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Another Note from Slawson

I just (Fri 8 March) picked up 213 Xeroxed pages at the archives, and marked another 100 for copying. I have the documentation almost complete on the mail priveleges of DP's, POW's and Civilian Internees in the US Zone; new data on mail permitted before 1 April, 1946; and some Censorship information--including a British Zone die I have never before seen reported. Lots of solid data coming--and leads on stuff you can find in 25¢ boxes.

Also just spent \$175 on a new mimeo--think I can do photos a lot better, so write some articles.

Stick with us--things will improve.



**Gebühr
bezahlt**

President's Message

Dear "Locals" member!

As you know, we are in the process of reorganizing the Locals Group to put more life into it. We also wish to change the name to have it reflect the scope of its activity more accurately.

After discussing the proposed changes with a few of the boys, I have proposed a tentative plan and would appreciate your comments. I'm particularly interested in any flaws you may detect and in your suggestions to improve the plan.

I strongly feel that we would have the makings of a lively study group if each subgroup would periodically document its findings and prepare an article for publication in our bulletin. Collaboration is urgently needed (ed note- Amen! I believe the main value of our bulletin is as a forum for the interchange of information which is still in the formative process. Completed articles are fine, but they should go in the SPECIALIST. The process of completing the article should be carried on in the bulletin). One or two boys cannot do it alone. Everybody has to contribute a little.

Please forward your views promptly to either Don Slawson or myself, so that we can put our "reorganization" show on the road quickly.

Fraternally yours

A.H.

Reorganization of "Locals" Group and Change of Title

1. Tentative new title: "Post World War II Research and Study Group"

2. Tentative new organizational structure:

Director: Heinz or possible successor
Bulletin editor: Slawson or possible successor
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Public relations: " "
Membership Drive: " "
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Collaboration with German
"Lokalausgaben ARGE" : Geisser, Heinz, Rossbach
"Zirkenback-Paul" Medal
Committee : Geisser, Heinz, Rossbach

3. Subgroup Directors

Postmaster Provisionals: Geisser, Heinz, Meier, Rossbach
Courier Mail 1945: Heinz
Obliterated Hitlers: Slawson
AMG's: Harold Peter
"Gebuhr bezahlt's": Harry Meier, John Barbour
"Certified Mail": Meier
*Berlin-Brandenburg, OPD Berlin: Zerbe, Fisher, Hecker
Mecklenburg-Vorpommern,
OPD Schwerin: Barbour

East Saxony, OPD Dresden:	Heinz
Province Saxony, OPD Halle:	-
Thuringia, OPD Erfurt:	Geisser, Barbour
West Saxony, OPD Leipzig:	-
*Currency reform:	Albertson
*Postal automation:	Heinz
DDR-Kurierdienst:	Heinz
Censorship:	Esrati, Slawson
Displaced Persons:	Slawson, Fox
Occupation Forces mail systems:	Fox, Imus, Slawson
Postwar German Forces (DMSA, GCLO, etc.):	Fox, Imus, Esrati, Slawson
Emergency Cancellations:	Hill
POW and Civilian Internee Camps:	Slawson, Esrati, Fox
French Zone	Barbour, Jay Carrigan

*Several GPS research and study groups exist which concentrate their efforts on specific phases of post WW II philately. These groups should be contacted if a collector's interest in these restricted areas is high.

The above subgroup lineup is strictly tentative. If you are listed and absolutely refuse to have anything to do with the effort, or if you are interested in something not listed please let us know so we can come out shortly with a "finalized" lineup.-ed.

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We Have a Librarian

Mr. Sterling Jensen, 16300 Shamhart Drive, Granada Hills, Cf. 91344 has volunteered to be the Locals (or Post WW II) Group librarian. I'm hoping we will all work together to make this function a success, for even more than most of the tasks of the group, this is dependent on the contributions of many members.

His initial efforts will be devoted only to cataloging the information now available on our subject--not to obtaining the actual material (which might come as phase II if this initial task is successful). Hopefully this project will lead to a subject matter index to literature on all phases of our interests. This is really a considerable task and should be a real advantage to any research studies.

