Kyiv's Bloody October: Archival Documents of the Jewish Pogroms of 1905

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In 1905, revolutionary demonstrations in Russia forced Czar Nicholas II to issue a Manifesto on October 17 in which he promised to convene a State Duma and granted the freedom of speech, the press, of associations and assembly. As a result, both rightist and leftist forces took to the streets. In October, some cities (Gomel, Odessa, Saratov and others) were shaken by Jewish pogroms organized by the so-called Black Hundred in response to Jew's enthusiastic reception of the Manifesto. The Jewish pogrom in Kyiv on October 18-21, 1905, stands apart from others because of its scale and tragic results.

Archival documents contain a vast amount of information about the tragic events of October 1905 in Kyiv. The documents mention numerous names which might be of interest to historians and those interested in their lineage and ancestors.

Documents related to the pogroms are kept at the State Archives of the Kyiv Region (GAKO).

Fond No. 1522: Judicial Investigator of Critical Cases of the Kiev District Court 1905-1906 contains 67 delo (4,173 pages.) The fond contains one opis' that is arranged chronologically.

The fond consist, in particular, of files related to the investigations of civilians and policemen (district inspectors, constables, operatives, etc.) accused of involvement in Jewish pogroms in Kyiv and neighboring villages (Demievka, Solomenka, Pushcha-Voditsa) in October 1905. The files contain records of the interrogation of eye-witnesses, victims and the accused; investigators' detailed reports given to the public prosecutor of the Kyiv Okrug Court (concerning pillaging, robberies and arson of Jew's property and violence against them); crime-scene records; petitions from victims with detailed descriptions of damages; orders of the Okrug Court concerning arrest warrants for the accused and orders of court investigators on restraint measures; specifications of penal code articles used against the accused, etc. Language: Russian.

Another body of similar documents is found in Fond No. 684: Kiev District Court 1872-1919; opis' 6 and 8; 58 delo, 2,907 pages.

The fond contains, among other documents, eye-witness accounts; applications from victims with detailed descriptions of damages and the names of perpetrators; information about those accused of disruptive

behavior, summons issued to them and records of their interrogations; files with preliminary investigation documents from various investigation districts of Kyiv; lists of the accused, witnesses and civil claimants; a statistical summary of cases related to the Kyiv pogrom; documents on anti-Jewish disturbances in the village of Demievka and investigation materials related to Jewish pogroms in Belaya Tserkov and Chigirin.

Language: Russian.

Fond No. 442: Committee for Aiding Victims of the Pogrom of October 18-21, 1905, for the years 1905-1912, contains one systematized opis', 65 delo, 3,260 pages. The Committee was established to remedy the repercussions of the bloody and destructive Jewish pogrom in Kyiv following rallies carried out by leftist radicals in response to the czarist Manifesto of October 17. Immediately after the pogrom, Jewish benefactors collected money for victims and their families. On October 26, the city Assistance Committee – headed by Lev Iosifovich Brodsky, owner of a sugar refinery and well-known philanthropist – was set up; the committee consisted of major Jewish businessmen, financiers, doctors and lawyers from Kyiv.

The Committee formed a commission to render assistance to artisans, shop assistants and petty merchants, a financial and auditing commission and a secretariat. The commissions received and investigated applications from victims, identified the most pressing needs of plundered families and allocated monetary grants. Artisans received instruments and materials, and the poorest Jewish families received money to buy firewood, to celebrate Pesach, etc.

Small business owners could count on long-term preferential bank loans. The benefactors were determined to help all breadwinners who had suffered from the pogrom return to their normal occupations.

The Kyiv Committee was also active in nearby regions; its agents examined requests from local Jewish communities and organizations and money was allocated based on agents' reports.

The Committee remained active until the end of 1906; however, some of its structures, primarily those involved with servicing bank loans, operated until 1912.

The fond contains files with Committee meeting protocols that established the basic rules and framework of its activities, allocated duties among Committee members and identified sources of funding; It also contains a report from its deputies at the St. Petersburg Congress on rendering assistance to pogrom victims (1906). The fond contains the Committee's financial records, minutes of commission meetings dealing with specific applications for aid; requests from artisans, workers, shop assistants and

shop owners whose material losses from the pogroms were verified by Committee representatives; specified sums to be paid; lists of people and organizations which received grants; statements issued by Committee agents on the post-pogrom situation in other cities and Jewish settlements; suggestions on what might be done to help Jewish communities and organizations in other cities; lists of settlements which received financial assistance.

The fond also contains correspondence between the Committee's financial commission and banks, inviting bankers to join a program for issuing preferential loans to Jewish victims of the pogrom under Brodsky's guarantees; discussions of loan amounts and terms; requests from private persons to reduce loan repayment amounts; applications for subsidized meals for the poorest Jews in Kyiv; letters from foreign Jewish philanthropic organizations; correspondence on the issue of relocating small children orphaned by the pogrom abroad and letters from relatives renouncing their claims to them, etc.

Languages: Russian, English, Yiddish, German and French.

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