

Netherlands, for instance, Dutch vocabulary was enriched during the occupation with the verb “pulsen”, meaning “emptying a Jewish apartment from all its furniture and movable belongings” after the Jewish family living in it was deported; the verb was derived from the name of the moving company Puls, which carried out the emptying of the apartments.<sup>7</sup> Governments-in-exile and resistance groups who planned post-war policies foresaw as from 1943 that a return of Jewish compatriots would give rise to enormous problems, among other things because of the expected unwillingness of those who benefited from the disappearance of the Jews to return possessions and goods to their original owners.<sup>8</sup> And indeed, it is precisely because of that situation that the immediate post-war restitution process was so painful and accompanied with many antisemitic outbursts.<sup>9</sup>

And Jews were of course very much aware of what was done to them personally, and to their community as a whole. In the 1930s, Jewish organizations in Germany developed counter-strategies to the economic measures taken against them in a variety of modes.<sup>10</sup> Later on, in Grenoble, France, a *Centre de Documentation Juive Contemporaine* was created in 1943 by some Jewish activists, first and foremost to document details of the plunder, confiscation and Aryanization in order to be able to reclaim Jewish property after the end of the war.<sup>11</sup> In the free world, economic persecutions by the Nazis and by their associates were monitored and registered by a variety of Jewish organizations since the very first moments of the Third Reich.<sup>12</sup> The Institute of Jewish Affairs (IJA),

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of Jewish Property During the Holocaust. For German spoliation activities in a specific country see for instance: Loose, *Kredite für NS-Verbrechen*.

7 de Jong, *Het Koninkrijk der Nederlanden in de Tweede Wereldoorlog*, p. 336 (and see also the picture opposite p. 350).

8 Bankier, Introduction, in: Bankier (ed.), *The Jews Are Coming Back*, pp. vii-xi.

9 Bankier, *The Jews Are Coming Back*; Engel, *Facing a Holocaust*; Michman, *Days of Holocaust and Reckoning*.

10 Barkai, *From Boycott to Annihilation*.

11 Poznanski, *The Establishment of the Centre de Documentation Juive Contemporaine in France*.

12 For instance, by the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (“the Joint”); see: Bauer, *My Brother’s Keeper*, pp. 112–113; and the primary sources mentioned in the bibliography of Barkai, *From Boycott to Annihilation*, pp. 213–218. Alfred Wiener, who had fled from Germany to the Netherlands immediately after the Nazi ascent to power, initiated, in conjunction with Prof. David Cohen, the establishment