O.K.--so what I promised from all of us is a listing of the literature we own, and an idea of the subject matter contained in the article/book/pamphlet if it is not immediately obvious from the title. In addition, please send him a list of publications to which you subscribe, so we will know which publications are being watched for articles of interest.

The results will be published in the bulletin and also once he has a worthwhile list built up Mr. Jensen will respond to queries seeking lists of literature on any given subject.

I've started this by furnishing an index to about 100 pieces of literature--please carry this on, because I know many of you have a lot of literature which I do not have.

Treasurer's Report

for 1972:	balance brought forward	18.81
	income (dues, donations, back issues)	<u>94.-</u>
		112.81
	expenses:	
	Harmonex ad	10.-
	Postage	24.98
	pads, paper, envelopes, ink	29.99
	electric stencils	<u>21.-</u>
		85.97
for 1973:	balance brought forward	26.84
	income (dues, donations, back issues)	
	This is small because I never asked	
	for dues	40.-
	expenses:	
	postage	28.40
	pads, ink, stencils, paper	<u>39.45</u>
		67.85
for 1974:	balance brought forward	- 1.01

So there it is--we actually lost ground in 1973, even with only one bulletin. Guess I shouldn't have sent it 1st class.

If we're to come anywhere close to even this year (I honestly want to get out 6 issues--and they need lots of illustrations), er're going to need more than the approx \$90 which dues will provide. Rather than raise dues this year, I'll try to get by by collecting 1973 dues from those who have not paid them.

So if a check appears here X you owe 1974 dues. If a check also appears here , how about kicking in a total of \$4 since you didn't pay last year.

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Editor's Message

Well, I thought you'd all been gyped last year--it wasn't until I just added up the cost that I realized how much that single bulletin was (there were over 2000 sheets of paper used). You must admit that it was one of the better issues. As you note by Al's message we're trying to get serious again (and I do remember Albertson's remark @ Phily that many short bulletins are better than a few big ones).

O.K.--so let's get with it. I'll definately get out 6 bulletins this year, and promise more information than ever. A hint of whats on tap. First of all we'll have closer cooperation with our sister group in Germany, and will be using some of their material--perhaps most noteably on Gebuhr bezahlt's. They have some very nice illustrated lists which will be reproduced. There will also be an article on "Reichspost" cancellations--items which can be found in dime boxes. There is also a very good work on Altdöbern (I havn't lost it Inge, I'm just waiting until I can do justice to the illustrations). We also have a big work on

the allied occupation forces in postwar Germany which is being translated. It covers the postal systems of the occupying forces; the U.S., Br., Fr., Norwegians, Belgians, Danes, etc. as well as related areas such as military missions to the Allied Control Council, etc.

In addition I have quite a bit more material which I have dug out of the archives. Additional material on DP's in the American Zone will be forthcoming--the special mail priveleges they had and lists of camps, assembly centers, etc. In addition there is much new information on Civilian Internment camps, which Steve Esrati started in the Jan, 1972 "Specialist". I'd also like to continue the work on Censorship which he started in the August 1971 "Specialist", and expand also the "Disarmed Feldpost" from the July '72 "Specialist".

But for all this we are going to need money, so please pay your dues and stick with us. I guarantee you'll get your \$2 or \$4 worth this year.

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ALPHABETICAL LISTING of D.P. CAMPS in POST WW II GERMANY

Reprinted from the BULLETIN of the Lithuanian Philatelic Society of New York numbers 85 and 86 (Oct and Dec 1973)

(Continued from last issue)

ETTENHEIM - (40km. N.Freiburg) - Wurttemberg, French Zone

Lithuanian DP's are known to have resided in this area, living with private German families.

EVERSDORF - (50km. NW Hamburg) - Schleswig, British Zone

Lithuanian Encyclopedia mentions that after WW II, some Lithuanian Refugees, mostly from the Klaipeda District, lived here. There was no DP Camp. In 1955, some 64 individuals still lived here.

