STATEMENT No.7

drwwn up on Nov.16th, 1939.

On the night of driving-out of the Zbaszyń-people I was brought to a frontier townlet KONIEC! I was ill-treated and beaten. I had been allowed to take only 10 marks. From this amount 3 mks. had been deducted as transport fees. It was raining. Two men died of heart-attacks. The Poles were treating us as if we were not human beings. For a glass of water we had to pay 20 groszy.

For about 2 hours we were closed in our railway-carriages. Then the "Starostwo" ordered to release us: we were Polish subjects. We were the first of the lot which had been expelled by the Germans and that was why the Polish authorities treated us in so a mild way. They did not know what to do with us.

On the 15th of July I went to Berlin to fetch my family. On the frontier we were ill-treated by the Germans. They kept abusing the Jewish passengers. Some of the Jewish women that were going to Berlin to liquidate their business were made to sweep the floors of the frontier-control-office. Eventually we were granted a 14 days long permission for our stay in Berlin. The Polish Consulate was treating us in very an unfair way.

I had been a furrier. My wife had given away part of our furniture. The rest of our belongings had been packed into four cases, and sent off to had been vilnius. Though it max/before the war broke out the cases have not arrived. Thus I have been deprived of everything, I had. My wife came here with our children on July 20th. We are sufferring very much now.