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Persecution and Deportation in Western Europe
– Rescue and Survival of Jews in Occupied Western Europe – A Reappraisal
Translation: E08 Interview with Mr Pos (Zaandam)

A: I seem to have heard that most of them are not showing up.

P: I do not know about that, it was more common. I remember once in a retirement home in Arnhem there was a meeting in the room of the director. The whole matter was taken care of and shared, and then there was one who said, I still have a number of Jewish babies, what do we need to do with them. It was a Jewish market back then, on all sides it was, two here, five here, in the end, there were not enough babies. That was very nice, you know, that it so suddenly was all done. If it was a Jew, you would just say only that it is someone in hiding with black hair. Nobody wanted to have a Jew. It was straightaway: what does he look like? He had black hair, you knew nothing more [is what you would say]. That's how they were brought into it, because to the end they absolutely did not want Jews. At one such a meeting it happened that we had to "hide" a Jew. How to do it then. You gave it a shot and that went through. They [– the Jews, presumably] have gotten away, and that was how it had to be.

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