

Eugen Kohn In Front Of The Textile Shop Where He Worked



This photo was taken in Arad, opposite the Red Church, in 1960. My father, Eugen Kohn, is the first from the left. Behind him is the shop where he worked at the time, called 'Solduri.' He sold remains--that is, pieces that were left over from exports.

When they came back to Beliu after the war, my parents once again engaged in commerce. They ultimately ran their shop until 1946/7. They lived with some Jews while in Beliu because they didn't have a house there after the war. As I mentioned before, we had originally lived in a rented house before the war. My father got in touch again with traders from Arad, and he would come to Arad for merchandise. Acquisition was extremely troublesome - he had to come to Arad by train and then carry all the goods to Beliu. As such, he didn't purchase too much merchandise. As it was, he didn't have much money, and besides, the acquisition of goods was also becoming dangerous. I recall that once he had all of his merchandise stolen.

After they got back the house in Arad, my parents also moved there. Later we sold the house. They didn't open a shop in Arad, instead choosing to sell at the local Serbian market. My father had a booth there. He sold textiles again, acquiring the goods from factories or wholesalers. As all this was after 1948, there weren't private shops anymore, and my father instead got regular employment in a textile shop in the town center, opposite the Red Church. He sold remains - pieces that were left over from exports. He was paid according to how much he sold. Eventually my father moved to another textile shop on Andrei Saguna Street. The shop went so well there that people were queuing up. My father knew exactly what to bring, and many people came from the countryside to purchase goods from him. My father retired after his work at this shop.