LATVIA HISTORY: REPORT OF **RESEARCHING FOR ARCHIVAL** FOOTAGE IN AUDIOVISUAL **ARCHIVES ABOUT NORWEGIAN** SOLDIERS LOST AND FORGOTTEN DURING THE SECOND WORLD WAR

# THE AIM OF THE PAPER IS TO FOCUS ON HISTORICAL EVENTS IN LATVIA DURING WWII



## THE SOURCES USED FOR THE REPORT

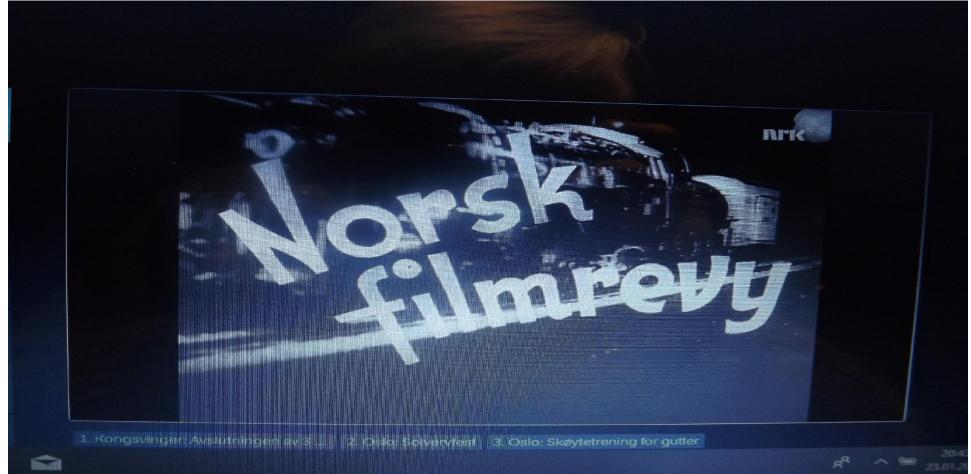
ARCHIVAL FOOTAGE, AUDIOVISUAL ARCHIVES, LIBRARIES, DOCUMENT ARCHIVES, NATIONAL ARCHIVES, BOOKS, PAPERS AND NEWSLETTERS HAVE BEEN THE OBJECTS FOR THE RESEARCH AFTER FORGOTTEN AND LOST NORWEGIAN SOLDIERS.

## NAMES OF THE YOUNG SOLDIERS

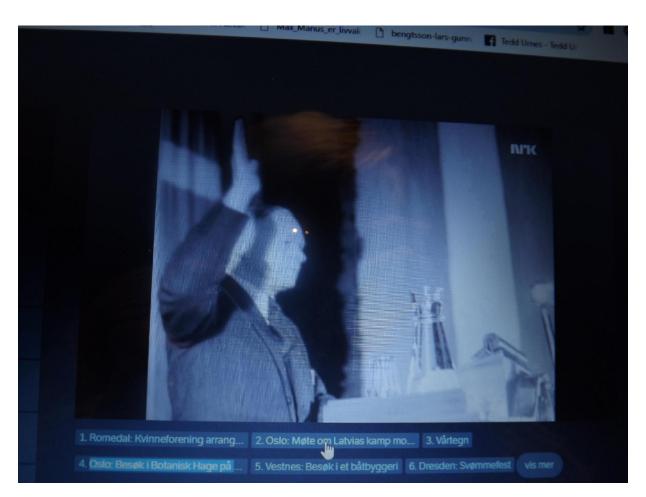
 We are still searching for information about the following Norwegian soldiers who were killed in actions in Lativa:Harry Andreas Olsen,Rudolf Oscar Olsen, Ulf Otto Killingmo, Osvald Paulin Langeland, Thorvald Martinsen, Lars Værland, Rolf Normann Westlie, Johan Gustav Jæger, Johannes Burckenmejer, Bjørn Herwart Endemann and Tor Gurstad.

# AUDIOVISUAL ARCHIVES – POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE RESULT OF THE RESEARCH

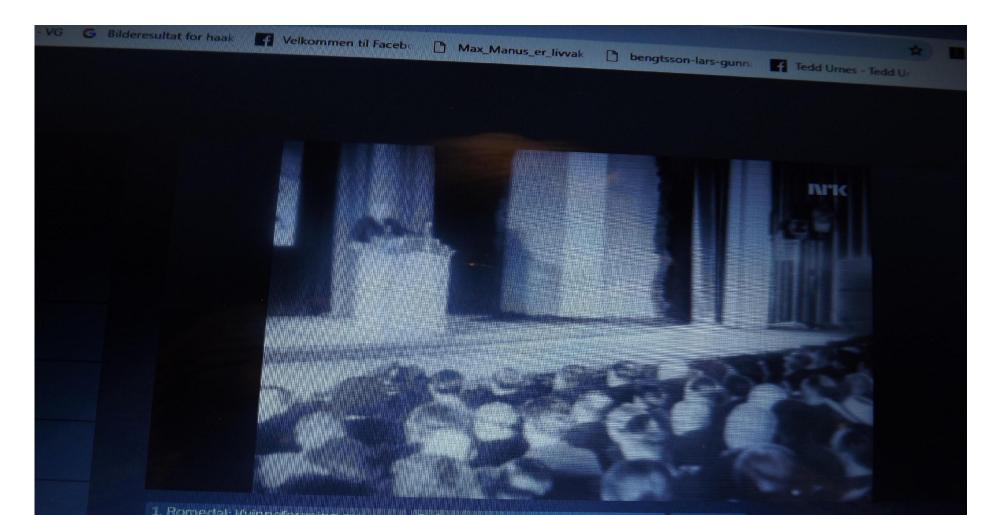
#### • NORWEGIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION(NRK)-NEWSREELS



## NORSK FILMREVY – NORWEGIAN NEWSREELS



## NORWEGIAN NEWSREELS FROM 1941 TO 1945 –PHOTO FROM A MEETING IN OSLO ABOUT LATVIA



## NEWSPAPER INFORMATION ABOUT THE LATVIAN MEETING IN OSLO IN APRIL 1944



## INFORMATION ABOUT RUSSIAN OCCUPATION OF LATVIA IS GIVEN TO NORWEGIAN SOLDIERS

• ALFRED ROJA, PRESIDENT OF THE TRADE UNION OF LATVIA, AND DR.WISWALD SANDERS, A FORMER PRIEST FROM LIEPAJA, informed about the Russian occupation of LATVIA asking Norwegian to support the fight against the Russian soldiers.

## NATIONAL ARCHIVE OF LATVIA



# SEARCHING WITHOUT RESULT – TIME CONSUMING WORK

• WORLDWIDE TELEVISION SERIES were viewed, documentaries about WWII were viewed searching for information about Latvia but the results were rather negative. Latvia was forgotten too.

# CONCLUSION

- THE PEOPLE OF LATVIA WAS BETRAYED BY THE POLITICAL LEADERS OF LATVIA, betrayed by the Soviet Union, betrayed by Nazi-Germany and above all: Betrayed by the Western Countries.
- The young Norwegian soldiers who fought and died in Latvia believed in the fight like the Latvian soldiers who joined the German army to fight against a second occupation of Latvia. The history of Latvia is tradic story.
- The Norwegian soldiers took part in a dramatic, historical event of Latvia. An official recognition for all foreign soldiers who wanted to fight against the Russian occupation must be treated on equal terms by Latvian historians- and we still search in archives about the soldiers.

## HISTORICAL PHOTOS- GERMAN SOLDIERS



## RIGA

