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Trial Against Ludwig Fischer

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Related Materials

Rzeplinski, Andrzej. Prosecution of Nazi Crimes in Poland in 1939–2004:

<http://www.gotoslawek.org/linki/FirstInternationalExpertMeetingOnWarCrimes.pdf>

Wulf, Joseph. Das Dritte Reich und seine Vollstrecker. Frankfurt/Main, 1984.

Biographical Note

The Supreme National Tribunal (Najwyższy Trybunał Narodowy, NTN) was a war crime tribunal active in Poland from 1946 to 1948. The Tribunal aims and purpose were defined by the State National Council in the Decrees of 22 January and 17 October 1946 and 11 April 1947. The new law was based on the earlier Decree of 31 August 1944 (Sierpniówka) issued by the new Polish pro-Soviet government, with jurisdiction over fascist-hitlerite criminals and traitors to the Polish nation. The tribunal presided over seven high-profile cases (Total of 49 individuals).

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Scope and Content of Collection

Contains selected files (NTN File 48-81) of the investigation materials, transcripts of trials, witness statements, arrest warrants, evidentiary documents, sketches, diagrams, maps and other court documents relating to the trial of Ludwig Fischer, Joseph Meisinger, Max Daume, and Ludwig Leist.

System of Arrangement

Records are arranged in the original order of their acquisition from the source archive. The museum has acquired only selected records from Institute of National Remembrance (Instytut Pamięci Narodowej-Komisja Ścigania Zbrodni przeciwko Narodowi Polskiemu, or IPN). More information about this collection and other materials in the possession of the Institute of National Remembrance, including archival finding aids from the Archives of the Institute of National Remembrance, is available at the website: <https://ipn.gov.pl>

Arranged by a court case numbers. Name lists are in alphabetical order. (Selected files: NTN File 48-81)

Indexing Terms

Fischer, Ludwik--Trials, litigation, etc.
Treblinka (Concentration camp)
Meisinger, Joseph--Trials, litigation, etc.
Daume, Maz--Trials, litigation, etc.
Leist, Ludwig--Trials, litigation, etc.
Justice, Administration of--Poland.
War criminals--Europe--History--20th century.
War victims--Legal status, laws, etc.--Poland.
War crime trials--Poland--History--20th century.
Crimes against humanity--Poland.
World War, 1939-1945--Destruction and pillage--Poland.
World War, 1939-1945—Atrocities--Investigations.
Poland--History-- World War, 1939-1945--Trials, litigation, etc.
Great Britain--History--World War, 1939-1945--Prisoners and prisons.
Testimonies.
Photographs.
Diaries.
Maps.

CONTAINER LIST

Contains selected files: NTN File 48-81

Reel	Volume	Description
1	Volume 48, 463z/a. 114 pages.	Evidentiary materials. Witness testimony, documents, correspondence. 1946-1952. Taken from trial records of Amon Goeth. January 28, 1946: Testimony of SS-men von dem Bach, Ernst Rode, Guderian, Chief of General Staff. 1946-1948, court documents, witness reports on Warsaw under occupation. List of Poles and SS-men by name. German documents from 1939, 1940, 1942. Nazi anti-Polish

propaganda. German newspapers from occupied Poland.

