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Bussak, Meir

Tape 1 of 2

He wrote a book, "History of Krakow Jews."

- 1.00 Meir Bussak was born in Krakow in 1912. His father was a merchant. He finished the Jewish Gymnasium and went to Warsaw to study Jewish history. Came back to Krakow and taught at the Jewish Gymnasium.
- 1.07 Describes the mounting tension in the summer of 193????? September 1st, war with Poland was announced and his family fled from the city to the East. Describes the escaping crowds on the roads and villages.
- 1.27 They returned to Krakow because they could not break through the German lines.
- 1.34 Describes Krakow under the occupation.
- 1.37 Talks about Dr. Bieberstein, head of the Judenrat, and the function of his group.
- 1.40 Gomulka and Schindler were made trustees of his fathers' business.
- 1.43 Describes different jobs for Jews.
- 1.49 November 1939, Jews had to wear the Star of David. In December, stores and houses were plundered.
- 1.57 January 1940, the expulsion of 70,000 Jews from Krakow. The Judenrat had to decide who were the 15,000 who could remain.

(SECOND HOUR MISSING)

- 3.04 Describes deportations, 400 were taken off the train to Julag (Judenlager) and worked for Siemens, building railroad tracks around Krakow.
- 3.10 Describes work conditions and cruelties of camp commander Joseph Miller.
- 3.40 November 1943, the Julag was dismantled and he was sent to Plaszow.
- 3.41 Describes his work in a quarry in Plaszow and the cruelty of S.S. Jong.
- 3.56 Story of courage of engineer Langer.
- 4.03 Describes population of Julag, the work and living conditions.

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- 4.06 Description of different camps in Plaszow, management, food, kapos.

- 4.14 The camp University and its function.
- 4.29 He is sent to Schindler's factory in Brynzeny (Brinitz???)
- 4.30 He claims that facts in Kinley's book on Schindler are incorrect and he explains.
- 4.37 He tells about his personal connection with Schindler and Schindler's history and the reason for his love for Jews.
- 5.04 October 1944, describes his transport from Plaszow to Brinitz, the camp and the work in Schindler's factory.
- 5.13 Talks about Schindler's wife.
- 5.17 Describes liberation by Russians and how Schindler prevented their massacre by Leipold.
- 5.24 Describes Russian army and meeting with Jewish soldiers.