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IK - I was sent to Krynychky to teach third grade. I had forty students.

[Soon] there were fewer students. I could see that they were hungry. Nobody gave them food. When they became weak, it was as if they wanted to sleep.

Interviewer - *Did they tell you that they didn't have food?*

IK - No. They knew. These children knew, and they didn't complain to me. They would come [to class], and some were still listening; others tilted their heads to the side and went to sleep.

It came to it that in one year, in 1933, there was not one student left in my class.