

“CRIME PREVENTION”

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The National Socialists passed a whole series of laws and regulations that labelled all Roma and Sinti as “born criminals”. They argued that even if a Rom had not yet committed a crime, he or she would do so sooner or later because it was part of their biological inheritance. In the interests of “crime prevention” the National Socialists therefore arrested not only those who actually had committed a crime but also people they thought might do so one day.

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Did you know

... that the National Socialists thought that the Roma and Sinti inherited their allegedly “anti-social” behaviour from their families?

... that for so-called “crime prevention” many children were photographed like this?

For you to do

Why do you think Karl Stojka from Vienna was put on file? Who is usually photographed like this? Describe the different effect these photos have compared with the single photo of Karl Stojka on page A.8.

The photo

A file card for Karl Stojka created under the name Karl Rigo by employees of the “race researcher” Robert Ritter in 1940. German Federal Archives, Berlin Lichterfelde, Germany.