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Ghettos under Nazi Rule - Work

Translation: D08 A report on the working conditions and earnings of craftsmen in workshop

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Executive Committee

in Kraków

Re: craftsmen employed in the workshop

In response to your letter of Nov. 29, 1941, No. 13203/41, we would like to inform you that the workshop Lehrlingsausbildungswerkstatt des Kreises Tomaszow Maz. in Tomaszów Mazowiecki currently employs the following craftsmen:

1. tailors - 120 people, earning 15-40 zlotys a week (by piecework)
2. dressmakers – 13 people, earning 10-24 zlotys a week (by piecework)
3. seamstresses – 3 people, earning 10-24 zlotys a week (by piecework)
4. shoe-upper makers – 17 people, earning 12-34 zlotys a week (by piecework)
5. shoemakers – 47 people, earning 6-30 zlotys a week (by piecework), they are paid 8.50 zlotys for a pair of men's shoes, 7.50 zlotys for a pair of women's shoes, and 5-6 zlotys for a pair of children's shoes
6. knitters – 6 people, earning 5-15 zlotys a week
7. carpenters – 18 people, earning about 30 zlotys a week (paid by the hour)
8. master carpenter – 1 person, earning 1.20 zlotys an hour

They work for six days a week from 8 to 12 am and from 12.30 to 5.30 pm. On Saturdays they work from 8 am to 2 pm. The above-mentioned craftsmen work for the Aryan civilian population, as well as for the military and public servants. At the workplace, they are given black coffee without bread in the morning and soup at noon, for which 0.40 zlotys a day is deducted from their wages. They are insured by the National Insurance System. Sewing machines, tools and equipment belong to the craftsmen.

I have received the above information from Mr Szteter, who is employed in the workshop as a master dressmaker.

Yours faithfully,

Translated by Grzegorz Dąbkowski