FALLINGSBOSTEL - (75km. SSW Hamburg) - Hannover, British Zone

10 Lithuanians lived here privately with German families.

FELLBACH - (Stuttgart suburb) - Baden-Baden, American Zone

BALTIC DP CAMP #150 - UNRRA Team #526 - IRO Team #1002

A mixed DP Camp was set up here in July 1946 with about 120 Lithuanian DP's originally housed with private German families. FELLBACH also supervised CAMP MELBOURNE, located 2km. distant in SOMMERAINE. When BAD CANSTATT DP Camp was shut down, the remaining DP's as well as the students left in Camp #180 were also transferred here, raising the population to 650.

The Camp had a Kindergarten and Elementary School; Adult Training Courses in Auto mechanics, Watch-making, English, etc. Lithuanian Red Cross Chapter serviced the residents. Two Printshops "PATRIA" and "LUX" were here.

Camp was a Convention site for the L.T. Bendruomene District Chairmen on July 18, 1947; for the Exiles Literature Festival on Nov 22, 1949; and for "SVIESOS" Convention on June 28/29, 1948.

The Camp was shut down on Nov 22, 1949 with the transfer of the remaining DP's to the ARMENIAN DP CAMP (FUNKER BARRACKS) in nearby Stuttgart and part to LUDWIGSBURG.

FISCHBECK - (Near Hamburg) - Hannover, British Zone

DP CAMP UNRRA Team #303

Started out as a mixed Nationalities DP Camp set up in Summer 1945 in the Military Aviation Barracks; but later with transfer out of other nationalities, only the Lithuanians were left. In December 1946 a large group of Lithuanians were transferred here from nearby CAMP FALKENBURG, raising the population to 1400 DP's.

On Jan 7, 1946, an 8 grade Grammar School was set up with 100 pupils. When it was moved to GEESTHACHT, it was renamed "TUMO-VAIZ-GANTO" school. Camp also had a Kindergarten, Elementary School, Drama Group, Chorus, Folk Dance Units, Scout Troops and various Adult Training Courses.

At the end of 1946, they were all transferred to CAMP SPACKENBURG in GEESTHACHT.

FLENSBURG - (140km N Hamburg) - Schleswig, British Zone

MUTZELBURG LAGER - KIELSENG BARRACKS - TROLLSEE DP CAMP

LATVIAN CAMP "ANTWERP" UNRRA Team #73

Many Lithuanian Refugees emigrated here in 1944 and at the end of WW II were quartered in several mixed nationality DP Camps; At TIMM-KROGER Grammer School in town; in Murwik's "OST-LAGER" in the suburbs. With the transfer of non-Lithuanians elsewhere, the Lithuanian DP's were relocated in the TIMM-KROGER Grammar school for about a year when they were once again moved to the KIELSENG BARRACKS in MURWIK.

Here about 500 Lithuanian DP's had their Schools, Scout Troops, Chorus, Chess Club, Soccer Teams, and Adult Training Courses in English and the Trades. The Lithuanian Red Cross Chapter was active in providing services. Some of these Lithuanian DP's were students at FLENSBURG MARINE SCHOOL.

The Camp was shut down at the end of 1949.

FORSCHHEIM - (175km NNW Munich) - Bavaria, American Zone

UNRRA Team #519

Covers indicate that Lithuanian DP's were living in this area with private German families.

FRANKFURT - (325km NW Munich) - Hesse, American Zone

UNRRA Team #533 TRANSIT CAMP - APO #757 - OFFENBACH - IRO Team 1022

After WW II, in Summer 1946 in suburb of NIEDERRADE was set up an UNRRA DP CAMP for individuals who wished to obtain U.S. Citizenship. In 1946/7 from about 250 refugees were about 150 Lithuanian DP's, mostly individuals born in the USA and their families. Many worked in the SACHSENHAUSEN TRANSIT CAMP in the Suburbs.

On June 20, 1947, the Camp was transferred to BUTZBACH. When the WIESBADEN DP CAMP was shut down on Nov 18, 1948, a group of Lithuanians DP's were transferred here to the suburb of OFFENBACH where UNRRA operated the UNRRA Crafts School (Trade School).

