

ANNEXES

DOCUMENTS

Senior SS and Police Chief in Ostlande

File No. I a

Riga, 12 January 1942

On the Issue of Gypsies

Following my initiative the Reichscomissar resolved that Gypsies nomadizing in the country, because they spread the contagious diseases, especially the spotted fever, and in addition, represent an unreliable element, who does not follow the orders of German authorities and are not willing to occupy themselves with useful activities, must be treated as Jews..

I ask to resort to the necessary measures in every case.

Acting in the office

Jedicke

Police General Lt. and SS Gruppenfiurher

LCVA (Lithuanian State Central Archive , doc. coll. 659, inv. 1, f.1, 1. 222.

Translated from a copy in German.

2.

Pursuant to the Instruction of the Ostlande Reichscommissar on the Issue of Gypsies

Der Kreischef

Zarasai

Chief

of Zarasai county

Personal

To Zarasai County Police Chief

27 August 1942

No. 3868

A request has been received from the Chief of Arbeitsamt to transfer all Gypsies with their family members of Zarasai county to his competence, by transferring them to Daugailiai concentration camp. I ask to issue a [relevant] order to the chiefs of police stations requesting them to conduct a thorough investigation of Gypsy families within environs of their stations and if any are found, I urgently ask them to detain them and transfer them to Daugailiai concentration camp with all their property.

In case a Gypsy owns a horse, pursuant to the order by the Generalcomissar concerning compensation for horses, such a horse with the carriage and the necessary gear must be urgently seized from Gypsy and transferred to the Governor of the county, who, in accordance with the established order, will transfer them to farmers, who had their horses seized for military purposes and who have not received it until such time and still do not have [a horse] to plough the land.

L. Gumbinas

County Governor

LCVA (Lithuanian Central State Archive) doc. coll.. 1106, 1, f. 56, 1. 189. Second copy of the original

3.

SS und Polizeigebietsfuhrer
In Ponewesch

Panevėžys, 25 November 1942
B/Be

To Police Chiefs of Panevėžys, Rokiškis and Biržai Counties

Through Gendarmerie posts in Panevėžys and Rokiškis

In the annex I enclose orders of the Security Police Chief with a request of 23 November 1942 to detain Gypsies found in the county and deliver them to Panevėžys.

Bellmann
Lt. d. Gendarmerie
Und Gendarmerie-Gebietsfuhrer

Komandeur der Sicherheitspolizei
und des SD Litauen
Panevėžys Station

Panevėžys, 23 November 1942

To: Police Chiefs of Panevėžys, Rokiškis and Biržai Counties
Via the SS and Police District Chief in Panevėžys

Reference: Gypsies

Pursuant to the Order of the Chief of Ostlande Security Police, all Gypsies without a permanent place of residence, representing an asocial element, for the posed danger of spread of diseases and their political disloyalty are made equal to Jews. I hereby establish that all Gypsies must be detained and for that matter delivered to turbaries, in the first place to Panevėžys. For work in turbaries they shall be used together with all their family members, the old, completely unfit for work, will be accommodated in barracks. Their livelihood will be dependent upon their behaviour.

Gypsies, who have a steady employment and have registered in the Arbeitsamt or have a property and are leading a rather orderly way of life, will not be arrested for the time being, but reports about them should be submitted each month. Wives and dependent children may stay with breadwinners. Other family members must be arrested in the event of doubt about their fitness for employment. Property of arrested Gypsies must be seized and delivered together with them. Please, inform in advance if ten or more Gypsies are arrested. Telephone number – Panevėžys 335. Citizens of Polish nationality, which since the outbreak of the German-Polish war arrived in Lithuania and do not have any steady employment here. Most frequently such persons are staying under cover, therefore they must be inspected in each case.

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In contacts with county governors and other authorities, you are asked to undertake responsibility for the asocial elements.

