

Wdowinski, David

(1895-1970), One of the founders and leaders of the Jewish Military Union in the Warsaw Ghetto. Born in Bedzin, Wdowinski studied at the universities of Vienna, Brno, and Warsaw, and became a psychiatrist. However, at the request of Zionist Revisionist leader Vladimir Jabotinsky, he gave up his practice to devote himself full time to working for the Revisionist movement.

During the war, Wdowinski was an operative member of the underground in the Warsaw Ghetto. He also served in the Jewish Mutual Aid Society as the Revisionists' representative. In the summer of 1942 Wdowinski helped create the Jewish Military Union (*Zydowski Zwiasek Wojskowy, ZZW*), an underground militia led by members of *Betar*, the Revisionist movement's youth group. After the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising, Wdowinski was sent to various concentration camps, which he survived.

After the war, Wdowinski settled in the United States, where he wrote a book entitled *And We Are Not Saved*, which described his life and activities in the *Betar* movement in the Warsaw Ghetto. In 1961 Wdowinski served as a witness in the trial of senior SS officer, Adolf Eichmann. He died in 1970 after suffering a heart attack during a memorial gathering for the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising. (see also Jewish Military Union, Warsaw.)