FREIBURG - (275km W Munich) - Wurttemberg, French Zone

UNRRA Team #206

The Lithuanian Postmens Assn lists 378 Lithuanian refugee DP's as having lived here. In the summer of 1944, about 350 Lithuanian DP's, mostly Artists, Educators, Writers, etc. settled here and formed a secret Lithuanian Committee which kept the Lithuanian DP's in Germany informed about important current events.

With the French Occupation, the Committee came out of hiding and cooperated with the French authorities. Artist V. Jonynas established his Practical Arts School here and became quite famous when he designed five sets of postage stamps for the French Zone of Germany. Many works were published here. The Community had a Chorus, Folk Dance Units, etc.

FREISING - (30km NNE Munich) - Bavaria, American Zone

UNRRA Team #306

The Lithuanian Postmens Assn records that 18 Lithuanian DP's lived here privately with German families.

FRIEDRICHS DORF - (15km N Frankfurt) - Hesse, American Zone

Lithuanian Postmens Assn records 14 Lithuanian DP refugees as living here Post WW II.

FRIEDRICHSHAFEN - (120km ESE Freiburg) - Wurttemberg, French Zone

UNRRA Team #580

Covers indicate that several Lithuanian DP's resided privately with German families in this area.

FULDA - (90km NE Frankfurt) - Hesse, American Zone

KONSTANTINE KASERNE - DP CAMP 3/569 - UNRRA Team #138

During WW II, many Lithuanians were conscripted from Lithuania for forced labour in Germany. At the end of the war, the US Army collected these foreigners into camps. In May 1945, a Mixed DP Camp was set up in FULDA utilizing the available KONSTANTINE BARRACKS in which were 300 Lithuanian conscripts. The Lithuanian numbers increased greatly with new arrivals from Thuringen, which area had been ceded to the Russians.

In October 1945, the Lithuanians here were transferred from the Barracks to private homes on FRANKFURTERSTRASSE. Here was set up a Lithuanian DP Camp for about 1400 Lithuanian DP's, administered by Lithuanians whose Committee apportioned quarters, food rations, medical aid, etc.

This Camp had a Kindergarten and Elementary School; Lithuanian Red Cross Chapter, "PILIES"(Castle) Scout Troop, "VYTIS" (Knight) Sports Club, a Mixed Chorus, and other cultural activities.

On July 10, 1947, the Camp was shut down and its residents transferred to KASSEL-MATTENBERG and to BABENHAUSEN.

FURTH - bei Nurnberg - (165km N Munich) - Bavaria, American Zone

DP CAMP - UNRRA Team #303, 552

No published details of this camp. Covers indicate Lithuanian DP's were quartered here.

GARMISCH-PARTENKIRCHEN - (80km SSW Munich) - Bavaria, American Zone

A Lithuanian DP Camp was set up here in Feb 1948 in the Mountain Home Guard Barracks with the transferral of about 600 Lithuanian DP's from BAMBERG. The Camp had a Kindergarten, Elementary School that was moved here from Bamberg, and a Grammar School named after Dr. Jonas Basanavicius. French and German were taught adults here. The Camp had a Mixed Chorus, Drama Group, Folk Dance Unit, Scout Troops, YMCA and YWCA Units, and a radio group which furnished news and music several times daily.

GEESTHACHT - (30km SE Hamburg) - Hannover, British Zone

CAMP SPACKENBERG - #1225F CAMP, 1225 AC, 800 CU - BFPO #432
UNRRA Team #130

SPACKENBERG was originally a POLISH DP CAMP set up in a Workers Colony that the British Military Authorities converted into a DP Camp. The Lithuanian DP Camp was started when in April 1946, 1800 Lithuanian DP's were transferred here from WENTORF and FISCHBECK. Several months later, about 150 more from SCHMALENBECK and HAMBURG; and in April 1947, a group from SCHWARZENBECK. Later that year, some more from ITZEHOE and ELMSHORN DP Camps and in Feb 1949 from KLEIN WITTENSEE and ECKERNFORDE Camps.

