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Box 1, Tape 1

In this interview, Vladislavs Novickis, born in 1929 and a 12-year old boy at the time of the arrival of the Germans in his hometown of Daugavpils, Latvia, describes five stories related to the Jews in Daugavpils during the German occupation. He gives eyewitness accounts of the procession of Jews heading to the ghetto and heading to the massacre in Pogulyanka (greater Daugavpils in present-day Ukraine). Among other stories, he recalls the story of David **Stolyarov**, who survived the occupation with the help of a local man.

**[01:] 00:02:18 – [01:] 09:29:09**

He introduces himself, mentions his place of birth as Daugavpils; in response to interviewer's question, describes the situation with local Jewry in his village before the war; talks about the column of Jews leaving the town shortly after the arrival of the Germans; believes they went to the ghetto by the Dvina River; mentions that in order to go to school in winter, he had to work during the summer; describes his employment in a store, his duties, the location of the store, and his coworker; describes witnessing a procession of Jews heading to Pogulyanka, later hearing the sounds of firing squads, and the trenches that had been dug there; provides a detailed description of the sight of the massacre one week afterward; mentions that according to rumors, old women went to dig up the site in order to find gold.

**[01:] 09:29:10 – [01:] 17:41:18**

He describes a group of Jews who worked in the park across from his store; mentions that when arrested, they escaped by running out of the room and to the forest as a group; says that they were let go and later returned voluntarily; describes another incident in which he witnessed another beating of the Jews by the prison, this time by the locals; mentions that the Jews were made to dig up soil with their hands for bodies of people murdered by the Soviet authorities in prison; mentions that according to what other people said, these Jewish men had worked in the prison before the arrival of the Germans; describes the attitude of the locals toward these Jewish men, the crowd of onlookers, and the atmosphere.

**[01:] 17:41:19 – [01:] 26:59:23**

He tells a story about his Jewish friend David **Stolyarov [Stoljarov]** and his family; describes his family's support to **Stolyarov's** family and the subsequent execution of **Stolyarov's** family [*silent for some time*] and **Stolyarov's** employment; describes **Stolyarov's** hiding out with one local family, named **Dobkevitch**; describes details regarding his hiding place, his escape from a

house that the Germans set on fire, and **Stolyarov's** postwar life; in answer to the interviewer's question, returns to the first story about the columns of Jews heading to the ghetto, elaborates on the guards in civilian clothes, the behavior of the Jews in columns; recounts the story about mass-execution, gives details on guards, and the exact time and place of the killings; recalls the story about a woman named **Gaylish [Gaylis, Gailis]**, who saved her daughter from execution by saying that her father was German.