

## The Ghetto Jews as Labor Force

There are about 18,000 machines in the ghetto... At first the army took the attitude that Jewish craftspeople should not be relied on for quality work. This attitude has changed by now... The army institutions send to us so many orders that no other entrepreneur in Germany could even come near... The number of workers is approximately 80,000, and the [German] administration employs 180 clerks and 160 laborers...

**Source: A report by Hans Biebow, head of the administration of the Lodz ghetto, March 4, 1941; taken from *Unger, Michal, The Last Ghetto: Life in the Lodz Ghetto, Yad Vashem, 1992, p. 116.***