

From Danek Gerthner's Memoirs about
Ukrainians and Germans Gathering Together to Operate
an *Aktion*

A former secretary of the district head, Kotinski, bookkeeper for the Kosow Electric Works at the time, later told us that at 7:00 on the evening of October 15, the day before the *Aktion*, the Gestapo and the Ukrainian leadership had sat down together and worked out details for the slaughter of the Jews. After this conference, several young Ukrainians were instructed to dig large mass graves on the mountain. After that, groups were set up to round up the Jews the following day and drive them to the Gestapo headquarters to be shot.

Early the next morning, large numbers of Ukrainians and Poles, especially women, had already gathered to witness the mass shooting of the Jews. Victims who wore a nice suit or fine shoes found these items brutally ripped from their bodies. Those who attempted to resist this phase of the operation were brutally pummeled to death. I do not know the names of these Ukrainian murderers but I did note those of the Poles involved: Kazimierz Kacinski and Michal Kamienski, who stole Jewish property, maltreated Jews, and drove - them like animals to the bloody slaughter.

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