Camp had a Grammar School that started in FISCHBECK and in 1946 was renamed "TUMO-VAIZGANTO" Lithuanian Gimnaziji which had 21 pupils in its first year. In Dec 1948, the British Authorities ordered it shut down and its four grades were added to the Elementary School which started in WENTORF and had up to 150 pupils.

Camp was closed in July 1950 when IRO sponsorship ended. Its residents were transferred to German farmers even tho they still lived in the same quarters, but now paid rent to the city. In 1955, 135 Lithuanians still lived here. Camp had a Camp PO from April 1946.

GERNSHEIM - (40km SSW Frankfurt) - Hesse, American Zone

KAPUZINERKLOSTER

Covers indicate that some Lithuanians were quartered here in 1946.

GIESSEN - (50km N Frankfurt) - Hesse, American Zone

APO #169 - #8722 LABOUR SERVICE CO , #1046 SUPERVISION Co

A Lithuanian Engineering outfit operated in this area and made use of the US Army APO Mail service in writing to the USA.

GLUCKSBURG - b. Flensburg - (150km N Hamburg) - Schleswig, British Zone

SEEPROSPEKT DP CAMP

Lithuanian DP's were quartered here in 1949. Camp most likely supervised from Flensburg.

GLUCKSTADT - (50km NW Hamburg) - Schleswig, British Zone

U-BOAT BASE - DP CAMP #1209G - #1209 AC

A DP CAMP was set up here in 1945, and in 1946 was used as a Sanatorium and Rest Home for Consumptives. When the British Military Authorities attempted to move the Sanatorium patients to poorer quarters near LUBECK, the patients barricaded themselves inside the quarters and raised a black flag as a protest symbol. Authorities sent in an armed personnel detachment who threatened the protesters with tear gas use.

There were only about 25 Lithuanian DP's in residence here. The Camp had an Elementary School for children. The DP Camp was shut down in 1947 and its patients transferred elsewhere.

GMUND - See SCHWABISCH-GMUND

GOSLAR - (200km S Hamburg) - Hannover, British Zone

"KAUNAS" DP CAMP #17 - #50 DPACS, UNRRA Team #124 F.R.S.

Details of this camp have not been published, but covers indicate that Lithuanian DP's were quartered here.

GOTTINGEN - (90km NNE Hamburg) - Schleswig, British Zone

N.R.V. BARRACKS, NEUSTADT - UNRRA Team 223, 224

At the end of WW II, about 200 Lithuanian DP's lived here. When Saxony and Thuringen were ceded to the Russians, about 500 Lithuanian DP's wound up here. Up to the middle of 1946 most lived privately with German families, but later were transferred to the LUDWIG KASERNE.

The camp had an Elementary School since Sept 1945 to Oct '48, a Grammar School Oct '47 to Sept '48 with 20 students. The camp also had a Mixed Choir, Sports Club and Folk Dance Unit.

In Oct 1948 after emigration had reduced the population the remainder were transferred to OLDENBURG.

GREVEN - (70km W Detmold) - Westphalia, British Zone

LITH. DP CAMP #60 - V18 DPAC, 800 CU - MENSA ACADEMY - UNRRA Team #111

In 1945 the local inhabitants were moved out of their homes and Lithuanian and other DP's were moved in. In 1946 the other nationalities were moved,

and more Lithuanians from SOEST and DETMOLD moved in. In 1947 there were additional arrivals from RHEDA and GOTTINGEN.

The camp had a Kindergarten, Elementary and Grammar Schools. The "MENSA ACADEMY" had 15 students. A business school and adult training courses were available. Between March and August 1946 the newspaper "UNRRA AZ" was published here.

By the end of 1947 the Lithuanian DP Camp had over 1000 residents. By the end of 1949, emigration whittled down these numbers considerably, and the balance were transferred to AUGUSTDORF near Detmold and this camp closed.

GROSS HESEPE - (200km ESE Hamburg) - Hannover, British Zone

Lith DP CAMP #26/268 - #268 DPAC - 800 CU

The Lithuanian refugees and DP Camp was set up here in the fall of 1945 and greatly enlarged by the transfer of many exiles from LINGEN and neighboring places, swelling the population to nearly 1000.

