



Ressortes

Workshops established in the Lodz Ghetto by *Judenrat* Chairman Rumkowski to combat the growing hunger in the ghetto and to provide employment to counter the material hardships of the masses. When the deportations to the camps began in 1942, Rumkowski maintained that work would save the people; i.e., Jewish work in *Ressortes*, which contributed to the German war effort, would ensure the survival of the ghetto. The exploitation of the imprisoned Jewish workforce brought the German ghetto administration profits estimated at hundreds of millions of marks.

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