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Biographical Note

The Jewish Historical Commission in the post-war Poland was established in August 1944 in Lublin. Its main objectives were: to collect accounts and other materials related to the martyrdom of Jews during the occupation of Poland. Special Instructions to collect the materials have been made out and printed in 1945. Collected accounts and other materials incorporated various fields and subjects: death camps, ghettos, concentration camps, martyrdom of children, the policy of the occupant toward Jews, the resistance movement, partisans, the Jews hiding on the “Aryan side”, culture and art during the occupation, etc. The Commission was relocated to Łódź in 1945 and its name was changed to the Central Jewish Historical Commission. Its branches emerged in Białystok, Katowice, Kraków, Lublin, Przemyśl, Warsaw, Wrocław and other towns. The most largest and substantial items were the collection of accounts (4,300 in 1949, over 7,200 at present) and the the first part of the Ringelblum Archive found in 1946. Also diaries and memoirs, poetry, pieces of music, photographs, maps, paintings and sculptures were collected. Now days they make up the

archival holdings of the Jewish Historical Institute and its Museum in Warsaw. The Central Jewish Historical Commission used to conduct scientific research and prepare source material for publication. Several dozen were published till 1947. The Central Committee of the Jews in Poland decided on changing the Commission into the Jewish Historical Institute in 1947 and locate it in 5 Tłomackie Street.

Scope and Content of Collection

Contains correspondence, certificates and agreements, minutes, reports, instructions and questionnaires for conducting interviews with Holocaust victims, name lists of war criminals and their victims, lists of Jewish doctors in Łódź Ghetto, and many other lists related to Jews in particular cities or villages; lectures, notes and memos, relating to many activities of the Central Jewish Historical Commission at the Central Committee of the Jews in Poland (CKŻP). One of most important part of correspondence constitute letters and supporting documentation relating to war crimes, war criminals and their victims, sent to many organization mainly to Ministry of Justice, Main Commission for Investigation of German Crimes, and the Supreme National Tribunal.

System of Arrangement

The system of arrangement of the source repository has been preserved in the microfilmed reels. Arranged in seven series: 1. Organizational materials (statutes, orders, circular letter, minutes, work plans, reports, correspondence, certificates and agreements)

2. Documents relating to publication (reports, reviews, preliminary costs, bills, copies of publications)

3. Instructions and questionnaires for conducting testimonies

4. Historical materials (name lists of victims, catalogs of archival records as testimonies, diaries, and photographs, Jewish newspapers, articles, correspondence sent to Nuremberg tribunal, lectures, radio broadcasts, tables and specifications, notes and memos)

5. Branch offices of CKŻP (Będzin, Białystok, Bielsko, Bydgoszcz, Bytom, Częstochowa, Dzierżoniów, Gliwice, Katowice, Kielce, Kraków, Kutno, Lublin, Łódź, Przemysł, Radom, Sosnowiec, Szczecin, Toruń, Wałbrzych, Warszawa)

6. The Society of CKŻP friends (statutes, protocols and minutes, reports, materials of propaganda, personnel matters, correspondence)

7. Archives of the Provincial Historical Commissions of Katowice, Kraków, Warsaw, Wrocław.

Indexing Terms

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See additional documents, Polish inventory and its English translation:

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