

DPA SERIES: THE NAZI HOLOCAUST - SERIES II — "After the selection . . . people destined to be gassed were told they would go to the bathhouse. There were shower-like devices affixed to the ceiling of the gas chamber. There . . . some 2,000 in number, would be crowded into the chamber. After screwing up the door of the chamber, Cyclon B was discharged into the chamber through special vents. (Cyclon B, in the form of crystals, is a very strong poison. Death is caused by suffocation and is accompanied by sensations of fear, dizziness and by vomiting.) Some 15-20 minutes later the chamber was opened, gold teeth of the corpses were extracted, their hair was cut, rings and ear-rings were taken and the bodies were transported to the ovens of the crematoria. The personal documents of those murdered were destroyed." In the above photo aid, an elderly Jewish lady arrives at Auschwitz. She has only a few minutes to live.