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Translation: A04 Poster warning against the departure of the Warsaw Ghetto

Proclamation

Death penalty for unauthorised leaving of the Jewish residential districts

Lately numerous cases have proven that typhus has been spread by Jews who have left the residential districts assigned to them. In order to avert the resultant danger to the population, the Governor General has decreed that any Jew leaving the residential district they are assigned to will be given the death penalty.

The same punishment will be given to anyone knowingly harbouring these Jews or assisting the Jews in any other way (e.g. providing a place to sleep at night, food, the use of any kind of vehicle, etc.).

Sentencing will be passed by the Warsaw Special Court [Sondergericht].

I expressly advise the whole population of the Warsaw District to take note of this new regulation, for it will henceforth be acted upon with uncompromising severity.

Warsaw, 10 November 1941

Sgd. Dr Fischer Governor

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