



Deportation Directives: Instructions for the Mayors of Cities with Ghettos and Train Stations

On May [illegible] a meeting was held at the police headquarters of Munkács under the chairmanship of Gendarmerie Caption Dr. László Ferenczy, with the participation of Gendarmerie Captain Dr. László Uray and Gestapo Captain Dr. Márton Zöldi on the part of the Germans.

The meeting discussed the removal of the Jews that will begin on May 14.

[...] The Jews will be transported in 110 trains to the station at Kassa where the transports will be taken over by German Police. Marking (on the trains): "D.A. Umsiedler" [German Worker Resettlement].

Each train will transport 3,000 persons. It will consist of 45 cars, each with 70 persons plus baggage, and two C cars at the front and the back of the train for the guards.

The commander of the loading station will be a German or a Hungarian gendarmerie officer; this will require that the stationmaster make available cars and loading areas, at a place removed from the station, five hours in advance.

The Jews will be able to take along only limited luggage, and no beds or mattresses. Name lists are to be prepared in duplicate. One copy is to remain with the transport and the other copy is to be sent to the police headquarters at Munkács for the commander of the loading area.

If the train leaves at night, the Jews must be loaded during the day.

The gendarmerie will supervise the transfer from the camp to the station, and the police will guard street crossings. The area will have been closed off previously by the gendarmerie and the streets by the police; the same procedure is to be followed at the loading site.

The camp, ghetto, and road are to be under strict guard; the road is to be closed to traffic while the Jews are marched. They are to be marched in groups of 500, walking four in a row. The seriously ill and their relatives are to be taken to the site as part of the last group. There will be a hospital train with a doctor and nurse, which will also hold the members of the Jewish Council and persons of doubtful citizenship.

[...]

Mayoral responsibility



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The persons to be transported are to be supplied with bread for two days. The two days' supply per person is 400 grams. Taking along of additional food is prohibited.

[...]

Mayor's task: After removal of the inmates, camp locations are to be disinfected by the administrative authorities (military physician).

[...]

Captain Dr. Uray: If necessary, as many as 100 may be put in a car. They can be loaded like sardines, since the Germans require hardy people. Those who cannot take it will perish. There is no need in Germany for ladies of fashion.

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