

3) Post-War Documents Section

At the end of the war the Displaced Persons = DP's alone in Western Germany, Berlin and Austria, were housed in about 2.500 DP-Camps, a part also privately which had merely to be registered in a nearby DP-Camp.

The documentary material, preserved to a large extent, which concerns Displaced Persons registered from 1945 to 1951 by relief organizations such as UNRRA and IRO in the western occupation zones of Germany, as well as in Austria, England, Italy and Switzerland, is also very voluminous. The documents contain information, given at that time by the registered persons themselves, concerning sojourn and occupation of whole family groups tracing back to the time before the war, including eventual persecution endured during the war. Today these documents can serve as indirect proof of war-time sojourn resp. incarceration. Also available are medical records and, if occasion arises, documents on hospital treatment of the registered persons. Furthermore the section holds nominal lists of those persons who emigrated with the assistance of the relief organizations.

The main task of this section consists in establishing Certificates of Residence required by Jewish applicants (with the exception of German Jews) to support their indemnification claims within the scope of the Federal Law of Indemnification. The indemnification authorities can judge whether they are competent on hand of the Certificates of Residence, certifying that Jewish persons stayed in DP-Camps during the period from the 8th of May 1945 up to their emigration, because, according to the Federal Law of Indemnification, if occasion arises the Federal State in which the applicant stayed on the so-called fixed date (1st of January 1947) is competent for the payment of indemnification. This section also deals with applications for photocopies as well as for medical records and X-ray photographs; the latter are, when a relapse occurs, very necessary for the present treatment. Moreover applications are handled for proof of employment during the war to support pension claims because, as already mentioned, the data was given during war-time. These particulars can also be of importance in tracing matters.

The following documents are held in the Post-War Documents Section:

DP-Documents

about 3.500.000 original index cards for approximately 2.000.000 persons

3.700 boxes with approximately 280.000 applications for IRO-assistance for about 800.000 persons (IRO CM/1¹ and ICEM Files,² "Questionnaires for DP's"³)

1.100 files with approximately 350.000 sheets

- Emigration lists
- Lists of inhabitants of the DP-Camps
- Nominal lists of Polish Jews, including a small part who were in Russia during the war
- Nominal lists of members of the Jewish Communities in Europe after the war.

1.557 boxes and 25 patients' books concerning about 71.000 persons (Medical records and patients' books).

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¹ CM/1

= Care and Maintenance
(Applications for assistance through the IRO)

² ICEM

= Intergovernmental Committee for
European Migration

³ Questionnaires
for DP's

= DP-Screening-Forms for UNRRA assistance

8,700 boxes with approximately 380,000 applications for insurance
insurance for about 800,000 persons (IMO CMT) and ICM (Pilot) (CMT)
insurance for 1,100

1,100 lines with approximately 130,000 shares

Insurance plan

State of retirement of the DTCC

Insurance plan of Polish Jews, including a small part who were in
insurance during the war

Insurance plan of members of the Jewish Communities in Europe
during the war

1,100 boxes and 35 patients' books containing about 7,000
names (Medical records and patients' books)

Insurance

Application for insurance (group of 100)

Insurance plan for
Insurance plan

Insurance plan for 1000 patients

CMT

ICM

Insurance

for DT