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Ghettos under Nazi Rule – The German Administration

Translation: A10 Orders of Theresienstadt Ghetto

Day Order No. 27, 16 January 1942.

1./ Personal documents arriving by mail

Attention is called to how all personal documents arriving by mail are delivered to the addressee. This order issued by the camp commandant's office is especially directed at those inmates who are expecting the handling of applications granting foreign citizenship.

2./ Production

Yesterday 100 sewing machines and other workshop equipment were set up on the second storey of the Sudeten barracks. A further 500 sewing machines are arriving in the next few days, within a short period of time the number will be increased to 1,000.

In agreement with and following the order placed by the senior authorities, production will be begun with on a significant scale and, initially, cover the area of textile processing/clothing and underwear.

Some metal processing machinery has also arrived.

The production of clogs, as well as plumbing and carpentry works of a productive kind on a larger scale, are in an advanced stage of preparation.

This production makes it necessary to deploy all specialists and skilled tradesmen, and in addition untrained and semiskilled labour, in Theresienstadt. The wish of most of the camp inmates for well-ordered productive activity comes closer to realisation in this way. The cooperation of everyone is required.

All responsible offices are convinced that the camp inmates are willing to make great sacrifices and put all their effort in serving this undertaking that is so eminently important to us all.

3./ Warning

Attention is called to how appropriating potatoes is seen as thieving the community and will be severely punished. The containers in the cellar are to be used solely for their assigned purpose and are not to be borrowed by anyone.

4. / Resettlement

An internal resettlement is presently taking place in all buildings. This resettlement is necessary to enable a cohesive billeting of new transports and accommodate age and occupational groups en bloc.

The resettlement must be carried out in all barracks by the time the new transports arrive, i.e. by the evening of the 17th of this month.

The Council of Elders

Theresienstadt, 16.1.1942

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Day Order No. 33, 23 January 1942

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5./ Notice for specialists

Specialists of all kinds are sought for the factories and workshops in the Theresienstadt Ghetto still to be set up as well as those already existing. In particular, specialists in the following areas are to report for work: men's wear, ladies' wear, makers of underwear, caps, earmuffs and shoe insoles, cardboard boxes, wooden toys, brushes, bags, hand weaving, machine knitting, gloves, specialists for chemical cleaning and washing, chemists, as well as tradesmen of all types and professions – skilled und untrained.

Persons with any kind of specialised knowledge are also to report for work, giving details on their knowledge and occupation; suggestions of whatever kind concerning the production of any kind of item are welcome.

Every person who is qualified is to submit a curriculum vita to the room elder for passing on to the economics department – production; it must contain: name, year of birth, transport number, name of the transport / for example QP /, barracks, room number, school education and exact details on the utilised practical activity, as well as the time period and what type of work was done. If persons can be given as references who are in Theresienstadt this is to be added.

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Theresienstadt, 23 January 1942

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