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ANTI-SOVIET PARTISANS ACTIVE IN LEGNICA AREA;
SENTENCE MEMBERS OF ILLEGAL ORGANIZATIONS

FIRE ON SOVIET TRANSPORTS -- Argentinisches Tageblatt, No 19,515, 29 May 50

According to reports from German and Polish citizens from Legnica, a tense situation prevails in and east of that city between the Polish population and the Soviet occupation troops stationed in the area. In Legnica, which is divided into a Polish- and a Soviet-administered section, the lives of the Soviet soldiers are threatened after dark. People are fired on from ambush every day. Because of increasing partisan activities, the Soviet commander has ordered a curfew for all soldiers at 2000 hours. Only heavily armed Soviet units go through the streets after this hour. The barracks for the troops have been surrounded with several barbed-wire entanglements within the last few weeks.

Along the railroad lines to the east, the same situation prevails as on German supply routes during the German occupation of Soviet territory. About 60 percent of the Soviet transports are fired on while on the move. The former German Reich highways are torn up during the night and road blocks are set up.

SENTENCE MEMBERS OF POWROT ILLEGAL ORGANIZATION -- Rzeczpospolita, No 82, 23 Mar 50

On 21 March 1950, the District Military Court in Bydgoszcz meted out long prison sentences to members of the illegal Powrot organization operating in the area of Kcynia, Szubin Powiat.

The vicar of Kcynia parish, Father Wojciechowski, was sentenced to 13 years' imprisonment, Olga Umslawska and Tadeusz Polcyna to 10 years each, Eugeniusz Pawlak to 9 years, and Ludwik Brzykoj and Jan Blaszczyk to 7 years' imprisonment each. The property of the defendants will be confiscated.

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Twelve other members of the Powrot organization will be judged at a later date.

The court proceedings disclosed that the defendants distributed anti-government leaflets in Kcynia and in Bydgoszcz during December 1949 and the first half of January 1950. On 21 December 1949, the 70th birthday of Stalin, they inscribed insulting anti-Communist slogans on the building of the Peasants' Self-Help Cooperative and destroyed hammer-and-sickle insignia on various government buildings. The defendants also planned to seize arms from members of the Citizen's Militia in Szubin Powiat and in Bydgoszcz.

Father Wojciechowski was charged with preaching antigovernment sermons and sponsoring the Powrot organization.

Olga Umslawska stated that Father Wojciechowski had suggested that the organization divide its membership into groups of three persons for more elastic subversive activity, and that he asked her to prepare the text for the antigovernment leaflets. These leaflets, she said, were handed out by young members of the organization after church services.

ORLETA MEMBERS RECEIVE HEAVY SENTENCES -- Dziennik Polski, No 83, 25 Mar 50

At a special session in Lancut held on 21 and 23 March 1950, the Regional Military Court of Rzeszow tried a group of seven members of the illegal Orleta Youth Organization, mostly composed of Lancut high-school students.

The following sentences were meted out: student Ludwik Machowski, 10 years' imprisonment, 5 years' loss of civil rights, and confiscation of property, for belonging to the organization and possessing arms; student Jan Michno and cobbler's apprentice Bronislaw Kulka, to 9 years' imprisonment each, loss of civil rights for 5 years, and confiscation of property, for belonging to the organization, possessing arms, and participating in assaults; student Wieslaw Szpunara to 8 years' imprisonment, loss of civil rights for 3 years, and confiscation of property; student Edward Rejman and Alfred Reiser, 7 years' imprisonment each, loss of civil rights for 2 years, and confiscation of property; and Jan Magon, 5 years' imprisonment and loss of civil rights for one year.

All defendants confessed to the charges. They said that five former members of the AK (Home Army) had set up the Orleta organization in Rudnik on the San River in May 1947 to overthrow the present Polish government. The first Orleta units operated in the cities of Nisko, Lancut, Tarnobrzeg, and Bilgoraj. The organization numbered 60 members. Its two monthly publications Pobudka and Swit listed operational instructions. Orleta members carried arms and were supplied with ammunition.

GANG OF TERRORISTS SENTENCED -- Trybuna Ludu, No 86, 27 Mar 50

The District Military Court in Bydgoszcz heard the case of six members of a gang of terrorists accused of murdering B. Januszcwski, an official of the Bydgoszcz Citizens Militia on 17 February 1950, and of committing a number of assaults, robberies, and outrages, some involving party activists.

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Edward Judek admitted being the leader of the gang and stated the murder was committed in an attempt to obtain arms. Judek was found guilty and received the death penalty. Other members of the gang received the following sentences: Kazimierz Szymanski, life imprisonment; Marian Mania, 15 years; Konrad Stachowick, 12 years; Bernard Krajewski, 10 years; and Hieronim Sablonski, 5 years.

IMPRISONED FOR SPREADING RUMORS -- Zycie Warszawy, No 87, 28 Mar 1950

The Regional Military Court of Bydgoszcz in circuit session at Torun sentenced Jan Druszkowski of Powalkowice to 8 years' imprisonment for spreading false rumors harmful to the state.

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