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THE TERROR AND DISCRIMINATION EXPERIENCED BY THE
TEACHERS IN GREATER POLAND IN THE YEARS 1939 - 1945

The article was written on the basis of questionnaires, verified and completed in recent years. It concerns the fate of teachers in concentration camps, prisons and prisoner of war camps. It comprises also a whole range of problems connected with acts of expropriation and evacuation and their social and economic effects in the teaching circles. The problem of forced labour — mainly physical — is presented separately. In the last part the authors discuss the problems of political surveillance, harrassment and continual administrative checks suffered by teachers who stayed, which forced them to hide, continually be on the move, use false documents etc. Teachers who managed to live through the occupation in Greater Poland owe their survival to their own personal attitude and to generous help coming from all sections of society. The concluding section contains among other things numerical data concerning persecuted teachers, published for the first time in Poland (altogether 3141 persons) with a division into specific forms of terror and discrimination discussed in the article.

