

A F F I D A V I T

I, Dr. Reszoe Kasztner, born 14. April 1906 Oluj, Roumania, resident, in Tel-Aviv, Palestine, having been cautioned that I render myself liable to punishment should I make a false statement, herewith declare the following under oath:

Following my affidavit submitted to the International Military Tribunal, I wish to state the following.

In the course of my negotiations with representatives of the various German authorities in Budapest, I met Hermann Krusey for the first time in April 1944. At that time he was an SS Obersturmbannfuhrer, and an important member of the Sonder Einsatzkommando under the command of SS Obersturmbannfuhrer Adolf Eichmann, who was commissioned with the final solution of the Jewish question in Hungary.

As a result of my negotiations about 15,000 from a total of 500,000 Hungarian Jews who had already been deported were sent to Austria instead of to Auschwitz. This meant that those persons capable of work were assigned to various jobs, but the members of their families: children, babies, aged people and sick persons were not gassed, as had been the fate of the others in Auschwitz, but were kept alive. Hermann Krusey was appointed chief of a small staff, and transferred to Vienna in order to be responsible for this special group of 15,000 persons.

I wish to state that Krusey performed his tasks displaying remarkable good will towards those whose life or death depended to a great extent upon the way he understood how to implement his orders.

As I spent the last 3 months of the war in Vienna, I myself was able to convince myself of the ~~fact~~ above-mentioned facts. I put forward a number of proposals to Krusey aimed to alleviate the plight of this special group, and always I was met with full understanding and sympathy on his part.

The same applies to my last two undertakings: the first having the result that the lives of 29 Jews in hiding in Bratislava were saved, the second led to the salvation of the inmates of the famous ghetto, Theresienstadt. Krusey, carrying out superior orders contained under rather confusing circumstances by SS Standartenfuhrer Becher, accompanied me to Theresienstadt, and counteracted there previous and simultaneous orders,

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orders, which aimed the annihilation of about 30.000 inmates of this ghetto before the arrival of the Allies.

I have read through the foregoing deposition of two pages in the English language, and declare that it is the full truth to the best of my knowledge and belief.

signed Dr. REZSOE KASZNER

Before me, Benno H. Seletief, AGO-D 433012, a U.S. Civilian, Deputy Direktor, Evidence Division, Office of Chief of Counsel for war Crimes, appeared Dr! Rezsos Kaszner, to me known, who in my presence signed the above affidavit, consisting of two pages in the English language, and swore that the same was true.

Würzburg, Germany, 5 May 1948

Benno H. Seletief

Ich habe in stimmung vorstehender Abschrift
mit der Umschrift bescheinigt:
Gott lob in d. .5.48



Beglaubigt:

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