

HOLOCAUST

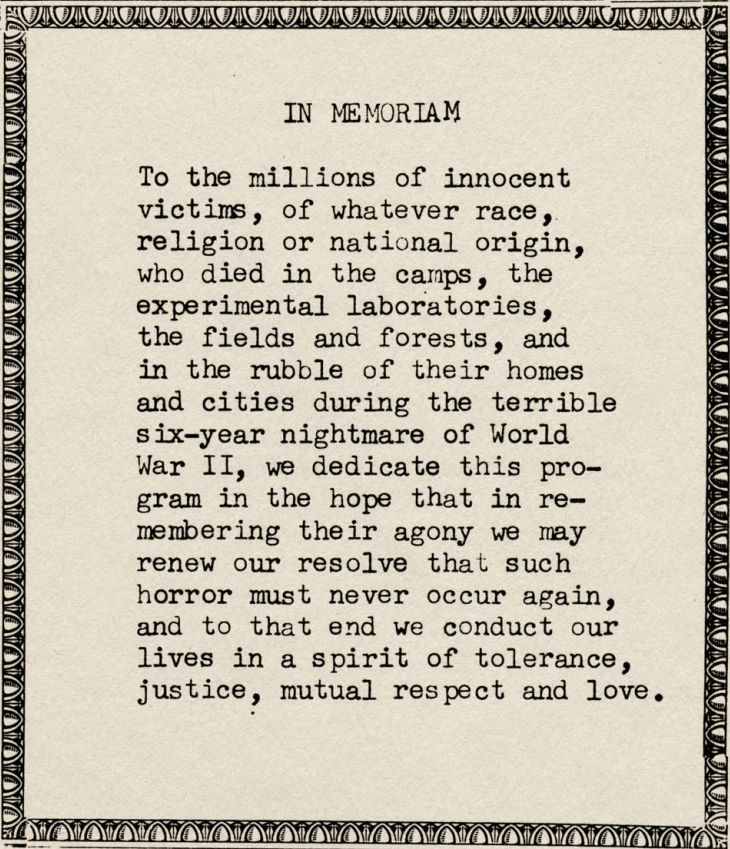
Memorial
Program

STATE HOUSE ROTUNDA

Providence, Rhode Island

April 14, 1985

3:00 p.m.



IN MEMORIAM

To the millions of innocent victims, of whatever race, religion or national origin, who died in the camps, the experimental laboratories, the fields and forests, and in the rubble of their homes and cities during the terrible six-year nightmare of World War II, we dedicate this program in the hope that in remembering their agony we may renew our resolve that such horror must never occur again, and to that end we conduct our lives in a spirit of tolerance, justice, mutual respect and love.

PROGRAM

Welcome.....Mrs. Sally McDonough
Chairman, Polish Subcommittee

Invocation.....The Rev. Bogdan S. Hudoba,
Pastor, Our Saviour
Polish National Catholic
Church, Woonsocket

Proclamation....Governor Edward DiPrete

Lighting of the Memorial Candles by Survivors
Roll call of nations.....Miss Joanne Moskal
Polish Subcommittee
Member

Introduction of Survivors..Mr. Ray Eichenbaum
Survivor

Speakers Program: "What Motivated the Survivors
to Live Through Their Ordeal!"

Mrs. Sophie Sojalys.....Survivor
Mr. David Newman.....Survivor
Rev. Cannon Bronisław Szymanski..Survivor

Liberator..Rev. Edward Paul Doyle OPHD

Closing Prayer..Rabbi Lawrence M. Silverman
Temple BethEl

Remarks.....Mrs. Jean Babiec, Program Chairman
Chairman, Polish Holocaust
Commemorative Committee

Audience Participation.. "God Bless America!"

COMMITTEE

Janina (Jean) Babiec, Chairman
Wallace Augun
Frank Babiec
Anya Blaszkow
Chester F. Klosek
Sally McDonough, Ex-officio

The purpose of this Committee, elected by the Polish Subcommittee of the Rhode Island Heritage Commission, has been to bring to the attention of the United States Holocaust Memorial Council in Washington, D. C. and the Rhode Island Department of Education, the fact that holocaust studies have not included materials on the ten million Slavs and Gypsies who perished together with the Jews as part of a plan of total destruction of these races.

A booklist dealing with this neglected subject was prepared and sent to the Council for inclusion in their bibliography. This booklist has been made available to the public. A grant has been received by this Committee from the R. I. Heritage Commission for purchasing some of the books listed. Books have been donated by the Polish Consulate. The Polish Subcommittee purchased additional books to meet requests from the schools and Universities. The books were presented to those Rhode Island schools and Universities which include holocaust studies in their curriculum. Among the recipients of some of the books are: University of Rhode Island, Community College of Rhode Island, Roger Williams College, Salve Regina College and Johnson and Wales.

Other organized committee programs included an essay contest, "The Other Holocaust" sponsored in Rhode Island high schools. A program presented at Rhode Island College featuring Stanislaw A. Blejwas, Assistant Professor of History at Central Connecticut University. In conjunction with last years' "Days of Remembrance", an Interfaith Memorial Service was held at the Cathedral of SS Peter and Paul.

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