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STOJANOVA, Tatjana Ukraine Witnesses Documentation Project Russian RG-50.575*0007

Box 1, Tape 1

In this interview, Tatjana Stojanova, a former resident of Odessa, talks about her experiences during the German-Romanian occupation between 1941 and 1944. Her story includes a few references to the plight of Odessa's Jews at that time.

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She gives her name, date and place of birth as December 15, 1922, Odessa; comments on her residing in Holland since 1944; mentions her still visiting Odessa regularly.

[00:] 01:01:00 - [00:] 07:29:59 (and [00:] 20:00:00 - [00:] 21:35:00)

She talks about leaving Odessa because of the danger of upcoming bombardments and staying at a suburban dacha during the time of occupation; relates a trip back to the city with family and friends 2-3 days after the arrival of German and Romanian forces; talks about seeing gallows near **Aleksandrovskiy** Park; describes in detail the street leading to the prison filled up with various objects, like bags, papers, notebooks, passports, documents, photographs, shoes, toys, and dolls; assumes that these objects were apparently abandoned and dropped by Jews who were led to the prison the day before; quotes rumors about Jews being arrested; tells that seeing blood was a sign that the people who were marched to the prison were beaten; talks again about gallows near the park.

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She describes how Romanian forces (cavalrymen) were entering Odessa.

[00:] 09:31:00 – [00:] 11:00:59

She talks again about the trip from the dacha to Odessa; describes finding their apartment building half-deserted; mentions the disappearance of all Jewish neighbors.

[00:] 11:01:00 - [00:] 13:30:59

She mentions a Jewish girlfriend, Tamara **Trelitskaja**, who was an orphan living with her grandmother and whose parents perished in purges of 1939; relates how the grandmother was hidden in an empty house and how she later disappeared.

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She relates how a number of highly qualified Jewish doctors were allowed to stay in their apartments and continue practice treating exclusively Romanian officers and functionaries.

[00:] 15:06:00 - [00:] 19:40:59

She talks about the occupying forces in Odessa; describes nonmilitary pro-Nazi engineering personnel from Holland engaged in raising vessels sunk by the Soviet army before leaving the city.