Sickness Committees

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Organized in the autumn of 1943 in divisions and departments of the ghetto by the management of those institutions. The tasks of the sickness commission included: providing assistance to sick and physically exhausted workers, particularly food and money (sometimes in the form of nurse care or help collecting food rations). Main means: food contributed by employees as well as coupons and food rations procured from outside the establishment by its management (when sickness committees were organized at various divisions and departments, the Eldest of the Jews introduced a new type of food coupons for exhausted workers (vide Talon [Coupon]), in practice it came down almost exclusively to benefits contributed by the employees at the facility. At the beginning of spring of 1944, sickness committees organized parades and raffles in order to supplement their funds.

Sickness commissions were controlled by a majority of employees (primarily in large departments) demanding help for the sick only from management and organized among themselves the dealings of the ad hoc collection of money and food for sick colleagues only as a provisional share of self-help (even long before the autumn of 1943).

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