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Related Materials

Wietrzykowski, Albin . On the Fort VII in Żabikowo, German Crimes in Żabikowo. Poznań: Nakł. Księg. Wydawniczej, 1946.

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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 investigation materials, evidence, and court documents relating to the trial of Artur Greiser in 1946.

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>

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Indexing Terms

Greiser, Artur, 1897-1946--Trials, litigation, etc.
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 World War, 1939-1945--Atrocities--Investigations.
 World War, 1939-1945--Confiscations and contributions--Poland--Poznań.
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 Germanization.
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 Mosina (Poland)
 Zgierz (Poland)

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1	Volume 11 578z/I	Polish court hearing on Artur Greiser. Evidentiary materials 1939-1944. 32pp. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> German documents on the legal status of Jews and Poles in occupied lands.
	Volume 12 580z/III	Evidentiary materials, 1939-1944. 123pp. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> German documents on the treatment of the Polish people. SS documents on food supplies from abroad, liquidation of Poles, employment of Poles, confiscation of Catholic church policy, banning of funerals, role of Gauleiter Greiser.
	Volume 13 581z/V	Evidentiary materials, 1939-1946. 185pp. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> German documents on Germanization of the annexed Polish territories, booklets, SS documents, resettlement of Poles. Population statistics.
	Volume 14 581z/V12	Evidentiary material, 1941-1946. 186pp. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> German documents on treatment of Polish people.
	Volume 15	Evidentiary materials, 1939-1944. 127pp. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> German documents on treatment of Polish people.

	582z/vi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Food and clothing situation. – Confiscation of Polish assets by Germans.
	Volume 16 582 z/1, Volumes 6y and 3a	<p>Evidentiary material, 1939-1943. 222pp.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – German limitations on Polish marriage laws. – Report on population policy, statistics on Polish workers – Reports on mood of Poles. – Program to enroll Poles in the Volksliste (German loyalty oath) program.
2	Volume 17 583 z/VII	<p>Evidentiary material, 1939-1944. 143pp.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – The legal status position of Poles in the workplace in Warthegau.
	Volume 18 584 z/VIII	<p>Evidentiary material, 1940-1946. 34pp.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – German oppression of Polish culture, schools, and churches. Register of losses. – Correspondence. – Index to materials on Greiser hearing.
	Volume 19 584 z/VIII	<p>Evidentiary material, 1940-1946. 189pp.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – German oppression of Polish culture, schools, and churches. Register of losses. – Correspondence.
	Volume 20 584 z/VIII	<p>Evidentiary material, 1945-1946. 24 pp.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Killing of Poles employed in court system, professions, and Poznan local administration. - Destructions of Polish culture and art.
	Volume 21 585 z/IIb	<p>First part of Greiser hearing. 8pp.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Legal expert testimony by Professor Antoni Peretiatkowicz.
	Volume 23 592 z/I	<p>Evidentiary materials, 1940-1944. 43pp.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Register of deaths and death certificates from the former German Forensic Medical Office in Poznan.
	Volume 24 592 z/II	<p>Evidentiary materials, 1940-1944. 103pp.</p> <p>Register of deaths from the former German Forensic Medical Office in Poznan.</p>
	Volume 25 593 z/I	<p>Evidentiary Materials, 1942-1944. 42pp.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Registers of deaths from the former German Forensic Medical Office in Poznan. – Crematorium records.
		<p>Evidentiary materials, 1942-1944. 81pp.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Registers of deaths and death certificates from the former

	Volume 26 593 z/II	German Forensic Medical Offices in Poznan and Lodz. <i>Note: Records appear to be written in IBM computer format.</i>
3	NTN 27 Volume I.	Index to Volume I of the court proceedings against Artur Greiser, 1945-1946, pp. 1-4 Evidentiary materials, 1940-1946. 200pp. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Photographs of prisoners – Witness statements – Court documents on trial and preparations for trial, 1946-1952
	NTN 28 Volume II.	Evidentiary materials, 1940-1943, entered 21 January 1947. 126pp. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Statement by Artur Greiser, 1946, 47pp. Not signed – SS documents on medical condition of Polish children, Poznan, 1943. – Documents on program for Germans to adopt Polish children.
	NTN 29 Volume III.	Index of hearing proceedings, 1945-1946, pp. 1-3. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Evidentiary materials and court documents, 1945-1946. 221pp. – Witness statements. – Materials on incident in Zgierz, 20 March 1942, pp. 1-95. – Materials on incident in Tuchorz, 9 August 1942, pp. 96-162. – Materials on burning of bodies in crematorium, pp. 163-201. – Materials on German legal restrictions on Poles in the workplace, pp. 202-221.
	NTN 30 Volume IV.	Index of hearing proceedings, 1946. 2pp. Evidentiary materials, 1946. 100pp. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Medical conditions in German occupied lands – German murder of 156 Poles in Mosina, 1943, pp. 1-17. – German seizure and destruction of Polish church property and artifacts, 1943-1944, pp. 18-36. – Denial of medical care for Poles, pp. 37-58. – Legal restrictions on Poles under German occupation, pp. 59-100.
4	NTN 31 Volume V.	Index of evidentiary materials, 2pp. Evidentiary materials, 1946. 131pp. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Witness statements, photographs, letters. – Copy of book by Albin Wietrzykowski, On the Fort VII in Żabikowo, "German Crimes in Zabikow," Poznan, 1946. 48pp.

5	NTN 32 Volume VI 577 z	Index to evidentiary materials, 1945-1946. 2pp. Evidentiary materials. 131pp. – Photographs, witness statements
	NTN 33 Volume VII 577z	Index to evidentiary materials, 1946. 1p. Evidentiary materials. 137pp. – Copy of book by Dr. Stanislaw Laguna, "Mass Murders Committed by Germans in the Żabikowo Cemetery." 1945. 97pp.
	NTN 34 Volume I 585z	Protocol of trial of Artur Greiser. 1946. Index to protocol, 2pp. Evidentiary materials, 1942-1946. 206pp. – Indictment. – Witness statements. – Expert testimony.
	NTN 35 Volume II 585z	Protocol of trial. Evidentiary materials. 407pp. – Papers of legal basis for trial, jurisdiction of the Polish court. – Court documents. – Names of those killed in camps. – Photos.
	NTN 36 Volume III	Protocol of trial. Evidentiary materials. Pp. 408-576. – Photos of funeral of German killed by Poles, 1941. – Organization of German gendarmerie in Lodz, 1942, with photos. – Map with German names of Polish towns in Lodz region annexed by Germany. – Photo of Polish women with black market eggs. – German Documents on the Jewish question, 1941. – Description of the German Volksliste program, for Poles to swear allegiance to German authorities. – German personnel lists. – Resettlement of Jews and Poles, 1939-1941. – Establishment of ghetto in Lodz, 1940. – Trial preparation documents.
	NTN 37 Volume IV z/IV	Protocol of trial. Evidentiary material. Pp. 585-706. – German resettlement of Poles from Poznan, 1944. – German policy on working conditions for Poles. – German treatment of Polish churches, schools, resettlement, university professors.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Index of trial documents, volumes I through VII. P. 900. – Letter from Greiser's defense attorney requesting clemency, pp. 901-913. (<i>Note: This item is out of order</i>).
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