

From the Testimony of Leon Saper about Resistance and the Judenrat

...Q: Was there any talk of resistance in the ghetto?

A: Not Jewish resistance. Absolutely not. Now while I was in the ghetto and I left in April.

Q: April. 43.

A: Yes, and I understood, you know, from others later on that the ghetto was liquidated in September. So perhaps after I left, but I have not been able to find out from anyone that there was actual...

Q: Do you think there was actually opposition to the idea of resistance?

A: Don't know anything about it whatsoever. I just was not in contact, didn't know that I pick up anything from adult talk, that there was any of that nature going on.

Q: Do you think that the opinion of the "Judenrat" was trusted?

A: Well, I remember the sort of resigned acceptance, that without them it would be worse. They were bastards because they were doing the dirty work, but without them it would be worse. It would be like it was in Warsaw where, you know, people just had nothing, they were just dying in the streets. And they kept some semblance of order and ration cards and giving the pigs, you know, a certain number of people and again a certain of people, kind of delaying - perhaps some of us will survive till the end by doling out the - what do you call? Look, I can't recall the term. The victims they were looking for.

Q: Do you think that they were seen as collaborating or just as a necessity?

A: A collaborating necessity. Absolutely.

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