The Camp had a Kindergarten, Elementary and Grammar schools for the Children and a Trade School for the Adults. The Camp was shut down in August 1948 by the transfer of remaining inhabitants to DIEPHOLZ.

The Camp also had its own Lithuanian post office in operation since 1 Jan, 1946.

GUNZEHAUSEN - (130km NNW Munich) - Bavaria, American Zone

LITHUANIAN DP CAMP

This Lithuanian Camp was set up on Aug 21, 1945. The Camp had a Kindergarten, Elementary and Grammar School. This was also the location of the Sulaicius Brothers Book Printing Establishment "SUDAVIJA".

The camp was shut down in Nov 1947 and the remaining residents transferred to DORNSTADT.

HAAG - (50km E Munich) - Bavaria, American Zone

DP CAMP "HAAG"

Covers indicate that Lithuanians were quartered here.

HALLENDORF - (150km S Hamburg) - Hannover, British Zone

Lithuanian Postmens Assn records that 101 Lithuanian DP's lived in this area in 1948.

HAMBURG - (Main City) - Hannover, British Zone

BALTIC DP UNIVERSITY - CAMP "B" - DP TRANSIT CAMP WENTORF #59
 Carolinenstrasse BALANDA - ZOO CAMP - IRO RESETTLEMENT CENTER
 UNRRA Team #74 - WORLD YMCA

Hamburg, second largest city in Germany, was the headquarters for many Lithuanians DP's in the British Zone; 1) Hamburg University Student Academic Camp ALSDORF; 2) DEUTSCHE RINGE; 3) FALKENBERGE; 4) FISCHBECK;

5) FUNKTURM; 6) GEESTHACHT; 7) ORCHSENZAHL; 8) SPACKENBERG; 9) WENTORF; 10) WEDEL; 11) BALTIC UNIVERSITY "BALANDA" ZOO CAMP on Carolinenstrasse.

In these Mixed DP Camps about 3500 Lithuanian DP's were quartered. Each ethnic group had its separate Committee and Academic Camp Student Delegates. The Baltic University Project was proposed and activated here, but after two semesters was transferred to PINNEBERG nearby.

When the Balts were transferred out of DEUTSCHE RINGE, the Hamburg Lithuanian DP Committee Headquarters was moved to the Baltic University-Academic Zoo Camp. When the Baltic University was moved to PINNEBERG, 51 Students studying at the Hamburg University were moved into the "Zoo" Camp.

HANAU - (20km E Frankfurt) - Hesse, American Zone

INTERNATIONAL DP CAMP - #554 DPAC - UNRRA Team #27 - APO 757, 24 BPO
KAISERIN IM WALD BARRACKS - Lamboystrasse 84

Lithuanian DP's were quartered here in the KAISERIN IM WALD Barracks, located about 4km from the main railroad station at the end of WW II. These barracks were in miserable condition. On May 27, 1945 the HANAU Lithuanian Committee was formed and named artist V.K. Jonynas its president--thru whose initiative the buildings were reconditioned and named "BALTIC CAMP".

Since there were also Latvian, Estonian, Italian and Polish DP's here, the UNRRA Director and the US Military Administration named it an INTERNATIONAL DP CAMP in mid June. Each ethnic group appointed its own Commandant. On June 28, 1945 a meeting was called to establish Educational Institutions, Art Ensembles, Sports Clubs, First Aid Stations and Professional Groups. Representatives from these groups formed the HANAU Lithuanian Camp Council. By the fall of 1945, the camp had about 4000 exiled Lithuanians and was one of the largest in West Germany.

To maintain order in the camp an International Camp Police Force was formed from its residents in May 1945. On 28 Jan, 1946 the UNRRA Administration authorized a Statute for its Court operation. Besides judging cases, it also assisted in the preparation of documents.

Various Conventions were held here: Foresters, Education Directors, Exiles Community Committee, Agronomists, M.D.'s, Journalists, Druggists, Dentists, Red Cross, Religious Sects and Student Associations.

