

Appeal Not to Go to Labor Camps, from an Underground Publication *

There is no justification for the despicable creatures who have become servants of violence for filthy lucre.

There is no justification for the defilement that is spreading among the Jews, that is imposing the whole burden of the camps on the shoulders of the tired and starved poor of the ghetto.

The labor camps were and continue to be an act of violence on the part of the Fascist rulers; they shall meet with passive but determined resistance on the part of conscious Jews.

We will not go to the labor camps! We will put obstacles in the way of the Community Council [Judenrat] at every step they take to carry out their jobs.

Let the [youth] leaders of the Nest [youth club] not cease their duties even for a moment. We shall prove that indeed nothing can break us and nothing can force us to stop our work. Let us give expression to the fact that the future is with us and not with them.

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