A. B.

Backer

Translation accurate: Anučauskas

Authentic copy of the translation

Secretary
of Rokiškis County Police Chief

[Signature illegible]

Rokiškis County
Police Chief
No. 2670

Rokiškis, 25 December 1942

To the Chief of Rokiškis Central Police Station and Chiefs of Police Stations

By 10 December of this year all Gypsies residing within the boundaries of the district must be registered with their family members and property, and their lists must be delivered to me strictly by 12 December of this year. Poles must also be registered, reference to whom is made in the document sent to you. Since the Eldermen have information about the residents of the neighbourhood, they must be asked to supply information about the whereabouts of Gypsies and their families.

A. Avižienis
Police Chief

LCVA (Lithuanian Central State Archive), doc. coll.. 708, inv. 1, f, 6, 1.149. Second part of the document is an original.

4.

Rokiškis County
Police Chief
No. 295

Rokiškis, 3 February 1944
Urgent

To the Chief of Central Police Station and Chiefs of Police Stations

Chief of Panevėžys District Criminal Police demands news about Gypsies found in the county.

Please inspect and report to me if any Gypsies are found within the territory [monitored] by the police station. If there are – draw up a list, indicate their names,

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surnames, age, places of residence, occupation and send this list to me by 11 February of this year.

A. Avižienis
Police Chief

LCVA, (Lithuanian Central State Archive), doc. coll. 708, inv. 1, f. 17, 1. 13.
Original.

5.

Received: 1942.VII. 13, 15, 15, WE No.620

Telegram No. 1981

Chief of Security Police and SD in Lithuania

Received on: 1942. VII. 14.

No. 01481/42

Telegram

Vilnius Security Police. Telegram No. 620

1942. VII.13. 15,00

To: Chief of Security Police and SD in Lithuania

Kaunas

Concerning attack against “Todt” Organisation Labour camp at Vilnius – Minskas railway segment.

On the night from 9 to 10 July 1942 Labour camp of “Todt” Organisation at Vilnius–Minskas railway segment was fired at. A group of camp workers was immediately sent to inspect the site and discovered in the forest a gang of Gypsies – around 50 people. When arresting the gang, about 9 men escaped, the remaining (40 men, women and children) were arrested. It turned out after interrogation that the camp was fired at by the arrested gang. People with arms escaped at the time of arrest. The rest were executed on 10 July 1942 by a motorized Gendarmerie unit, which by the order of the Chief of Gendarmerie Klauen in this area is hunting the partisans.

The said camp of “Todt” organisation is located around 45 kilometres south-east from Vilnius, precisely between Gudagoj and Loska stations.

Chief of Security Police and Central Security Service Office of Vilnius

Upon authorisation by: SS Oberschurmfiurher Erlen

LCVA, (Lithuanian Central State Archive), doc. coll. 1399, inv. 1, f. 10, 1. 6.
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6.

From evidence by F. Jankelis

22 December 1945

Question: please describe extermination of Roma people in Ostlande.

Answer: In the middle of 1943 Gestapo and SD Chief Kaltenberg* ordered the subordinate SD and Gestapo bodies to prohibit the Roma people to move, to catch and exterminate them.

Question: Did you follow this order?

Answer: Yes, I did so. Already in the mid-1943 Pifrader informed me, that in accordance with orders from Berlin, he was prepared to catch the Roma people and imprison them in concentration camps. In 1943, I do not exactly remember who, it seems Pancinger, told me that an order from Kaltenbrunner has been received concerning the liquidation of Roma people. I told Pancinger: "If you have such an order, follow it". All Roma people have been collected in Salaspilis camp and executed there. In Lithuania they used to execute Roma people on the spot where they would find them.

Question: Specify to us the number of Roma people you have exterminated?

Answer: I cannot give you precise data, I only know that their numbers in the Baltics were very small, therefore, most probably only several hundred people were executed. In Latvia shooting of Roma people was carried out by the SD and Gestapo Chief Lange, in Lithuania – Chief of SD and Gestapo in Lithuania, Police Colonel Jeger.

Question: What other nationalities did you exterminate in Ostlande?

Answer: In Lithuania the SD and Gestapo arrested very many Poles for their anti-German views. A part of them were executed, other sent for forced labour to Germany.

* - Should be Kaltenbrunner, Chief of German Security Police and SD.

ADSR document collection, r. 137, 1. 7 – 8. Translated from a copy in German.