

Response of the Commander of the AK to the Jewish Request for Arms

After all, Jews from all kinds of groups, including Communists, are turning to us and asking for arms as though our depots were full. By way of experiment I gave them a few revolvers. I have no assurance whatsoever that they will use these arms at all. I will not give them any more arms, because, as you know, we have none ourselves, we are waiting for a new consignment. Inform us what contacts our Jews have with London.

Kalina

This message was sent by General Rowecki, Commander of the AK, to the Polish Government in London on January 4, 1943. AK *Armia Krajowa* Fatherland Army: the military arm of the Polish Underground under the orders of the Government-in-Exile in London.

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