The HANAU Lithuanian Camp had a Lithuanian DP CAMP PostOffice which started functioning August 19, 1945. It processed all postal operations. Mail was delivered to Camp inhabitants in their rooms; and over 100,000 copies of Lithuanian Newspapers, Exile books, etc. were printed here. This postoffice was directed by J. Janusaitis, later by J. Geciauskas. The Lithuanian Postmens Assn held a convention here on May 29, 1948 with 34 delegates from various DP Camps. The Postoffice had its own cachet, used sparingly.

HASLACH - (35km NNE Freiburg) - Wurttemberg, French Zone

The Lithuanian Postmens Assn records that 51 Lithuanian DP's resided in this area, primarily with private German families.

HANNOVER - (130km S Hamburg) - Hannover, British Zone

STOCKEN "ACCU" BALTIC DP CAMP - #34/14 DPACS - Landstrasse

A Lithuanian DP Camp was set up here in the LIMMER Suburb of Hannover in the summer of 1945 with 36 Lithuanian DP's who were soon transferred to the "ACCU" BALTIC DP CAMP in the STOCKEN Suburb. The Camp was administered by UNRRA, later IRO. At one time, here were 540 Latvians, 102 Estonians, 200 Ukrainians and 306 Lithuanians. Each ethnic group had a separate Committee.

The Ukrainians were transferred out, leaving only the Baltic Refugees.

On July 1, 1950, I.R.O. transferred the DP Camp to German Administration. The resultant Camp in 1955 still held 192 Germans, 178 Latvians, 58 Lithuanians, 4 Estonians and 20 others, mostly ill, aged or widows with children who were unable to be eligible for emigration. Though most of these Baltic refugees were quartered in the "ACCU" Camp, others resided with private German families in the surrounding MUNDEN area.

HASSENDORF - (60km SW Hamburg) - Oldenburg, British Zone

LITHUANIAN DP CAMP "HASSENDORF"

At the end of WW II, Lithuanian DP's were quartered here for a short time in a camp which had both Elementary and Grammar Schools.

Here was published the first Lithuanian Newspaper after the capitulation of Germany "LIETUVIS" (A Lithuanian) on Aug 16, 1945. On Sept 4, 1945, CAMP HASSENDORF was shut down and its residents transferred to CAMP MONTGOMERY in Doerverden (Kr Verdan/Aller).

A set of commemorative Camp Post postage stamps was issued to memorialize this Lithuanian DP Camp haven.

HAUNSTETTIN - (45km WNW Munich) - Bavaria, American Zone

BALTIC DP CAMP - UNRRA Team #114 - IRO Team #1062

At the end of WW II the UNRRA created two Baltic DP Camps in the AUGSBURG Area; one at HOCHFELD and this one at HAUNSTETTIN, 20km distant, on Flackstrasse. The number of Lithuanian DP's here grew to about 600.

When emigration started in 1948, this number diminished rapidly and the camp was shut down - its remaining residents were transferred to the AUGSBURG-HOCHFELD DP Camp, which was itself shut down in Dec 1951.

HAUSBACH - (50km NE Freiburg) - Wurttemberg, French Zone

Covers indicate that Lithuanian DP's were living in this area in 1948.

HECHINGEN

Lithuanian Postmens Assn records 50 Lithuanian DP's living here.

HEIDELBERG - (80km NNW Stuttgart) - Baden-Baden, American Zone

HEIDELBERG UNIVERSITY Students - Others Living Privately

When WW II ended only a few Lithuanian DP's were living here. The US Army Staff Headquarters was established here and provided many work opportunities. The Lithuanian DP's were scattered in the surrounding areas of RHEINAU, SCHWETZINGEN, BRUCHSAL, MOSBACH, BREITAU, WEINHEIM, all living with private German families.

95 students were studying at HEIDELBURG UNIVERSITY at the end of 1945 under an administrative ruling that the student body must be at least 10% DP's. In July 1946 there were 204 students enrolled. They published an album "UNRRA STUDENTS, HEIDELBERG, 1945-6-7".

