

## Biebow, Hans

(1902--1947), Head Nazi administrator of the LODZ Ghetto. Biebow was a businessman and Nazi from Bremen. When the Lodz Ghetto was erected in 1940, Biebow was appointed head of the Ghetto's food and economic office (soon renamed the "ghetto administration"). Biebow and his staff of 250 Germans controlled all business activity in the ghetto.

Biebow got rich by setting up factories within the ghetto and forcing the Jews of Lodz to work there for almost no pay. He also robbed the Jews of their property. The ghetto was sealed shut according to Biebow's instructions; the Jews could not leave or buy food.

The clothes and personal items belonging to the Jews from Lodz who had been deported to Chelmno were stored by Biebow in warehouses in the town of Pabianice. Then they were sent to Germany to be used by the German population. Nonetheless, Biebow also wanted to continue making money off the ghetto factories, so he kept the ghetto running for as long as he could. When the Germans called for the ghetto's elimination in summer 1944, Biebow got very involved in arranging the fatal transports from Lodz and nearby ghettos to Chelmno and Auschwitz. After the war Biebow was executed by order of a Polish court in Lodz.