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The Second Akcja

A day before the second akcja, the Jewish policemen received an order to report, on the following morning at four o’clock, to the Jewish police station.

The second akcja was carried out exactly as the first one. The Jewish policemen went to the homes to tell the Jews the news that they had to position themselves, with their packs, at the gates of the buildings. After that, gendarmes, Ukrainians and Polish policemen arrived and drove them out from the gates out into the market square.

Just like the first time, the elderly and the sick were shot on the spot, because they were unable to walk as fast as the murderers wished.

At the marketplace - again as in the first akcja - a “selection” took place. With his baton, the Hauptmann pointed at strong men and young women, whom he ordered to retain, in order to, afterwards, take them away to slave labour. Quite often, the healthy-looking men were asked their profession. Metalworkers, carpenters, electricians [etc.] were quickly driven over to the other side - to remain. And, once more, tragic scenes were played out upon being separated from close ones.

The small number of “selected” for slave labour were taken away to the shop, just like the last time and the thousands, sentenced to banishment, were driven like cattle, to be loaded onto the carriages.