

Johtje Vos, Rescuer Choices of Courage

The following glossary has been created to assist students and teachers with potentially unfamiliar words, phrases, or concepts in Johtje's testimony.

Courier³ An espionage agent transferring secret information or a runner of contraband.

Reformed Churches in The Netherlands¹ Was established in 1892 when a number of Reformed churches under the guidance of Dutch theologian Abraham Kuyper and the Christian Reformed Church united, thus separating from the Netherlands Reformed Church. It became the second largest Protestant Church in Holland.

Seyss-Inquart, Arthur² Arthur Seyss-Inquart (1892-1946) was Reich governor of Austria, deputy governor to Hans Frank in the General Government of Occupied Poland, and Reich commissioner for the German-occupied Netherlands. In the latter capacity, Seyss-Inquart shared responsibility for the deportation of Dutch Jews and the shooting of hostages. He was found guilty on counts two, three, and four (crimes against peace, war crimes, and crimes against humanity) and sentenced to death. Seyss-Inquart was hanged on October 16, 1946.

Shoah⁴ A Hebrew word meaning “catastrophe,” referring to the Holocaust.

Underground¹ Organized group acting in secrecy to oppose the government or, during war, to resist occupying enemy forces

Source of Definitions

¹ USC Shoah Foundation's Visual History Archives Search Terms and Definitions

² The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum online glossary and/or *Holocaust Encyclopedia*.

³ Merriam Webster Online Dictionary 2009

⁴ *Echoes and Reflections: a Multimedia Curriculum on the Holocaust*