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"Volunteer" Labor At NOVA HUTA, Near KRAKOW

On 28 June 1950, a militiaman served a summons on a man to appear on the next day at the stadium in BYDGOSZCS.

The man in question not being at home, his father signed the receipt. The paper contained instructions for his son to appear at the stadium next morning provided with a piece of soap, a towel and food for two days. There was no explanation for the summons. At the foot there was a warning that disobedience would result in a three month imprisonment. Signature : SLUZBA ("Duty")

The following morning the man appeared at the stadium with the things ordered. He saw some 3,000 volunteers waiting there. All were between 15 and 20 years old.

An officer called for order and addressed the mass-meeting. His brief speech was interjected with "Genial STALIN" six times, VKP four times, BJERUT three times, PZPR twice, peaceloving USSR twice and invectives against capitalists, Trotskyists and peoples' enemies. At the end he asked a few innocent democratic questions: "Is there anyone who would like to make remarks? Is there anybody, who perhaps would disagree with the "volunteer" labor or, perhaps finds it not clear to him?"

The youth were so impressed with the noble proposal that a dead silence followed.

The youth were driven to the BYDGOSZCZ railway station and crowded into cattle cars in groups of 50 to 60. Some 1,500 of them were transported to work at NOVA HUTA and 1,500 to other camps.

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