- Volume 49,
463z. 4 pages. 1942. Resettlement of Jews from Mielecz.
Sketch of "Umschlagplatz" in Warsaw.
- Volume 50,
462a 1947. Nine photos of items stolen from collections of Rafal
Schermann and Ludwig Leist.
- Volume 51,
z44. 60 pages 1945-1949. Documents from US Forces, photographs and descriptions
of stolen works of art, including copy of Raphael, "The virgin Mary."
Testimony from Fischer, interviewed by US JAG, 1945, in English and
Polish.
Text of speech by Hitler, October 17, 1939, on Polish relation to
Germany.
- Volume 52,
461z. 8 pages 1941-1942. Documents on right of reprieve.
Text of directive of Hans Frank, December 20, 1941.
- Volume 53,
460z. 208
pages 1942-1943. Monthly reports on Warsaw situation from German
Gouvernement to Berlin by Dr. Gollert, January 1942 through January
1943.
- Volume 54,
460z/a. 24
pages. 1944, 1945. Telegram from Governor Fischer to Dr. Frank in Krakow
on the destruction of Warsaw, October 11, 1944.
- Volume 55,
587z. 220
pages. 1946. Notes by Meisinger on the organization and actions of the
Gestapo and the SD in Warsaw; list of 10 and then 36 Polish
witnesses, testimony. Difficult to read. German and Polish,
handwritten.
- Volume 56,
588.
Unpaginated 1945-1946. Inventory of correspondence of Fischer, Meisinger,
Daume, and Leist, British prison records, letters from home, personal
papers, diary, Mennonite church year calendar.
- 2 Volume 57,
589z. 251
pages. 1946. German manuscript on Fischer.

- Volume 58, 590. 200 pages
1944-1945. German manuscript, diary and letters and prison documents of Daume.
Expert opinion by Konstanty Grzybowski on Fischer.
Organization of the German occupation. Elimination of Polish school system and social organizations. History and background. Population figures, names of Poles killed. History of German occupation.
- No Volume 59.
1946. German language index to proceedings. 23 parts, against all four men.
Summary of case. List of 50 Polish witnesses. Second copy of same.
- 3 Volume 60, 592.
Volume 61, Parts I and II.
Part I: 1946. Organization, table of contents of documents, statements, correspondence for trial. 229 pages. In Polish.
Part II: Warsaw Occupation Forces. 1946. Witness statements, documents for trial. 87 pages.
Includes: Reports on executions, repression of Jews and Poles, 1939-1946. Stefan Korbonski.
- Volume 62, Part III and IV
Part III: Indictment of Wilhelm Wenzel, 1951. First part of table of contents missing. 156 pages. List of numbers of Germans killed in Warsaw by date. Witness statements, 1946.
Part IV: Court documents, 1946. 108 pages.
Wenzel Trial documents, January 20 and 22, 1951, 84 and 251 pages.
- 4 Volume 63. Part V: Witness statements, 1946. 138 pages.
Volume 64. Part VI: Witness statements, documents, 1946. 242 pages.
Volume 65. Parts VII and VIII: Expert testimony, exhumations. 1946. 219 pages.
- 5 Volume 66. Part IX: Destruction of Warsaw. Documents, 1946. 33 pages.
Part X: Documents, 1939-1946. 53 pages.
Part XI: Socio-political situation. Documents on destruction and death, 1946. 55 pages.
Part XII: Culture, art, monuments. Royal Palace, Jan Kilinski monument. Stanislaw Lorentz. 1946. 49 pages.

- Volume 67: Apart XIII: Schools. Public and parochial. 1946. 128 pages.
Part XIV: Churches. 1946. 50 pages.
- Volume 68: Part XV: Churches. 1945-1946. 23 pages.
Part XVI: Statement by Fischer. Court documents, his statements. 1946. 155 pages.
Part XVII: Leist and Meisinger. Documents and statements. 1945-1946. 84 pages.
- Volume 69: Part XVIII: Death Camp in Treblinka. May 10, 1948 and September 18, 1945. Statements from 35 witnesses. Blueprints, map and photos of death camp. 124 pages.
- 6 Volume 70. Part XIX: Death camp in Treblinka. Witness statements, December, 1945. Historical documents, train schedule, boxcar shipment records, ticket records. 1945. 167 pages.
- Volume 71: Indictment of the four men, December 7, 1946. Background and history. Witness list, 87 names, including 4 Germans. Court documents. Summary of charges. Clemency pleas.
- Three executions, March 8, 1947: Fischer, Meisinger, Daume. Leist in prison. His appeal, 1949.
- Part XXII: Further witness statements.
- Volume 72 Protocols of Trial.
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