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Biographical Note

The Polish Institute and Sikorski Museum, commonly known as Sikorski Institute, is a London-based non-governmental organization of the Polish minority in United Kingdom. It was created after the Second World War to preserve the memory of Polish armed forces in the West and their contribution to World War II, when the communist takeover of Poland made it hard and dangerous for many Poles to return home, and research and publication on those issues were banned or censored in the People's Republic of Poland. To that goal, the Sikorski institute, named after General Władysław Sikorski, has acted as a museum, archive and publishing house for much of Western Polonia, particularly with regards to Poland and Second World War issues.

Scope and Content of Collection

Contains selected records concerning KL Auschwitz, KL Stutthof and other concentration camps, as well as testimonies of witnesses. Also included are documents from Headquarters, Department V, Ethnic Minorities, concerning Jews in the Polish Army and evacuations from Russia (1943).

Indexing Terms

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Auschwitz (Concentration camp)
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World War, 1939-1945 -- Concentration camps.
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Jewish soldiers -- Poland -- Registers.
Poland -- History -- Occupation, 1939-1945.
Testimonies.

References

Guide to the Archives of the Polish Institute and Sikorski Museum, vol. I, compiled and edited by: Waclaw Milewski, Andrzej Suchcitz and Andrzej Gorczycki, Polish Institute and Sikorski Museum, London 1985.

INVENTORY

File	Description
A.VIII.5a/3	<p>Information conc. KL Auschwitz. Minutes of inquiry of the shooter, Jerzy Skowronek (Jerzy Krzemień) relating to the relations in KL Auschwitz written on August 24, 1944; minutes of eight other inquiries conc. KL Auschwitz, KL Stutthof and Smukała near Bydgoszcz (Wojciech Modarski, Władysław Machol, Alojzy Chyrek, Bolesław Górski, Hubert Nowak, Józef Mackiewicz, Władysław Andrych, Eryk Matuszczyk); a diagram of KL Auschwitz acc. to Stanisław Mitko (Nowak) and the inquiry of him. Entire file contains ca 80 pages</p> <p>Informacje dotyczące obozu koncentracyjnego w Oświęcimiu: Protokół przesłuchania strzelca Jerzego Skowronka (Jerzego Krzemienia) dotyczącego stosunków panujących w obozie w Oświęcimiu spisany dn. 24 VIII 1944; protokoły 8 innych przesłuchań na temat obozu w Oświęcimiu, Stutthof, Dachau, Smukałą koło Bydgoszczy (Wojciech Modarski, Władysław Machol, Alojzy Chyrek, Bolesław Górski, Hubert Nowak, Józef Mackiewicz, Władysław Andrych, Eryk Matuszczyk); szkic obozu w Oświęcimiu wg. Stanisława Mitko (Nowak) i jego przesłuchanie. Cała teczka ok. 80 stron</p>
A.VIII.8/ 18	<p>Headquarters, Dept. V. Ethnic minorities 1943</p> <p>A/o the letter of August 23, 1943 from the Chief Officer of the Polish Army on the East to the Office of Personal Records signed by Dr. Jan Kaczkowski: "As for L, dz. 4069/Ewid/43, I duly report: in March 1942, 4,506 Jews were evacuated from Russia, in August 1942 – 1,087. In reality, the numbers will be higher, as many Jews, quoting their Polish names /e.g. Jasiński Zygmunt/, quoted falsely their nationality as Polish and their denomination as Roman-Catholic (...). Therefore the numbers would be probably higher by 15 per cent to 20 percent. Above figures refer only to civilians – how many Jewish were evacuated - the office cannot state; the list of soldiers of non-Catholic denomination of August 1 192 (overall 3,390 Jews, including 179 officers); personal lists of officers of other denominations, as well as the list of Jewish officers (179). Entire file contains ca 60 pages</p> <p>Sztab Oddział V. Mniejszości narodowe 1943.</p> <p>M.in. pismo z 23 VIII 43 Dowództwo Armii Polskiej na Wschodzie do Biura Ewidencji Pers. Ofic. podpisane przez kapitana dr Jana Kaczkowskiego: „Na temat L.dz. 4069 /Ewid/ 43 melduję: w marcu 1942 r. ewakuowana z Rosji 4506 Żydów zaś w sierpniu 1942 1087. Faktycznie jednak cyfry będą</p>

większe, gdyż wielu Żydów podając polskie nazwiska /np. Jasiński Zygmunt/ podawało do spisów ewakuowanych fałszywie narodowość polską, wyznanie rzym-kat. (...) Przepuszczalnie więc cyfry powyższe będą około 15 do 20 % większe, Cyfry powyższe obejmują tylko osoby cywilne” – ilu żołnierzy Żydów było ewakuowanych tego biuro podać nie może; wykaz żołnierzy wyznań niekatolickich z dn. 1 VIII 1943 r. (ogółem 3390 Żydów, w tym 179 oficerów); wykazy osobowe oficerów innych wyznań, także wykaz oficerów-Żydów (179 osób),
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