No DP Camp was permitted to be created. UNRRA supplied students with living quarters and food from a separate cafeteria. Non-students received no assistance and had to live from earnings. The Lithuanian DP's sponsored concerts, folk dance affairs and had a Red Cross Chapter.

Conditions worsened markedly when IRO took over from UNRRA in 1947 and the student Hostels were shut down, forcing many students to curtail their studies.

HERBORN - (60km NNW Frankfurt) - Hesse, American Zone

Covers indicate Lithuanian DP's were living in this area in 1946.

HERSFELD - (110km NNE Frankfurt) - Hesse, American Zone

KRIEGSCHULE DP CAMP

The Lithuanian Postmens Assn records 26 Lith DP's living here.

HILDESHEIM - (30km SE Hannover) - British Zone

The Lithuanian Postmens Assn records that 11 Lithuanian DP's resided privately in this area. In April 1953, a Lithuanian Guard Unit of the British Army Section (MSO) arrived here from SCHAFFERHOF near NIWNBURG. At the start it consisted of 30 guard members. Later several other neighboring families were added. In October 1955 the Lithuanian group was transferred to BUCKEBURG and thus liquidated.

HOHENFELDE - (90km NNE Hamburg) - Schleswig, British Zone

Lithuanian Encyclopedia mentions Lithuanian DP's, mostly from the Klaipeda district, residing here. In August 1951, there were still about 15 still here.

HUTTENFELDE - (Lampertheim) - (100km NW Stuttgart) - Hesse, Am. Zone

SCHLOSS RENNHUT

Covers indicate that Lithuanian DP's were quartered in this Castle in August 1955. This is the site of the Lithuanian FEBRUARY 16th SCHOOL, purchased by the Lithuanians in that year.

ILLERTISSEN - (100km W Munich) - Bavaria, American Zone

"GASTHOF" and "HIRSCH" HOTELS

About 20/30 Lithuanian DP's lived in this town at the end of WW II. In September 1945, thru the efforts of the US Military Administration, the "GASTHOF" and "HIRSCH" Hotels were obtained to quarter about 80 Lithuanian DP's.

In 1946/47 they had an Elementary School, Kindergarten, Scout Troops and a Lithuanian Red Cross Chapter. These units were shut down in 1947 and its residents transferred to AUGSBURG.

INGOLSTADT - (75km N Munich) - Bavaria, American Zone

ELBRECHT KASERNE - DP CAMP "C" - FLANDERS KASERNE - UNRRA Team #121

Between 1945/50 there were 4 Lithuanian DP Camps here. The first was set up in June 1945 and was several months later transferred to the ELBRECHT KASERNE Barracks. The second was in the unsatisfactory PIONEER Barracks which was closed in Oct 1945, its residents transferred to smaller camps.

The Camps had a Kindergarten, Elementary and Grammer Schools; and Adult training classes in English, German, Chauffering, Electricity, Auto Mechanics, Radio, Bookkeeping, Etc. Cultural activities included Chorus, Folk Dance and Drama--whose units performed in EICHSTATT, DILLINGEN and KEMPTEN Lithuanian DP Camps.

CAMP INGOLSTADT also had a Camp Post Office.

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ANOTHER NOTE ON CENSORSHIP

by Donald Slawson

I have found a lot of information on Censorship, but a good portion of the story is still missing. The main item I wanted to address now concerns a possible semantic problem we may have in this field.

A lot of what we call "Censorship markings" should perhaps more accurately be called "Non-Censorship markings" as they were applied by Censorship offices to mail which passed through their facility, but was not examined.

It seems to me that any schems to catalog Censorship markings should be based primarily on the Unit applying the mark, and secondarily on whether the mark indicates censorship or lack of it. I'm hoping our "Censorship" sub-group will consider this problem (provided somebody can come up with more data). I'd like to urge anyone interested in Censorship to express this interest--hopefully this will become one of our active groups.

All for now--Next issue definately within 2 months, but
I plan on another short one within 1 month.