for Italian-controlled areas where they are being protected by Italian occupation troops. In Dalmatia, Croats are moving against Jews, while those went to Italian-controlled areas are under Italian protection. Report of situation of Jews in Banja Luka. Reports on Croatian Islamic Cooperation, including one that the state's 700,000 Moslems tend to be friendly toward Germany. Other reports from travels through Croatia by Rosenberg delegate in region, including fate of Jews located between Mur and Drawe rivers, mostly under Hungarian control. There Jews hold important positions and are doing well, whereas Croats are being persecuted and exiled. 1941-1942.

- 8 Reports from Rosenberg's staff about his activities. Notes of the staff in Croatia about staff structure and activities in Yugoslavia. Correspondence with German Scientific Institute in Belgrade regarding library of Dr. Vladimir Korovic. The Jewish question. 1939 - 1942. 114 pp. Folder begins at image 541

More field reports from Rosenberg special detachment in Zagreb, including inventories of various Croatian libraries. Croatian interior ministry representatives report to Rosenberg staff their intention to create a race-political office in the university dealing with such questions as the relationship of race to national wellbeing. Rosenberg office provides books and other material to support this effort. Material for Rosenberg special

detachment in Yugoslavia concerning presence of Jews and Freemasons, with lists of regional and local Jewish organizational for some cities number of Jewish inhabitants is given (10,000 in Zagreb; 15,000 in Belgrade). Rosenberg office preparation for action in southeast Europe, with tasks, etc. 1939-1942.

- 9 Activities of Einsatzstab Rosenberg in Greece, a "conclusive" report [sic]. 15 November 1941. 83 pp. Folder begins at image 696

Final report on activities of Rosenberg special detachment in Greece, including tasks and staff. Section of number of Jews in Greece mentions 55,000 in Saloniki; 2,500 in Athens; and talks about role of Jews in country and cites Jewish organizations and emigration. List of officials of Greek Freemasons, with special list of Jewish Freemasons and their occupations. Report also includes list of synagogue and Jewish communities, Jewish clubs and other organizations, schools, and banks. Report has a section on searches and interrogation of non-official Jews and resulting arrests. 1941.

- 11 Notes on cultural property confiscated in Croatia (including Jewish property). List of persons searched. Protocols of searches. Persons accused of anti-Nazi activities in Croatia. June - July 1941. 124 pp. Folder begins at image 785

Rosenberg office activities in Dubrovnik, with report on visit to Jewish community and its possession of valuable historical publications. Report on activities of Rosenberg detachment in Ragusa (Rijeka) and Sarajevo, including comments on local Jewish presence and problems; lists of persons whose homes and libraries were put under lock and key. Listing of Jews temporarily and permanently present in Dubrovnik. List of persons who had previously and still are now working against a Free Croatia, and who also are enemies of the German Reich (Dubrovnik). List of emigrants recently arrived in Dubrovnik, including two U.S. citizens. Report about persons interrogated on suspicion of illegal activities, and actions taken on order of the SD. 1941.

- 27 Protocols of interrogations of Jews and Masons for purpose of confiscating valuable books. April - August 1941. 169 pp. Folder begins at image 893

Search and interrogation reports for Zagreb, including many Jews; in most cases suspect material was confiscated. 1941.

- 28 Idem. May - August 1941. 124 pp. Folder begins at image 1076

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- 29 Idem, and in Ragusa [Dubrovnik]. May - August 1941. 308 pp. Folder begins at image 1205

Search and interrogation reports for Zagreb, including many Jews; in most cases suspect material was confiscated. 1941.

32 List of Jewish writers. no date (some time after 1937). 9 pp. Folder begins at image 1524

Un sourced list of German Jewish authors. 1937.

34 Excerpt of a biography of Rabbi H. (?) Schwartz. 23 May 1941. 7 pp. Folder begins at image 1537

Curriculum vita of a rabbi in Zagreb. 1941.

36 File material from Rosenberg detachment for occupied territories in Kiev. Bibliographic lists of Russian books, apparently confiscated by Rosenberg staff in Riga. 1943. Folder begins at image 1548

45 Idem. no date. 269 pp. Folder begins at image 1631

Lists of contents of book boxes of Croatian literature; list of box containing fiction dealing with Jewish subjects. List of box with Hungarian literature; list of box with books on Jewish religion, the Bible, and its component parts; books on Talmud, in Hebrew and translation; box with collections of Jewish newspapers and magazines, Jewish history, Zionism, Jewish issues; one box contains "prohibited material" (not spelled out); other boxes contain protocols of Zionist congresses, rare Judaica, etc. [all these boxes were apparently assembled by Rosenberg task force in occupied territories]. no date.

47 File cards listing Yugoslav members of Freemasons lodges in Zagreb; in many cases they contain short reports about interrogation and resulting action. no date. Folder begins at image 1904

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47 (Continued.) Folder begins at image 6

Card index of Jews and Masons in Zagreb and Ragusa [Dubrovnik] from whom valuable books were confiscated. 1941. 626 pp.

44 Descriptions of Croatian, Hungarian, and Jewish authors in various fields. no date. 437 pp. Folder begins at image 568