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Summary of Oral History — Adrian Kowalski— ENGLISH

Adrian Kowalski, born in 1911 in Poland; leaving Poland for Brussels, then France due to persecution; September 1, 1939—his internment; a communist; a Jew; French army; speaking of refugees; thousands of Jews in the Gurs internment camp; speaking of the German army; speaking of Vichy; Nerchau; the villagers questioning if Mr. Kowalski was a Jew; speaking of Krakow; travelling by train from Leipzig to Berlin; speaking of his work; a Polish comrade; the Gestapo; speaking of being a spokesman for others; not being able to speak of being Jewish; having to say 'Heil Hitler'; the Jewish question; military circumstances; speaking of his life; going to the countryside; speaking of racism; in 1943, travelling by train to Lyon during the night; working with groups to save Jewish lives; being in contact with Jews, Catholics, and Protestants; recalling that there were Jews all over; working with Catholics and the sisters; dangerous to help Jews, but not a death sentence in France; his arrest by the Gestapo and a French policeman who helped him; his first wife; his work as a journalist; Jewish organizations; recalling his work as a weekly journal editor in Paris; his work after liberation; his profession; his wife...