

Deportation of Dutch Jews, Reaction of the Local Population and the Dutch Church (2)

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Subject: Deportation of the Jews.

Since my report of 11 Sep. 1942 – D Pol 3 No. 8 – the Deportation of the Jews to Camp Auschwitz has been going on without difficulties and incidents. Up to 15 Oct about 45,000 Jews have been deported.

According to a directive of the Reich Commissioner all Jews are to be deported by 1 May 1943. That means, that the weekly deportation figure would have to be raised from 2000 to 3500. The deportation of this increased figure offers no difficulties either with regard to the assembling of the Jews here or with regard to actual deportation.

Altogether about 61,000 full Jews must still be deported, 43,000 of whom had so far been exempted from deportation, so that about 18,000 are at present still available for deportation.

The 43,000 exempted Jews are composed of armaments Jews (fur trade, Diamond, glass and radio workers), people of Jewish Faith and so-called “protected Jews”. A conference with the Wehrmacht Commander-in-Chief has had the result, that a large part of the armament Jews has at once been made available for deportation, whereas the remainder will be made available in the course of the coming months. These armament Jews will mostly be replaced by female Dutch workers.

Until the deadline, 1 January 1941, 1500 Protestant Jews had been reported. Now the Protestant Church has reported further 3500 Jews as baptized. Obviously these subsequently baptized Jews cannot be regarded as convinced Christians.

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and cannot be exempted from deportation. They will have to depart like all the other in the course of time.

The Dutch population has got used to the deportation of the Jews. They are making no trouble whatsoever. Reports from Auschwitz camp sound favorable. Therefore the Jews have abandoned their doubts and more or less voluntarily come to the collecting points.

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