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Related Materials

United States Army investigation and trial records of war criminals. United States of America v. Jürgen Stroop et al., March 29, 1945-August 21, 1957. Washington: National Archives Trust Fund Board, National Archives and Records Service, 1981. [USHMM Library #CD3027.M5 N3 no.1095]

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Biographical Note

Jürgen Stroop (born Josef Stroop, 26 September 1895 in Detmold, Germany-died 6 March 1952 in Warsaw, Poland), was a high-ranking Nazi Party and SS official during World War II. He was best known for his role in liquidating the Warsaw Ghetto and for his book-length account of the operation: a document originally titled *The Warsaw Ghetto Is No More*. Following Germany's defeat, Stroop was sentenced to death for war crimes by a US military tribunal during the Dachau Trials in 1947. He was later extradited to Poland where he was also tried and convicted of crimes against humanity. He was hanged by Polish authorities in 1952.

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Scope and Content of Collection

Contains investigation files, evidence, and court documents relating to the war crimes trial of Jürgen Stroop, SS and police chief who crushed the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising and destroyed the Warsaw ghetto. Also includes materials on crimes committed by his assistants, Franz Konrad and Herman Hoefle. Jürgen Stroop was tried by American military authorities in Dachau in January 1947, then extradited to Poland. In July 1951 Stroop was tried at the Warsaw District Court and executed by hanging that September.

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

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Arranged chronologically in three series; 1. Statements of charges; 2. Evidence and testimonies; 3. Summary of charges. Files organized in the following order: Reel 1, vol. 1 - vol. III; Reel 2, vol. IV - vol. VIII; Reel 3, vol. XI - vol. XII. (Selected files, NTN File SWMW 874).

Indexing Terms

Stroop, Jürgen, 1895-1951--Trials, litigation, etc.
Konrad, Franz, 1906-1952--Trials, litigation, etc.
Hoelfe, Herman, 1911-1962--Trials, litigation, etc.
War crime trials--Poland-- Records and correspondence.
War criminals--Government policy--Poland.
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Jews--Persecutions.
Poles--Persecutions.
Warsaw (Poland)--History--Warsaw Ghetto Uprising, 1943.

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Reel	File	Description
1	Volume 1, SWMW-874.	July 5, 1951, Warsaw Prosecutor's Office, indictment against: Jurgen Stroop (liquidation of Warsaw ghetto, 1943, and as director of SS and police in Warsaw, as mass killings in Poznań and Gniezno, 1939-1940); and his assistants, Franz Konrad and Herman Hofle. Pages 1 to 3. German policy of Exterminating Jews: Background paper. Pages 4 to 18. Statements of charges, table of contents, list of 19 witnesses; documents, expert witnesses, statements by defendants; court documents, May 5, 1951. Pages 18 through 56. Protocol of court proceedings, July 18, 1951. Pages 57 to 90. Day 2: July 18, 1951, including Dr. Marek Edelman. Pages 91 to 149. Day 3, July 20, 1951. Pages 150-250.
	Volume 2, SWMW 874.	Day 4: July 23, 1951, Hearing. Pages 222 to 293. Statement of Prosecutor. Pages 295 to 296.

Witness statements. Pages 297 to 309.

Defense statement. Pages 325 to 347 and 348 to 356.

Indictment: July 23, 1951. Prosecutor asks for death penalty. Pages 357-358.

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Volume 3: Part 1: Liquidation of Warsaw Ghetto.
Table of Contents. Testimony, statements, letters, 1946-1948. Pages 1 to 192.

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Table of Contents, documentation and protocols on liquidation, March to July, 1948.
Pages 193 to 505.

Part 3 (or 2c): Table of contents, documents on destruction of Ghetto, 1948. Pages 506 to 693.

Part 4: Table of Contents, documents on Ghetto liquidation, SS-man Hermann Hoefle. Letters, documents, testimony. May to September, 1948. Pages 694 to 858.

Part 5: Table of Contents, documents on SS-man Juergen Stroop. Pages 859 to 1026, 1947-1949.

Part 6: Table of contents, documents on SS-man Franz Konrad. Pages 1027 to 1208, 1947-1948.

Summary of charges, April 4, 1950. Pages 1209 to 1215.

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German documents on liquidation, folders 31-54, photographs, statements, and writings.
Un-paginated. Volumes 3 through 6. Materials on Wannsee Conference of January 20, 1942. Documents keyed to hearing dates. Posters in Polish and German. 187 pages.

Duplication of documents from earlier in evidence. Further evidence.