

This week in Holocaust History June 7 - 13

1937

June 8, 1937

The German Postal Ministry decreed that all non-Aryans must retire.

1938

June 9, 1938

The Munich synagogue was destroyed by the Nazis. The congregation was given only a few hours' notice to empty the building.

June 13, 1938

Over five days, German Criminal Police officials arrest around 9,000 so-called asocials and convicted criminals in the so-called Operation Work Shy, Reich (Aktion "Arbeitsscheue Reich"), and send them to concentration camps. Among those arrested are approximately 2,300 Jews. This is the first mass arrest of Jews in Nazi Germany.

1939

June 13, 1939

The Inter-governmental Committee of Refugees announced an international agreement to keep the 907 Jewish refugees aboard the S.S St. Louis from having to return to Germany. Belgium agreed to grant temporary refuge to 250, the Netherlands 194, France about 200 and Britain the remainder.



St. Louis returns to Antwerp

1942

June 7, 1942

The order of 29 May 1942, requiring all Jews residing in France to wear the yellow Star of David on their outer clothing becomes effective.



Donated by Arthur David

June 8, 1942

At the end of a week of deportations, the Germans transport 6,000 Jews from the Krakow ghetto to the Belzec killing center.



Lidice, Czechoslovakia

June 10, 1942

The Czech village of Lidice was completely destroyed by German forces in reprisal for the assassination of Reinhard Heydrich.

June 10, 1942

Mutiny and an attempt at mass escape of about 350 Polish prisoners from the penal company in Birkenau. Seven managed to escape, 300 died.

June 12, 1942

Anne Frank's thirteenth birthday. Among the presents she received was a notebook: an almost square album with a hardback red, white and green cover. This is where she would write her diary.



1943

June 10, 1943

In early June 1943 only 6,800 Jews were left in Berlin and on the 10 June the offices of the Jewish community, as well as all other Jewish organisations in Berlin were closed down, and remaining employees deported to Auschwitz. Berlin was declared *Judenrein* (cleansed of Jews).

1944

June 10, 1944

A Waffen-SS company carried out the Oradour-sur-Glane massacre in France, killing 642 residents of the village.