

Interviewee: Nadia Mychajlowska born in 1922, in the city of Ichna, Chernivtsi oblast.

Interviewer(s): Ariadna Ochrymovych, Orest Zakydalsky

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Description: Bogdana Torbina

00:00:38 – Interviewee introduces herself.

00:01:23 – Interviewee describes the size and demographic of her city.

00:01:41 – Interviewee describes her family's social class.

00:01:50 – Interviewee talks about her family.

00:02:37 – Interviewee discusses her father's employment at an alcohol factory.

00:03:07 – Interviewee explains that during the Holodomor people would eat the grain leftover from fermentation.

00:04:05 – Interviewee describes their experience working at an alcohol factory during the Holodomor.

00:06:16 – Interviewee talks about going to school during the Holodomor.

00:06:52 – Interviewee describes what food was provided at school.

00:07:24 – Interviewee mentions that her family had a cow.

00:07:28 – Interviewee recalls neighbors stealing their food.

00:09:41 – Interviewee mentions that her Jewish neighbors were executed by German soldiers during the war.

00:10:19 – Interviewee recalls a boy who died of hunger near her home.

00:11:53 – Interviewee states that her family was not impacted too much by the famine.

00:12:42 – Interviewee recalls witnessing a kolhosp brigadier beat a boy to death for stealing pig lard.

00:15:05 – Interviewee mentions that some villagers would come to the city to search for food.

00:16:18 – Interviewee recalls her mother going to the local market (Torgsin) to trade dairy goods from their cow for other food.

00:16:57 – Interviewee talks about famine among her peers in school.

00:16:58 – Interviewee states that children of communist authorities always had food.

00:17:29 – Interviewee describes what she ate during the Holodomor.

00:18:14 – Interviewee says that most of her father's family died of hunger in the city of Ichna.

00:19:31 – Interviewee recalls witnessing grain being exported to Russia.

00:19:45 – Interviewee describes her mother and other people collecting wheat stalks.

00:22:25 – Interviewee recounts making tea from weeds like podorojnik, cherry leaves, and acai tree flowers.

00:23:35 – Interviewee talks about the closing of churches in the city.

00:24:16 – Interviewee recalls witnessing the removal of crosses from churches.

00:24:33 – Interviewee recalls how her, and her peers were forced to go to a church and chant "God does not exist" while people there prayed.

00:25:48 – Interviewee explains that her father was against her joining Komsomol.

00:27:47 – Interviewee recalls learning about Stalin in school.

00:28:08 – Interviewee recalls a time when she was questioned by school officials after she missed a film viewing about Stalin.

00:31:12 – Interviewee returns to the subject of the destruction of churches.

00:32:13 – Interviewee says that one of the churches was used for grain storage.

00:33:40 – Interviewee discusses the deportation of priests and secret baptisms.

00:34:59 – Interviewee talks about people gathering icons from the churches.

00:36:17 – Interviewee states that everyone had to have a portrait of Stalin in their homes.

00:38:19 – Interviewee talks about people dying of famine in her neighborhood.

00:42:42 – Interviewee talks about having dreams about the Holodomor.

00:46:28 – Interviewee recalls her mother exchanging gold valuables for food at the Torgsin.

00:48:23 – BREAK IN INTERVIEW

00:48:27 – Interview about Holodomor ends.

00:48:33 – Interviewee recalls the start of the war.

00:50:36 – Interviewee talks about going to work in Germany.

00:50:53 – Interviewee describes working at a factory kitchen.

00:52:50 – Interviewee describes the living conditions in Germany.

00:54:58 – Interviewee recounts a time when she was arrested on the basis of false claims made by another worker.

00:56:18 – Interviewee describes how Germans treated workers.

00:57:02 – Interviewee returns to her story of being arrested and imprisoned.

01:00:05 – Interviewee mentions that the factory she worked at was in the city of Verfurd,

01:00:32 – Interviewee recounts her escape to Meinheim.

01:01:26 – Interviewee talks about a factory in Eirfurd that manufactured weapons.

01:02:10 – Interviewee recounts her escape from Eirfurd.

01:03:45 – Interviewee discusses repatriation.

01:10:10 – Interviewee talks about coming to Canada in 1950.

01:14:02 – Interviewee talks about her children.

01:17:12 – End of Interview.