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Interviewer - In 1933, you were in Belarus in the spring?

LP - In the spring, sometime in March, we were there already. Workers there got rations. The family was big, it wasn't enough [food] but you could buy potatoes or something else from people. Times weren't good there but people weren't starving. When we returned from Belarus to Ukraine in 1935, I think I was in third grade already, I could speak and read Belarusian. They gave us a house in a village in Sumy oblast, Krasnopilsk raion. The house had belonged to people who had starved to death. In Ukraine when we returned in 1935. There, almost one third of the houses were empty.