



## Dansk Presse (Danish Press), Dec. 1943

### THE GHETTO HELD OUT FOR ONE MONTH

The first big 'liquidation' of Jews lasted for 3 days. SS-men stormed into the ghetto and shot everyone they could get hold of - child or adult, that made no difference. Then calm ensued for some time during which thousands of Jews died from starvation and diseases which ravaged violently. In July 1943 the second and last large liquidation of the Jews started. They were called out to leave Warsaw within 3 days, but because they knew that this would mean certain death, they decided to defend themselves with weapons. The weapons in their possession had partly been smuggled in by partisans more than a year earlier. Also, they had rifles which had been bought from German soldiers and smuggled into the ghetto. The young Polish refugees expressed their admiration for the contempt for death displayed by the Jews during an entire month of hopeless fighting against the Germans. As the Germans could not defeat the Jews with ordinary weapons, and their onslaught against the houses again and again was bloodily rejected, the ghetto was bombed with incendiary and explosive bombs until everyone, who could not save himself by swimming across the canal or hide in the cellars, was dead. It is estimated that 10,000 Jews managed to rescue themselves from the Warsaw ghetto. Most of them joined the partisans who are based in the surroundings of Warsaw."

**Illegal newspapers appeared irregularly and were rarely precisely dated in those days. The image above shows the newspaper's front page. Take a look at the excerpt on the right.**

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