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Germans as Colleagues and Neighbours

Stanisław Mikołajczak:

My younger brother Edmund and I were friends with Rudolf, the son of German gardener Otto Fuchs. Rudi, as we called him, was two years younger than I. He was born in 1915. His father trained him to be a gardener. We often spent our leisure time together, either at his or at my house, and when we were older, we would sit together over a beer and talk. The report was recorded by his son Kajetan in 1982.

Zygmunt Fraszcak (student at St. Adalbert's school):

I used to know many Germans because we were in the same class together. On average, there were 30 to 40 children in a class. Ours was a mixed class, there were many Germans, Poles and even Russians. There was a great atmosphere of friendship in the class. Even my best friend was a German. We learned together with the Germans and shared our food with them. We often used to play football together after school.

Jadwiga Gielwanowska:

I had been living at 47 Solanka Street with my family since 1922. There were also German families in that house. I lived on the ground floor, the two neighbouring apartments were occupied by Mrs Schulte and Mrs Kalkowsky. There was a good neighbourly understanding. In spite of their different nationalities people were integrated to such an extent that many German neighbours remembered under tears how they had helped each other, e.g. looking after the children or caring for the flower gardens, when the Polish population was expelled at the beginning of the war.