

REPORT ON THE ATTACK OF THE M.P. UPON THE SANITATION WORKERS
OF CAMP 55

On Friday (29th August, 1947) at 10 a.m. the four sanitation workers, Hershkovitz, Horowitz, Ifrach and Backaliash, left the camp, as usual, on the salvage truck, carrying the garbage out of the camp. When the truck reached the check post of the M.P., it was stopped, the escort which usually accompanies the truck was returned and the workers were told to get out of the truck and were brought into the hut of the M.P. After 15 minutes of telephonic conversations they turned to the people, took off their shoes and started beating them.

The first to be hurt was Backaliash, who was beaten twice, then two other soldiers attacked the workers and beat them. In a state of half-consciousness the men were thrown out of the hut, beaten again by the M.P. and loaded on the truck where their usual escort and other two soldiers waited. Three of the men completely lost their consciousness on the truck. At the salvage dump they met the salvage truck from camp 61 and the workers of this truck, as well as the Cypriot driver, noticed the state in which the men were. There were also there the escort of the truck from 61 camp and some Cypriot workers. The men were unable to see who emptied their truck. They were brought back to the check post, where they were washed and led again to the same hut. Then the truck from Camp 55 arrived and waited until 12 o'clock. One of the workers received an attack of epilepsys. The workers were put on the truck by the M.P. and carried to the C.R.S.

At the entrance to the C.R.S. they were met by other M.P.s; no one of the medical workers attended to them. After consultation with the M.P., the military doctor got on the truck, shouting at the men that they were simulants, without even looking at them. He then beat Backaliash on the face and used other brutal means to wake him. He pulled Hershkovitz by the hair; none of the men moved. Four soldiers took Hershkovitz off the truck (without a stretcher). When the ill people staying in the C.R.S. reacted against this, they were dispersed. Hershkovitz was then thrown back on the truck and the doctor had another consultation which lasted 15 minutes, after which the truck with the men was sent back to the M.P. station, where they were once more brought into the hut, where the soldiers tried to clean the blood on the floor. The beaten men asked for water, but were refused it.

At 3 p.m. the Captain of Camp 55 came and took the men back to the camp, accompanied by the M.P. mocking M.P. In the evening the doctor sent them to the C.R.S., but they were returned without having been examined by the doctor. Their clothing is completely torn. They are at the moment in a serious condition.

In the Name of the Central Committee,
Caracolos Camps.

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MEDICAL REPORT

HERSEKOVITZ Pessach, Camp 55

31st August, 1947,
Time: 11.50 a.m.

Complains of 1) pains lt. side chest & back,
2) pains gingival region (incisive)

Physical findings:-

- 1) Scar of 1/2 inch in length in state of epithelialisation with slight, painful swelling underneath lt. ear.
- 2) Mouth: both upper incisives loose, gingival region (upper) greatly swollen. Respiration at lt. side of chest diminished.

BORONITZ Kurt, Camp 55

31st August, 1947,
Time: 12.00 m.d.

Complains of painful swelling lt. cheek and rt. side of neck.

Physical findings:-

- 1) Lt. cheek swollen and red
- 2) Rt. muscle sternocleidomastoid & surrounding tissues swollen. Movements of head to lt. side restricted.

IFRACH Shaul, Camp 55.

31st August, 1947,
Time 12.10 p.m.

Complains of 1) Pains in lt. side chest & back
2) Pains at lt. mandibular region.

Physical findings:-

- 1) Lt. mandibular region swollen.
 - 2) Multiple excoriations at a) chin (five)
b) rt. cheek (one)
c) rt. side of back (one of them approx. 2 1/2 inches in length)
- Excoriation & swelling at sacral region

BACKALLASH Leib, Camp 55

31st August, 1947.
Time 12.30 p.m.

Complains of 1) Pains in region lt. mandibula
2) Pains lt. side chest & back
3) Pains epigastr. region.

Physical findings:

Swelling lt. mandibular region & regional glands,
Swelling & slight defence of upper portion lt. m. rectus abdomiy.
Excoriation on rt. upper & left lower side of skin of back.

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