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## History, Russia

Under Stalin there was Kolyma in Magadan one of the worst labor camps. Its prisoners worked in the uranium enrichment plant. Nearby was also a camp for children - *Бутугычар* and women - *Вакханка*. Today clung to this place the name "Death Valley", given to him by the shepherds of cattle who have stumbled in this area for a lot of human skulls and bones and scraps of clothing and various items. Their first cattle began to lose hair on the legs, then the animals fell and could not get up, what was the effect of the strong radiation emitted by the bones of prisoners, which lie around, and their clothing. At this extinct complex also abandoned factory building uranium enrichment, which also worked gulag prisoners. Work involving the leaching of metal trays, without any security, deprived of their lives in just three weeks, and on the brains of deceased doctors NKVD conducted a study to observe changes in brain tissue that occur under the influence of radioactive uranium action. Photos of these sections are preserved in the archives of the NKVD, a skull found in that area shows signs of these treatments.

Kolyma there were also Poles. The first of them were deported to Kolyma in the late thirties. It took place then (years 1935-1938), the great purges in the USSR. Carried out arrests of Poles in Belarus and Ukraine, and in major cities of Russia, where there were large concentrations of them. Prisoners sentenced to 7, 10 or 25 years in the gulag. Sentenced to the death penalty, by the grace was turned penalty to 25 years in the camp. The next wave of Polish prisoners was on the Kolyma after annexation by the USSR, the eastern borderlands of the Republic in September 1939. Successive found themselves in the camps after wave of deportations, mainly the one in June 1940. Arrests and deportations also sustained in the years 1944 - 1949. In cooperation with the Soviets in this regard at the forefront communist security service. Warsaw insurgents were arrested, youth and especially scouts, members of the Army and other organizations independence and passed the NKVD. Detainees were placed mostly the allegations of paragraphs famous art.58 of the Soviet Criminal Code, "homeland betrayal", "espionage" and "Diversion". Sentenced to many years of punishment camp transports transported to Kolyma. A gradual elimination of Kolyma camps and release the survivors did not occur until after Stalin's death in 1953. Full details of the victims of Soviet camps are not known. Alexander Solzhenitsyn in his book "*The Gulag Archipelago*" estimates, that in the camps of the system were killed from the beginning of the Revolution to 1956 approx. 60 million people. More detailed data cited by the historian Robert Conquest, feeding

in his book "*The Great Terrorist*" on the number of 42 million people who died directly in the camps (their deaths were officially "booked" by the services of the camp) and difficult to estimate (from 10 to even 30 million), the number of people who died in the camps themselves but due to transport, as a result of disease and exhaustion after his release from the camps. With the Kolyma It can swallow up to 6 million lives.

*"When I read the shock ± ± ce report saj poor, who miraculously avoid ę If COG death at this job for tyrants in Moscow and when I looked at the return ± smokers with those parties terribly emaciated rts unhappy lovers, Lock the czyło me SIU with this bleak now a memory, the first discoverer of e ± The value of those geological areas of land Yakutia and Kolyma was our compatriot, wilnianin, Jan Czernski, an insurgent from r. 1863 which dwell ± c by a few secs of years in exile in eastern Siberia, with a taste SIU He gave geological studies under the direction of two other of our outstanding compatriots Alexander Czekanowski and Benedict Dybowski. Those are three of the soldiers FREEDOMS prepared by his studies grounds for forced labor and death camps COG future generations s people's self and others by Moscow ę subjugated nations. Earth ę Yakutsk ± and the country Kolyma intersect ± Czernski ridge of the hill called. On their slopes grows ± SIU Today gold mines B e d a million graves which at the same time. "* (W. Anders, without the last chapter, p. 105).

\* GULAG - Głównoje Uprawlenije Łagieriej and Trudowych Posielenij - Main Board Labour Camps and Settlements.

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